



Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation

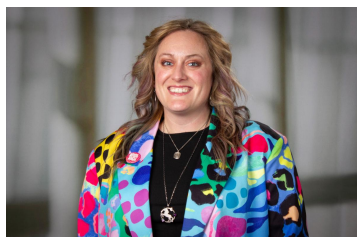
Connecting people with Nebraska history since 1942.

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Get To Know Our New Trustees!



Belinda Boelter

Belinda Boelter, PCM®, CDMP is a Nebraska native and self-proclaimed history nerd. She has earned her BA and MA, along with a dual certification in digital marketing.

Belinda has worked in a variety of industries and is currently the Marketing and Communications Specialist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's McGoogan Health Sciences Library.

She has served on the American Marketing Association (AMA) - Omaha Chapter board and the Joslyn's Young Art Patrons (YAP) committee. Belinda was also a part of the Rising Leaders Institute Class 4—a Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Greater Omaha (ynpnGO) program featuring Nonprofit Association of the Midlands (NAM) sponsored content.

Stay tuned for information on other new Trustees in our next newsletter!



Steve Hunt

Steve Hunt is second-generation career Air Force and a fifth-generation Nebraskan. Although he hasn't lived in Nebraska for awhile, he has always called Shickley, Nebraska home.

He completed his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Nebraska at Omaha upon his retirement from the Air Force. Since retiring from the Air Force, he has volunteered with the Nebraska State Historical Society Library, the Idaho State Historical Society Library when he lived in Boise, assisted the Museum Curator at the Air Force Academy when he live in Colorado Springs, and also as a gallery guide at the Durham Museum in Omaha.

Steve is a life member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants - Nebraska Society and a member of other societies across the country. He has been working on his genealogy for over forty years, finding he has more than a vested interest in Nebraska's history. Three of his great-great-grandfathers homesteaded here in the 1870's and 1880's. He continues to explore Nebraska, always finding new treasures in its history and culture.

In Memorium

Dr. Bruce Rippeteau
October 10, 1945 - August 21, 2024



In 2021, Leslie Fattig visited Bruce Rippeteau to talk about the reason he and his wife Sandra decided to support the NSHSF Alkali Station project. Listen in as Bruce tells his story and why he was committed to the work of the Foundation.

Bruce was a proud Trustee for many years and we will miss him.

Jim Nissen
April 28, 1930 - August 8, 2024



Jim Nissen served on the NSHS Foundation board of trustees from 1984 until his passing on August 8. So many of you replied with stories of kindness and of the great things he did - for this foundation and for the Society. We appreciate his service and his dedication to our organization as well as so many other Nebraska nonprofits.

Many of you know Jim from his career in banking. Jim was a life-long Lincoln banker whose career spanned six decades. Before he retired from Wells Fargo Bank in 2009, he served as President and CEO of National Bank of Commerce and Vistar Bank, and served on the State Nebraska Bank and Trust board in Wayne, NE. He served as president of the Nebraska Bankers Association, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, and Bryan Memorial Hospital Foundation. Jim was a trusted and devoted community volunteer including as president and trustee. Organizations included Lancaster County American Red Cross, United Way, Lincoln Foundation, Bryan Memorial Hospital, Wayne State College Foundation, University of Nebraska Foundation, and Nebraska Wesleyan.

We will miss Jim Nissen.

WanderNebraska Adventure Tours Sign Up Today!



WANDERNEBRASKA ADVENTURE TOURS: *Lewis and Clark Trailhead* Experience 400 Miles of History in the Northeastern Corner of Nebraska, with Dr. Sara Crook and NSHSF as Your Guide!

Our two-day experience, held **Sept. 30 to Oct. 1**, will take you along a portion of Lewis and Clark's historic journey in Nebraska. Along the way, enjoy a wealth of historical sites and enjoy delicious meals at local restaurants, breweries and wineries.

Day 1

- Washington County Museum
- Historic Bryant House
- West Point Brewing Co. (Lunch)
- John G. Nehardt Historic Site
- Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Center
- Missouri River (Channeling of River)
- Gavins Point Dam
- CJ's at the Lake (Dinner)
- Hartington Cobblestone Inn & Suites

Day 2

- Niobrara Museum
- Drive-Through of Niobrara State Park
- Nelson Mill Historic Site
- Black Cow Fat Pig Pub & Steak (Lunch)
- Genoa Indian School
- Junco Winery (Dinner)
- Return to Lincoln

The all-inclusive cost for two days is \$495 per person for double occupancy, and \$575 per person for single occupancy.

Visit nshsf.org or scan the QR code to view a full itinerary and purchase tickets.



Lewis and Clark Trailhead

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[Click here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets!

Special Purpose Fall Grant Cycle Deadline September 15th!

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation launched a [Special Purpose Grant Cycle](#). **Applications are due September 15, 2024** and selected grantees will be notified in October of 2024. Preference is given to non-profit organizations operating in and serving local communities. For this Fall session grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded.

The focus areas for grant distributions will assist local historical efforts on the part of historical entities. Grants should be for special projects and must be used by May 31, 2025. Examples of special projects are: speakers; education materials for project acquisitions that enhance content or the visitor's experience; fees for students to visit a museum; gas expenses for school bus transportation; registration costs for conferences and statewide meetings; and grants for professional development conferences and webinars.

[Click here to read the Grantees Responsibilities](#)

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Trail Tails: Stories From Walk To The Rock

Check out the latest news from Walk To The Rock (WTRR) in this edition of "Trail Tails." Watch our newsletter and social media for stories about visitors, wildlife, events and more.



Kirill from Russia stopped by this quiet afternoon and walked Trail A. He's heading to Lincoln after this stop. We believe he is our first visitor from Russia.



Stephan and Martina from Hanover, Germany stopped by this afternoon. From here they are heading to the Black Hills.

As summer is winding down, the number of visitors at Chimney Rock may start to do the same but Labor Day weekend showed no indication of a slowdown. There were over 440 visitors between August 28th and September 2nd. 30 states were represented, including 36 counties in Nebraska. Sandra Redding, Western Nebraska Coordinator, said there were some first time visitors from the Scottsbluff/Gering area. International visitors included residents of Canada, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Belgium, India, Russia and Germany.

Walk To The Rock T-shirts are selling fast so get yours today! Check out the different colors and styles as well as other NSHSF merchandise at our [store](#) on the website or buy them in person from Sandra at the Trailhead.



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