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# Status Report on Pershing Mural's Restoration and Reinstallation Within Historic Wyuka Park



Last year, LB 411 was introduced by Senator George Dungan (26<sup>th</sup> District). LB 411 proposes funding supporting the Pershing Mural's reinstallation within Wyuka State Park and Cemetery, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and established by the Legislature in 1869.

The Pershing Mural's installation within Historic Wyuka Park will be considered a

Nebraska Cultural Landmark. As such, it will become a destination for Nebraskans and out-of-state visitors. For that reason, the Pershing Mural Historic Preservation Committee is collaborating with public officials to obtain a portion of the reinstallation funding from the State.

If you would like to support LB 411 - public funding for the project - we encourage you to email a message to Senator George Dungan at this address: <a href="mailto:gdungan@leg.ne.gov">gdungan@leg.ne.gov</a>

We also encourage sending a direct note of support to your State Senator using the information on this webpage: <a href="https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator\_list.php">https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator\_list.php</a>

The Pershing Mural Historic Preservation effort continues to move forward with tile restoration and framework engineering/design, proceeding in unison with the refurbishment of Wyuka's pond, currently underway.

The Committee is almost halfway through its fundraising for this historic preservation effort and continues to seek donations, grants and public resources to complete the restoration, reinstallation and fund the permanent maintenance endowment. As before, the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation will continue to receive donations or contributions in support of the Pershing Mural's restoration and reinstallation within Historic Wyuka Park.

For more information or questions contact Liz Shea-McCoy, (402) 430-5923 or lizwshea@gmail.com

## **Boyer Family Matching Grant**

In December we shared news about the generous support from the John K. and Lynne D. Boyer Family Foundation, which contributed a \$25,000 matching grant to **NSHSF's Statewide Grants Program**. The Boyer Foundation has already donated \$25,000 to the

program and has committed to an additional \$25,000 if we can match that amount by **April 1, 2024**. This means a potential of \$75,000 to support this program in its 2024 cycle!

We have already raised \$19,395 towards the match so we are getting close to our goal. However, **we still need close to \$6,000** to reach our \$25,000 target. Your donation today will not only contribute to this worthy cause but will also be matched by the John K. and Lynne D. Boyer Family Foundation, doubling the impact. Help us fund more historically-focused 501(c)(3)s in Nebraska by donating today.

## **DONATE TODAY**

## **Deadlines Are Approaching - Apply Today!**



Applications for the <u>Statewide Grants Program</u> are now open. Grants typically range from \$100 to \$3,000. The main focus areas for grant distributions from the Statewide Grants Program will assist local historical efforts on the part of historical societies, museums, archives, libraries, etc. Grants should be for core educational, preservation, and interpretive purposes. **Applications must be received by April 30th.** 

We are in the last days of gathering site info for <u>2024</u> <u>WanderNebraska!</u> Over 130 museums, historical societies, state historical sites, and libraries have already responded!

Sites submitting their info to us by **February 25** will be in the 2024 booklet. ALL sites, even if their information is received after February 25, will be on WanderNebraska.com. website.

Please complete this <u>interest form</u> or email <u>SQuambusch@nshsf.org</u> for more information.

### New this year...

From May 1 to mid-October, billboards advertising the WanderNebraska.com program will be located along I-80, courtesy of a marketing grant from Nebraska Tourism. NSHSF will also be carrying a full line of t-shirts and other fun items to market the program.

Ads for WanderNebraska have been placed in the Nebraska Traveler magazine and the Western Nebraska Destinations magazine thus far. Multiple press releases will be going out throughout the year.

And, QR codes will be used to scan the visitor's information and record visits, which will remove the responsibility of recording visitor info.

THANK YOU for joining us! Let's WanderNebraska!

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