Conference Updates - Hotel Booking Now Open, More Announcements Coming Soon!

Our conference planning committee continues preparing a great 2019 KMA conference, celebrating 50 years of the Kansas Museums Association. We are also happy to announce that you can get a jump start on planning your conference stay - booking is now available for KMA's conference hotels!

**Fairfield Inn & Suites**  
2270 E Kansas Ave, McPherson, KS 67460  
Phone: 620.504.5353

Book online here: [Book your group rate for KSMA Conference](#)

Conference rate: $99 per night. Ask for the KANSAS MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION rate when booking via phone; online rate is under KSMA at the link above. Conference rate ends 10/15.

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites**  
2302 East Kansas Ave., McPherson, KS 67460  
Phone: 620.241.5566

Do you have a request or something to share? Deaccessioned artifacts, props, storage furniture, or other items? Let KMA get the word out!  
E-mail Jamin with information.

### Important Dates

- **American Association for State and Local History Annual Meeting**  
  August 28-31, 2019  
  Philadelphia, PA

- **Mountain Plains Museums Association Conference**  
  September 22-25, 2019  
  Albuquerque, NM

- **Kansas Museums Association Conference**  
  November 6-8, 2019  
  McPherson and Lindsborg, KS

- **American Alliance of Museums Annual Meeting**  
  May 17-20, 2020  
  San Francisco, CA
Conference rate: $91 per night. Ask for the KANSAS MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION rate when booking.

Watch your inboxes and the KMA website for updates on a fantastic workshop opportunity, and application details for our awards, grants, and scholarships coming soon! Make sure you have marked your calendars for a celebration that’s not to be missed in McPherson and Lindsborg November 6-8!

RFP for 2020 conference - Deadline EXTENDED to July 15

It’s not too late to throw your hat in the ring to bring the 2020 KMA conference to your town! We have extended the deadline for applications to Monday, July 15. Click here to view the guidelines and requirements and apply today.

Good News! Museum Happenings Across Kansas

Congratulations to the Johnson County Museum in Overland Park! They recently won a Leadership in History Award from AASLH for their Turbulent Twenties exhibit - way to go!

Kudos to four Wichita State University engineering students, who partnered with The Kansas African American Museum to set up a database and make its library more accessible. To read the full story, click here.

August 12-16: Invite Congress to Visit Your Museum Week

The 8th annual American Alliance of Museums Invite Congress to Visit Your Museum Week is approaching - are you ready to take...
part this year? The Congressional recess in August is traditionally a time that our elected representatives in Washington visit their home districts and connect to their constituencies. While they're here, why not fill them in on the value you provide to your community, share some of the challenges and opportunities you face, and urge them to support funding arts and culture at all levels. State legislators can also be important advocates - don't hesitate to reach out to them!

Unsure what to do to make sure an event like this is a success? AAM has taken all of the uncertainty out of the process with their handy guide, found here, and they have many resources for everyday advocacy here. If you do invite your elected officials to visit, share with us on our Facebook page at Kansas Museums Association!

Spotlight On: Laura Darnell

In 2018, eight deserving applicants received scholarships from KMA to cover their registration for the annual conference, as well as a stipend for travel and lodging. Our scholarship recipients hail from across the state; some are young professionals and some have years of experience but they all joined us in Independence eager to learn and grow with their colleagues in the profession. We will be featuring articles that they wrote about their experience in the coming months to highlight the connections made and lessons learned as KMA celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2019.

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From Laura Darnell:
I had an incredible experience at the Kansas Museum Association's annual meeting in Independence, KS this November. The presentations were diverse and applicable. The speakers were encouraging and inspiring, especially the keynote speaker. However, the aspect that I most enjoyed, and was most surprised by, was the camaraderie. I have been to a handful of other conferences, some, like the Society of Classical Studies/American Institute of Archeology's annual meeting, were very large; and, not knowing any other attendees, I felt somewhat left out and lost. Others, like the Tennessee Association of Museums (TAM) annual meeting, were more comparative in size; and although I knew several other TAM attendees in the form of classmates and professors, there was still no sense of commonality. So, having not yet experienced the familiarity found at KMA, I was pleasantly astonished at the solidarity and friendship that permeated the meeting. These things, while potentially easily overlooked components, were profound and impactful. I was prepared to expend enormous effort to connect with my fellow attendees, whom I expected would
already be familiar with one another since they had previously attended other such meetings. Yet, I found that no herculean effort was required! Several instances stand out to me. First, I had the honor and pleasure of sitting with the, now former, President of the Association at the dinner. He was even kind enough to offer me some career advice. Also, at that table was the new director of the Kansas Oil Museum in Wichita, who later suggested we collaborate on a future project together. Finally, one of my favorite memories from KMA was when nearly all of us converged on a small local coffee shop for breakfast. I am still not certain if this event was agreed upon by the others or completely serendipitous, but it only furthered the ethereal quality of KMA. I greatly look forward to attending future meetings.

2017 Grant Update: Trego County Historical Society

Each year, KMA awards grants to museums to help fund small projects that improve their museum operations. The museums, in turn, share a summary of their projects with the greater KMA membership as a way to give back and spur ideas for others. This is the last of the 2017 grant reports we have to share - thank you to all the organization for sharing their projects with us!

