Virtual Conference Planning - We Need Your Input!

KMA is planning for our virtual conference which will be held November 4-6, and we want to make the experience enjoyable and valuable for all our members and colleagues. You can help by taking our short 5 minute survey [here](#). The survey will close at 5:00 pm on Friday, June 12.

Reopening Resources Available on KMA's Website

Looking for guidance on best practices for reopening? KMA has you covered! Visit our [website](#) for links to information you can use to guide cleaning and disinfecting, distancing and occupancy recommendations, signage and more. We will continue to update and connect you with the resources we all need to make it through this time and come out stronger on the other side. Stay safe!

Kansas Museums Association Opens RFP for 2022 Conference Location
KMA wants to bring the conference to YOUR town in 2022! The RFP for hosting KMA's Annual Conference is now open. Click here for details - submission deadline is September 30, 2020.

AAM's Virtual Conference Starts Monday - Registration Still Open + Discounted Registration Option

AAM's virtual conference begins Monday, June 1! Join #AAMvirtual, which will include keynote speakers, over 30 breakout sessions, a virtual exhibit hall, and online networking events to connect with museum professionals from around the globe. Registrants will have access to transcribed recordings of the full program. Registration is still open, click here. They are also offering a number of discounted $25 admissions; click here to apply.

Good News!
Museum Happenings Across Kansas

We could all use some good news now, right? Here are a few examples of our Kansas museums developing new programming, new ways of reaching their audiences, and new ways of helping their communities in this month's edition of Good News!

Dickinson County Historical Society - Abilene
The Ida Stover-Eisenhower Memorial Quilt Show was set up and ready for visitors when the pandemic put the show on hold. When the Heritage Center reopens, they invite you to stop by and enjoy over 60 quilts of varying styles and ages. Here's a sneak peek video. Visit their Facebook page for reopening information.

Burlingame Schuyler Museum - Burlingame
The Burlingame Schuyler Museum has shared videos on Facebook from a playlist focused on the Santa Fe Trail. The bicentennial of the trail will be celebrated in 2021 and a new documentary is focusing on its history and significance - check out clips here.
Prairie Museum of Art and History - Colby
What a cool idea! The Prairie Museum of Art and History shared this cool way to connect digitally - a picture of their Cooper Barn being moved was made into a digital puzzle that you can put together from home! Click here to try your hand at it.

Frontier Army Museum - Ft. Leavenworth
An updated audio tour with photos and links awaits at the Frontier Army Museum's website here. They are also sharing a new virtual program for kids. "The Lewis and Clark Expedition, Through their Dog Seaman's Eyes" allows students at home to learn about the Corps of Discovery through the perspective of Meriwether Lewis's dog, Seaman. It also focuses on the 5 senses for students to follow Seaman on his journey to find out what he felt, heard, tasted, smelled, and saw while on the expedition. Journal prompts, questions, and activities are included and a teacher/parent guide is available. This program can be done right at home and the whole family can enjoy it! Find the program here.

Spencer Museum of Art - Lawrence
Who's up for a top secret mission? The Spencer Museum of Art has created an online mystery that can only be solved remotely. If you are up to the challenge, check it out here.

Boot Hill Museum - Dodge City
Using a video for outreach and education is a great way to stay connected! Boot Hill shared a video on Facebook of Curator Kathie Bell showing off artifacts from their collection AND showcasing how they are cared for. You can see it here.

Do you have more good news to share with us about what your museum is doing during this time - or anything else? Send us an email and we will feature you in next month’s newsletter!

2018 Grant Report: Salina Art Center
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. Over the next few months we will be featuring the projects funded with 2018 grants.
The Salina Art Center celebrated Print Day in May (2019) thanks to a KMA grant. Print Day in May is an international printmaking event. Always the first Saturday in May, it celebrates the art and community of printmakers. Print Day in May began in 2007 in Monterey, CA. In 2017, artists from over 45 US states, 46 different countries and all 7 continents participated. Printmaking is unique in its ability to be a flexible and forgiving medium, lending itself to all skill levels and encouraging experimentation. It is a democratic medium, allowing artists to make, reproduce, and distribute their work for a larger audience. By providing a creative synergy and a forum for sharing and building community, this event unites printmakers worldwide and fosters a better understanding and appreciation of printmaking.

Three unique activities provided vehicles to celebrate printmaking. The Urban Printmaking workshop focused on easy reproduction print techniques for adults with no previous arts experience. Techniques included foam block, Soft-Kut, and linocut printing. Our audience included special needs adult populations. With the help of case workers and social services staff all 19 participants were able to participate in the activity and create multiple print creations. Family Print Saturday included several
print stations demonstrating various printmaking techniques for hands-on exploration. Stations included foam block printing, monoprinting, and screen printing. Twenty-two multigenerational participants visited the stations. Finally, over 60 distinguished curators, paper conservators, and scholars from over 50 of North America’s leading art museums gathered at the Salina Art Center on May 30 as part of the Print Council of America’s annual meeting. They were treated to lunch and hand papermaking in the Art Center’s Warehouse and a tour of the Art Center's exhibition, Speculative Retrievals: Krista Franklin, Julia Goodman, and Sahar Khoury. Museums represented include: Baltimore Museum of Art; Detroit Institute of Arts; Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden; J. Paul Getty Museum; Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Metropolitan Museum of Art; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; National Gallery of Art; National Gallery of Canada; National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution; St. Louis Museum of Art; and The Art Institute of Chicago.

Spotlight On: Jennifer Barnes, Director's Assistant, Morton County Historical 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.

