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Kansas Humanities Council Awards Nine Grants

TOPEKA - The Kansas Humanities Council recently awarded \$65,975 in Humanities and Heritage grants to nine organizations.

Black Jack Battlefield Trust, Baldwin City (\$7,296)

Battle of Black Jack Traveling Exhibit

A traveling exhibit exploring the 1856 Battle of Black Jack in Douglas County. Kerry Altenbernd, project director.

Bowlus Fine Arts & Cultural Center, Iola (\$8,500)

Buster Keaton & Company: World War I, Dark Comedy and Film

The 17th Annual Buster Keaton Celebration examines filmmakers' use of dark comedy in times of war. Susan Raines, project director.

KTWU, Topeka (\$15,000)

Sunflower Journeys 2009

A 13-episode public television series showcasing themes related to Kansas and its people. David M. Kendall, project director.

National Foundation for Carnival Heritage, Kinsley (\$3,488)

Carnival Heritage Photograph Project

A project to digitally scan and catalog historic carnival photographs from 1900 through the 1980s. Karen Wolfe, project director.

Phillips County Historical Society, Phillipsburg (\$3,500)

Making Sense of Our Heritage

A project to catalog artifacts in the Phillips County Historical Society's collection. Kathy Beard, project director.

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Pioneer Bluffs, Matfield Green (\$9,963)

Return to PrairyErth

A documentary film about the *PrairyErth* author William Least Heat-Moon's return to Chase County. John O'Hara, project director.

Smoky Hills Public Television, Bunker Hill (\$10,000)

Work Pays America

A documentary film about Works Projects Administration projects in Kansas in the 1930s and 1940s. Les Kinderknecht, project director.

Sociedad Hidalgo, Shawnee (\$5,000)

Latin American Cinema Festival of Kansas City

A festival of Latin American films followed by bilingual (English/Spanish) discussions led by Humanities scholars. Featuring films from Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, and Spain. Gloria A. Bessenbacher, project director.

Stafford County Historical and Genealogical Society, Stafford (\$3,498)

Gray Studio Glass Plate Negatives Project

A project to catalog and store over 5,000 glass plates negatives from the W. R. Gray Studio in St. John. Michael Hathaway, 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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