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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 75<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kansashumanities.org).

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