$50 for 50 Years - Join us for Match Madness 2020 and Match Your Donations for More Giving Power!

KMA had a wonderful time celebrating and remembering our first 50 years in 2019, and now we are planning for our next 50 years!

- The board is hard at work beginning implementation of our strategic plan that was adopted by the membership at our annual conference in November.
- Executive Director Lisa Dodson and Board President Zan Popp have just spent the beginning of this week in Washington DC learning about advocacy and meeting with Kansas’s Congressional delegation to make the case for the impact our museums have on our communities and the importance of supporting them.

2020 is just getting started, and there is so much more in store. Now is the time you can show your support for KMA, and make your donation dollars go even further at Match Madness! Hosted by the Greater Salina Community Foundation, Match Madness is a one day event on March 19 where donations made to KMA’s endowment are matched proportionally up to 50%, with a full match pool of $150,000 up for grabs. Your Match Madness gift will be invested in our endowed fund at the Community Foundation. This

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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

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Employment Listings

- **Grants Manager**
  Exploration Place, Wichita

To submit employment listings,
fund produces steady, annual income that we can rely on in the future, ensuring long-term financial support & stability.

This year, we are challenging our members to give $50 towards our next 50 years of serving Kansas museums and the workers who make them successful! Gifts of any size are appreciated, and all gifts are matched proportionately up to 50%. **KMA is committed to giving back, and will be matching this year’s donation amount from our general operating funds to provide additional grants to member institutions over and above our usual grant pool!**

There are two ways to donate:

- **In the Salina area**, donors can stop by the Salina Fieldhouse from 7am to 7pm on March 19, 2020. Mark your donation for the Kansas Museums Association.

- **Online donations are accepted**, too! They will be matched from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm on March 19, 2020. Log on to [www.matchmadnessgscf.org/](http://www.matchmadnessgscf.org/) to donate online.

All donations are tax deductible.

It's time to get in the game... help ensure KMA's future at Match Madness 2020!

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**Advocacy Update: Proposed Closing of the National Endowment for the Humanities**

From Humanities Kansas:

You may have seen the news earlier [in February] that the White House released their recommendations for next year’s budget and it includes closing the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

None of us want to see this happen.

Funds from NEH support Humanities Kansas and Humanities Kansas supports more than 600 humanities events each year -
events that make connections between people and place over time and across generations. Last year, over half a million Kansans participated in 107 home towns. Plus, think about all the Kansans who followed along with our social media and digital initiatives. Kansans support the humanities. There's no doubt about it.

I'll be reaching out to our Members of Congress to share how Humanities Kansas resources are used by constituents in their districts and across Kansas. Will you do the same?

To be honest, it's your voice that counts the most. You're in their district, you've seen firsthand why public funding for the humanities matters, you know why a grant or a speakers bureau or the poet laureate or the Vietnam War project made a difference, sparked a conversation, or moved an idea from one person to the next. It's time to tell your story.

We've pulled together materials for you to use with facts and stats. You can find them here. Then, when you call or write your Senators and Representative, start by telling them your connection to the humanities, why it matters to you, and then add in some of your data. Your conversation doesn't have to be lengthy. Just be you.

Funding for NEH has been supported by a bipartisan Congress every year since its beginning in 1965. That's impressive. Kansans are better because of it.

If you have a minute, let me know if you reach out. I'd love to put you on our list of Super Advocates. Your superpower? Wisdom and vision. Democracy demands these of its citizens and the humanities can provide both. The humanities superhero cape looks good on you!

Ad Astra,

Julie Mulvihill
Executive Director
Humanities Kansas

The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has also been targeted for closure. See their press release here.

For additional information about other agencies affected, click here for a release from the National Coalition for History.

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**Calendar Notes**

**Request for proposal - 2021 KMA Conference**
The RFP for KMA's 2021 conference is now open. Bringing KMA to your town is a great way to collaborate with other museums and show off all that you have to offer! To learn more about what is required to be a host museum and to apply, click here.
Kansas Digital Access to Historical Records Grant Deadline
April 14
Using funds granted from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the KSHRAB established the Kansas Digital Access to Historical Records (KDAHR) Regrant Program to enhance online access to historical records and to increase digital literacy and citizen engagement with those historical records.

The KSHRAB offers grants to Kansas historical records repositories that demonstrate a financial and programmatic need and a commitment to developing and/or implementing projects that will enhance online access to historical records. These projects may include:

- digitizing collections and placing the digital content online
- creating and publishing online finding aids to historical records collections
- developing/upgrading websites specifically designed to highlight the organization’s historical records and increase collections’ discoverability

Application deadline: April 14
For more information, click here.

Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions Draft Deadline April 1
The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on broad historical movements in U.S. history, such as politics, law (including the social and cultural history of the law), social reform, business, military, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience, or may be centered on the papers of major figures from American history. Whether conceived as a thematic or a biographical edition, the historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project.

The Commission is especially interested in projects to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Draft deadline (optional): April 1
Final deadline: June 10
For more information, click here.

