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Kansas Humanities Council Awards Ten Grants

TOPEKA - The Kansas Humanities Council recently awarded \$58,209 in Humanities and Heritage grants to ten organizations.

Arts in Prison, Inc., Kansas City (\$8,675)

Sentenced to Sing

A documentary film project featuring the Lansing Correctional Facility's "East Hill Singers," the only inmate chorus in the nation to perform outside prison walls. Margie Friedman, project director.

Confucius Institute at the University of Kansas Edwards Campus, Overland Park (\$7,150)

2009 Kansas City Chinese Film Festival

Film festival featuring classic and contemporary cinema from China. Bilingual discussions in English and Mandarin follow each film. Sheree Willis, project director.

Department of Social Sciences, Emporia State University, Emporia (\$5,387)

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Symposium

Lincoln scholars examine Abraham Lincoln's legacy during the Lincoln Bicentennial. Brian Craig Miller, project director.

Kansas Center for the Book, State Library of Kansas, Topeka (\$5,000)

Kansas Reads...The Virgin of Small Plains

Humanities programs offered in conjunction with the one-book/one-state reading and discussion of *The Virgin of Small Plains* by Kansas author Nancy Pickard. Events will take place in Manhattan, Chanute, Kinsley, Norton, Lawrence, Tonganoxie, Dighton, and Great Bend. Carol Barta, project director.

Kansas Public Telecommunications Service, Inc. (KPTS), Wichita (\$8,550)

Country School: One Room – One Nation

A documentary film exploring the history and lingering impact of Midwestern one-room schools. Kelly Rundle, project director.

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Mennonite Church USA Historical Committee, North Newton (\$3,485)

General Conference Mennonite Church Records Cataloging

A project to organize, catalog, and archive the records of the General Conference Mennonite Church from 1968 to 2002. John Thiesen, project director.

Nemaha County Historical Society, Inc., Seneca (\$3,500)

Settling Nemaha County – Phase II

A project to inventory and preserve quilts, maps, clothing, hats, and military uniforms in the museum's textile collection. DarlAnn Rial, project director.

Porubsky Film Foundation, Topeka (\$8,402)

C. W. Porubsky's Deli & Tavern Documentary Film

A documentary film exploring the history behind the C. W. Porubsky's Deli & Tavern in Topeka. The small grocery store in the Little Russia neighborhood is locally known as a community-gathering place and nationally known for its chili and hot pickles. Matthew Porubsky, project director.

Richmond Community Museum Association, Richmond (\$1,200)

Preserve and Share Historical Photograph Collection of the Richmond, Kansas Community Museum

A project to catalog, preserve, and provide public access to approximately 500 photographs of the rural Kansas community from the 1870s to the 1940s. Pat Vining, project director.

Votaw Colony Museum, Inc., Coffeyville (\$6,860)

Reconnection III

A public history event in Manhattan reconnecting descendants from African American colonies, Exodusters, and Liberian emigrants. Seminars on Kansas and African American history will be offered. Nat Fitz, project director.

A non-profit organization with over 35 years experience, the Kansas Humanities Council conducts and supports community-based programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to participate in their communities. For more information contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785/357-0359 or visit online at www.kansashumanities.org.

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