From Jennifer Barnes:

Establish a number of measures to help alleviate the plight of poor and displaced history. Address the environmental
degradation that has led us up to this point.

The speakers at KMA have helped see the local community in different views. From Dust Bowl days to modern day history. Series of programs and projects instituted during KMA. Creating a group in our community that shares the same interests in history.

History flash backs takes a look at historical footage of all kinds. To give us a glimpse into how much things have changed and how much remains the same. From increased spending, ubiquity of the car, American teens. Threw out the decades is undoubtedly different from today.

With KMA speakers and advice from several different people, looking in to the History of Morton County give more insight of different views we can take to better our museum in the future.

Would like to thank everyone that for the opportunity at the KMA conference. With the ability to listen and visit was great. Thank you.

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**Webinars and Continuing Education Opportunities**

***New webinar content related to the coronavirus is being produced all the time. We are sharing as many links as we can on our [website](#), which is updated regularly. Often the webinars are available in an archived format after the initial date and time have passed, so click through or visit the host organization's website to see if it is available. Webinars listed here are new additions.***

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

Webinar Recordings: NAI has an archive of previously recorded webinars, both free and fee based, which can be found [here](#).

They have also created a repository called **Best Practices for Going Virtual** that has many resources for online interpretation in response to the public health crisis; they can be found [here](#).

**Interpretive Innovation During a Global Pandemic**

Already occurred; click [here](#) for recording when available.

**Graphic Design Basics for Heritage Interpreters Series: Part Two - Typography**

June 2
12:00 - 1:00 pm Central
[Register](#)

**Graphic Design Basics for Heritage Interpreters Series: Part Three - Composition**

June 9
Going Galactic: Expanding Heritage Interpretation to Include the Potential Influence of Extraterrestrial and Extradimensional Beings
June 23
12:00 - 1:30 pm Central
Register

Connecting to Collections Care's Upcoming Webinars
Advocating for Collections During Challenging Times
June 10
1:00 - 2:30 pm Central
Register

Texas Historical Commission's Upcoming Webinars
Free Webinar-Heritage Tourism and Museums: Collaborating for Success
June 9
10:00 am Central
Register

Free Webinar-Ready for Anything: Moving from Programs to Programming
June 18
2:00 pm Central
Register

Free Webinar-Making the Most of Math Connections at Museums and Historic Sites
June 25
10:00 am Central
Register

UW Madison Information School's Upcoming Webinars
Remote and Online Services for Children
Recorded previously, available here

Preserve This Podcast
Recorded previously, available here

Association of Registrars and Collections Specialists' Upcoming Webinars
Continuity of Operations Panel Discussion
Recorded previously, available here
American Alliance of Museums Upcoming Webinars

Introducing the New Collections Sustainability Rubric
June 16
1:00 pm Central
Register

Lunch and Learn: Stories of Transformation and Failure, Presented by the California Association of Museums
June 18
2:00 - 3:00 pm Central
Register

Looking Ahead: Sustainability Adding Value to Reopening
June 24
11:00 - 12:00 Central
Register

Additional Webinars
Reopening Our Museums
June 1, 12:00 pm Central
Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums
Register

Killing Generosity: How Modern Fundraising Takes the Joy Out of Giving
June 2, 12:00 pm Central
Mission Advancement
Register

Migration and Refugee Communities During COVID-19
June 4, 10:00 am Central
International Coalition of Sites of Conscience
Register

Virtual Public Meetings: Lessons from the Field
June 11, 1:00 pm Central
Preservation Leadership Forum
Register

Advocacy Connection and Museums in the News

Masks? Antibody Testing? Big Update on What Will Make People Feel Safe Visiting - Colleen Dilenschneider, Know Your Own Bone Blog

How Should a Museum Reopen in a Post-COVID World? Here Is Everything You Need to Know to Do It Safely, According to Experts - Adrian Ellis and Andras Szanto, ArtNet
Three Museum Directors Offer a Behind-the-Scenes Look at How They Are Tackling the Challenge of Reopening Their Institutions Post-Lockdown - Julia Haperin, ArtNet

'We're Holding Down the Fort': How Guards, Groundskeepers, and Collections Managers Across the US Are Doing Their Jobs in Shuttered Museums - Sarah Cascone, ArtNet

The Library of Congress Wants DJs (and You) to Make Beats Using Its Audio Collections - Mikaela Lefrak, WAMU

This is How Bad Things are for Museums: They Now Have a Green Light to Sell Off Their Art - Sebastian Smee, The Washington Post

Many Museums Won't Survive the Virus. How Do You Close One Down? - Nina Siegal, New York Times

People Don't Want Virtual Museum Tours; Do This Instead - Michael Alexis, Museum Hack

Don't Get Trampled in the Online Rush: Advice for Making Archive Collections Accessible During the Shutdown - Jo Pugh, The National Archives (UK)

How are Museums Collecting During Coronavirus Lockdown? - Rebecca Atkinson, Museums Association

Repository of Distance Learning Programs and Resources - AAM EdCom

What if Back to Normal is Never? Leaders in Arts and Entertainment are Feeling Increasingly Pessimistic - Chris Jones, Chicago Tribune

Museum Directors Association Lifts Penalties on Museum Spending During Pandemic - Valentina Di Liscia, Hyperallergic

Finding Remote Internships During COVID-19 - AAM Museum Studies Network

Museums Hold Twitter Showdown to Find World's Creepiest Exhibit - Helen Pidd, The Guardian

You Can Now Virtually Tour 17 Frank Lloyd Wright Buildings - Claire Gillespie, Simplemost

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