Midwest Archives Conference Registration Now Open
MAC's annual conference, focusing on the theme "Decision 2020" to honor Iowa’s role in the national elections, will be held in Des Moines, IA May 6-9. Registration is now open; early bird registration ends April 8. For more information, click here.
Blue Star Museum Registration is Open
It's the 11th year for the program, which encourages museums, zoos, botanical gardens, historic houses, and other cultural institutions to offer free admission to active duty military personnel and up to five family members. The program begins on Armed Services Day (May 16th) and ends Labor Day. Click [here](#) to register.

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**Spotlight On: Jan Moore - Director, Sheridan County Historical Society and Mickey's Museum**

In 2019, ten 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 McPherson and Lindsborg eager to learn and grow with their colleagues in the profession. We will be sharing recaps of their experiences throughout the year as we look forward to the 2020 conference.

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**From Jan Moore:**

I had the honor this year to be the recipient of a KMA scholarship. What a wonderful thing to be awarded. This year was one of the best years for me to attend. Not only did we, The Sheridan County Historical Society and Mickey's Museum, get to give a presentation, we also attended some great sessions.

Our session couldn't have gone better. I was so happy we had standing room only at our session. We had a lot of participation by the people who attended, and all said that they had learned something. I certainly hope it was as great for them as it was for us.

I think the best session I attended was the **Stewards of the Past: Balancing Collections** for growth and change in a Mission-driven World. Our museum is getting ready to do a huge project of deaccessioning and this session was extremely helpful. They gave us tips for beginning such a large project. I also learned what is legal and what is not. This is helpful as I can bring this back to my board. I think it is important that I mention here that our project is rather a touchy subject in our community and this session helped me with ideas on how to deal with this situation. For us small
museums, it is so important that we have these resources open to us.

The other great thing that happened was a rather cool "A-HA" moment on my part. When I was at the round table talk with Sarah Bell from the Watkins Museum. I had already been thinking we wanted to celebrate the women of Sheridan County next year, not realizing that the 19th Amendment was 100 years old. So, I came back to work this past week and dove into our newspapers and low and behold I found a treasure of suffragette articles written by local women. It is my hope that we will be able to have a great exhibit next year with this information. I am going to share my information with Sarah. This is just one more way KMA is able to help small museums matter in a larger way.

May I just state once again how I am humbled and honored to be chosen as a scholarship winner this year. For some of us, this is the only way we can attend these conferences and the amount of knowledge we glean from the conference is just invaluable to us. Thank you so very much.

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**Webinars and Continuing Education Opportunities**

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

**Virtual Field Trips: Your Site through Skype**
March 12
12:30 - 1:30 pm Central
[Register](#)

**Better Outcomes in Environmental Education**
March 12
1:45 - 3:15 pm Central
[Register](#)

**Got Millennials?**
March 12
3:30 - 4:30 pm Central
[Register](#)

**Beyond the Dominant Narratives of History**
March 12
6:30 - 8:00 pm Central
[Register](#)

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

**How to Spot Opportunity When it is Disguised as Chaos**
March 25
2:00 - 3:00 pm Central
[Register](#)
Connecting to Collections Care's Upcoming Webinars
Looking at Glazing: Finding the Best Solution to Protect Your Works of Art and Historic Artifacts
March 25
1:00 - 2:30 Central
Register

Texas Historical Commission's Upcoming Webinars
Free Webinar: Appraising & Insuring Historical Treasures
March 3
2:00 pm Central
Register

Free Webinar: Social Media and Your Cultural Organization--Where to Start
March 24
10:00 am Central
Register

Advocacy Connection and Museums in the News

The Fight to Preserve African-American History - Casey Cep, The New Yorker

Have You Seen This Trophy? - Bill Pennington, The New York Times

One Hundred Museums Transformed Their Collections into Free Coloring Pages - Katherine J. Wu, Smithsonian Magazine

California to Apologize Officially for Historical Mistreatment of Japanese Americans - Gustavo Arellano, Los Angeles Times

Free, Discounted, or Full Price: How Admission Basis Impacts Perceptions of Cultural Entities - Colleen Dilenschneider, Know Your Own Bone

'Terrible and Disgusting': Decision to Close National Archives at Seattle a Blow to Tribes, Historians in 4 States - Erik Lacitis, The Seattle Times

First 'Panic,' Then a Battle to Keep the National Archives in Seattle - Deborah Wang, KUOW/NPR

Generations of Handwritten Mexican Cookbooks are Now Online - Nils Bernstein, Atlas Obscura

Rats Were the 'First Curators' at Sydney Museum Hyde Park Barracks - Alison Xiao, ABC News Australia

Making Museums Accessible to Those with Disabilities -
3D Printing is Helping Museums in Repatriation and Decolonisation Efforts - Myrsini Samaroudi and Karina Rodriguez Echavarria, MuseumNext

In a Brilliant Move, Penn Museum Hires Refugees as Guides to Exhibits from their Homelands - Annie Reneau, Upworthy

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