Trego County Historical Society - Pioneer Newspaper Wall Display Project

The goal for the KMA grant received by the Trego County Historical Society in 2017 was to create a new exhibit that would feature 19th and 20th century newspapers from Trego County. This new exhibit would showcase the vintage printing press
donated to the Historical Society by the local newspaper. With the grant funds we were going to select 10 newspapers and have a front page of each paper professionally scanned, retouched, and printed as posters for the display. Included in the funding from the KMA grant was funds to purchase frames for the newspaper posters.

Since we did not have all the newspapers from our county, time was spent at the State Historical Society gathering images and copies of the seven newspapers that they had in their archives. It was a difficult decision to select which of the papers would be included in the exhibit as each one had historical importance to the county.

Thanks to a special donation received by the Historical Society, we were able to have all the county newspaper scanned, restored, and printed on posters. This way no newspaper was left out of the journalism history of our county.

To keep a vintage look to the exhibit, we decided to build frames for the newspaper posters. Floating frames were constructed where the newspaper poster would sit in the frame and create a striking appearance for each paper.

In the process of researching the papers for the exhibit, we made several discovers of where the newspapers were printed, what happened to each of the newspapers, and the many editors some of the papers had over the years.

What history each of the newspapers holds for our county! This KMA grant made it possible for an innovative exhibit which features the oldest business in Trego County, the newspaper which will be 140 years young in March and still reporting the news of the county. We greatly appreciated receiving one of the KMA grants in 2017.
This is the time of year for gardening, walking the dog, relaxing by the pool and roadtripping - which makes it the perfect time to try a new podcast! Here's some recommendations for podcasts or episodes with a focus on museums, the profession, art, science, history and more!

**Museopunks, AAM** - A podcast for the progressive museum
**Last Seen, WBUR** - Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum heist
**Museum Confidential, NPR** - Behind the scenes look at museums
**Working, Slate Magazine** - Showcases unique jobs, with episodes featuring a Smithsonian curator, MoMA's museum store marketer, and more
**Stuff You Should Know, How Stuff Works** - Many episodes related to art, history and museums
**Stuff You Missed in History Class, How Stuff Works** - Choose a topic from exhumations to sad royal childhoods!

Many great museums have podcasts of their own as well! Look up these and other museums wherever you get your podcasts.

National World War II Museum
The British Museum
Crystal Bridges
The Spy Museum
Museum of Science Boston
The Smithsonian
Archives of Kansas Historical Society’s Cool Things in the Collection podcast

Have a museum related podcast or episode to share? Post it on our [Facebook page](http://www.facebook.com)!
The NEDCC is presenting **DIGITAL DIRECTIONS: Fundamentals of Creating and Managing Digital Collections**, August 19-20 in Overland Park, Kansas. Scholarships are available.

**National Association for Interpretation's Upcoming Webinars**

**Interpreting America’s Racial History**
July 16
12:00pm - 1:30 pm Central
[Register](#)

**Decolonizing Interpretation**
July 30
12:00 - 1:00 pm Central
[Register](#)

**American Association for State and Local History's Upcoming Webinars**

**Choosing a Collections Management System**
July 30
2:00 - 3:15 pm Central
[Register](#)

**Connecting to Collections Care’s Upcoming Webinars**

**HVAC Installation, Renovation, and Collection Environments: An Introduction**
July 9
1:00 - 2:30 pm Central
[Register](#)

**Texas Historical Commission’s Upcoming Webinars**

**Free Webinar: Incorporating AR/VR Technology Within Your Museum: A Behind the Scenes Look**
July 30
11:00 am Central
[Register](#)

**Association of Registrars and Collections Specialists’ Upcoming Webinars**

**Conservation Red Flags: Warning Signs for Your Collection**
July 10
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Central
[Register](#)

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**Advocacy Connection and Museums in the News**

**Museum Workers Share Their Salaries and Urge Industry-Wide Reform** - Zachary Small, Hyperallergic

**The Pride Guide: An Interactive Workbook** - The National
Ta-Nehisi Coates Dismantles Mitch McConnell's Remarks on Reparations - Tessa Stuart, Rolling Stone

Social Media is More Important Than Ever for Cultural Entities - Here's What You Need to Know - Colleen Dilenschneider, Know Your Own Bone Blog

Why an Indianapolis Art Museum Changed Its Name and Decided Not to Have Its Own Building - Domenica Bongiovanni, The Indianapolis Star

Enter the Museum of Lost Artworks by Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Michaelangelo, and Da Vinci - Nadja Sayej, Architectural Digest

Safe Sealed for 40 Years Until Museum Visitor Spins the Dial - Wallis Snowdon, CBC News

The Curious Subculture of Diagnosing Dead Artists by Their Work - Karen Chernick, Artsy

The Passion Equation: Why Some Think Exploiting Culture Workers is Okay - Gemma Tipton, The Irish Times

For Decades a Museum Displayed a Painting of A Brutal Belgian King - Until a Helpful Visitor Pointed Out It’s Actually Auguste Rodin - Taylor Dafoe, ArtNet

Forgotten Centro Museum Has Had No Visitors Since January - Yucatan Expat Life

The Secret Tech Problem at Modern Art Museums - Vince Guerrieri, Popular Mechanics

American Museum of Natural History Acquires Rare Third-Grader Separated from Group on Class Trip (Satire) - The Onion

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