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Kansas Humanities Council Awards Ten Grants

TOPEKA - The Kansas Humanities Council recently awarded \$71,095 in Humanities, Heritage, and Short Film grants to ten organizations.

Bartlett Arboretum, Belle Plaine (\$10,000)

Bartlett Arboretum: A Century Forest Growing Deeper Every Year

A short film will explore the 100-year history of the Bartlett Arboretum. Jaime Green, project director.

Bowlus Fine Arts & Cultural Center, Iola (\$8,000)

Buster Keaton, the Tragic Clowns, and America's Comic Melting Pot

The Annual Buster Keaton Celebration, September 24-25, 2010, will examine silent film's "tragic clowns," including Kansas natives Buster Keaton and Roscoe Arbuckle. Susan Raines, project director.

City of Osawatomie (\$7,943)

Telling History: Creating Legacy and Inspiring Community for Sesquicentennial and Beyond

Workshops will offer training to residents in Osawatomie, Admire, and La Cygne on how to research and perform history. Grady Atwater, project director.

Florence Historical Society, Florence (\$10,000)

Florence, Kansas

A short film will examine sense of place, the past, and visions of the future in Florence, Kansas. Steve Lerner, project director.

Franklin County Historical Society, Ottawa (\$3,500)

Franklin County Historical Society Website

A new website will commemorate the Kansas Statehood Sesquicentennial and Franklin County Historical Society's 75th anniversary. Deborah Barker, project director.

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Jayhawk State Theatre of Kansas, Topeka (\$9,854)

Capturing the Community of Topeka's Historic Jayhawk Theatre

A short film that will explore the impact of the Jayhawk State Theatre on Topeka. Juli Pitzer, project director.

Santa Fe Trail Center, Larned (\$7,448)

Rendezvous 2010

A three-day seminar, September 16-19, 2010, will explore "Communication on the Santa Fe Trail." Ruth Olson Peters, project director.

Wabaunsee County Economic Development, Alma (\$3,000)

Building Blocks of Flint Hills Heritage: The Native Stone Scenic Byway of Kansas

The audio tour series will feature 20 historic sites along the Native Stone Scenic Byway. Abby Dechant, project director.

Watkins Community Museum of History, Lawrence (\$3,350)

The Enduring Struggle for Freedom in Douglas County: Identifying and Cataloging Relevant Materials at Watkins Museum

The project will inventory and catalog artifacts in the museum's collection. Helen Krische, project director.

William Inge Theatre Festival, Independence (\$8,000)

Exploring Gender in American Theatre

The work of playwrights William Inge and Paula Vogel will be the topic of humanities discussions at the festival. April 21-24, 2010. Peter Ellenstein, project director.

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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