Kansas Preservation Conference

The Preservation Trail

Hosted by

Kansas Preservation Alliance, Inc.
preserving the past to enrich the future since 1979

September 28 & 29, 2016
Abilene, Kansas

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
Section 1

(a) This Act may be cited as the “National Historic Preservation Act”.

(b) The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) the spirit and direction of the Nation are founded upon and reflected in its historic heritage;

(2) the historical and cultural foundations of the Nation should be preserved as a living part of our community life and development in order to give a sense of orientation to the American people;

(3) historic properties significant to the Nation’s heritage are being lost or substantially altered, often inadvertently, with increasing frequency;

(4) the preservation of this irreplaceable heritage is in the public interest so that its vital legacy of cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, economic, and energy benefits will be maintained and enriched for future generations of Americans;

(5) in the face of ever-increasing extensions of urban centers, highways, and residential, commercial, and industrial developments, the present governmental and nongovernmental historic preservation programs and activities are inadequate to insure future generations a genuine opportunity to appreciate and enjoy the rich heritage of our Nation;

(6) the increased knowledge of our historic resources, the establishment of better means of identifying and administering them, and the encouragement of their preservation will improve the planning and execution of Federal and federally assisted projects and will assist economic growth and development; and

(7) although the major burdens of historic preservation have been borne and major efforts initiated by private agencies and individuals, and both should continue to play a vital role, it is nevertheless necessary and appropriate for the Federal Government to accelerate its historic preservation programs and activities, to give maximum encouragement to agencies and individuals undertaking preservation by private means, and to assist State and local governments and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States to expand and accelerate their historic preservation programs and activities.

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

2016 marks 50 years of the National Historic Preservation Act which Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law in 1966, helping to preserve parts of our history.
Welcome! On behalf of the Kansas Preservation Alliance Board of Directors and the Conference Planning Committee, we are delighted that you chose to come to Abilene! A town teeming with great history (think cattle drives and Eisenhower) along with historic structures and places, we invite you to explore this interesting Kansas community.

It is an honor to host the 2016 Kansas Preservation Conference in Abilene and we hope you find the sessions instructive, interesting, and informative. We welcome the Kansas Main Street members who are joining us this year.

A special thank you goes to the Abilene’s Convention and Visitors Bureau, Heritage Commission, and Dickinson County Historical Society. Thank you also to the Kansas Historical Society, and the Kansas Humanities Council for financially supporting the conference. Additionally, KPA’s Annual Sponsors and Conference Sponsors deserve a big round of applause for their support. Be sure to show your appreciation as you visit with them during the conference.

We invite you to experience the best of Abilene’s architecture and culture - and encourage you to recommend Abilene to your friends and colleagues for their special events.

Christine “Chris” Johnston, KPA President
Tour Sites

**Trolley Tour of Abilene | 1 hour**
This is an hour-long narrated tour through Abilene, Kansas, while hearing of its colorful history. Trolley tours will start/finish at the Dickinson County Heritage Center, 412 S Campbell St. (directly east of Eisenhower Museum, 600 feet from parking lot at NE corner of SE 5th St & Buckeye St.).

**Eisenhower Home | 1 hour**
The “Eisenhower Boyhood Home” is a typical 19th-century Midwestern home and provides insight into the early life of President Eisenhower. A tour guide provides information on the history of the Boyhood Home and answers questions about the Home and the Eisenhower family.

**Eisenhower Museum | 1 hour**
The Museum building is circular in traffic pattern, and it takes about one to two hours to cover the 25,000 square feet of exhibit space. Exhibits covering every phase of the life of the 34th President.

Tour Logistics
Tickets for Eisenhower Museum and Eisenhower Home will be distributed to registered conference attendees by conference volunteers stationed at the Museum entrance between 1:00 and 4:00. Trolley Tours will start/finish at Dickinson County Heritage Center; there will be four trolley tours total with start times of 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00.

Parking
Parking for Wednesday tours and reception/keynote is available at the Eisenhower Center. Parking for Thursday sessions is available adjacent to Abilene Civic Center.

Tour Break
A tour break tent will be located at the Dickinson County Heritage Center near the start/finish point of the Trolley Tours. Stop by for a cool drink and snack.
# Wednesday Schedule

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<td>12:00-4:00</td>
<td><strong>Registration &amp; Check-in</strong>&lt;br&gt;Dickinson Co. Heritage Center, 412 S Campbell Street</td>
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<td>The conference registration desk will be at the Dickinson County Heritage Center. All conference attendees should check in here first.</td>
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| 1:00-5:00     | **Historic Preservation Tours**<br>Trolley Tour of Abilene<br>Start at Dickinson County Heritage Center.  
|               | Eisenhower Home<br>Eisenhower Museum<br>Pick up your ticket from a KPA volunteer at the museum entrance. Tickets are good for both venues. |
| 6:00-6:30     | **Reception Gathering at Eisenhower Center**<br>Sponsored by **Treanor Architects**.     |
|               | Meet and greet your preservation colleagues over a refreshing beverage and light hors-d’oeuvres. |
| 6:30-7:30     | **Reception Dinner at Eisenhower Center**                                                |
| 7:30-8:30     | **Keynote Address with Q&A**<br>“The Preservation Trail” presented by Donovan Rypkema   |
|               | Eisenhower Center                                                                       |
| 8:30-10:00    | **Post-Reception Gathering at Three One**<br>311 N. Spruce Street, Abilene<br>Sponsored by **Hernly Associates**. |
|               | Enjoy live music and unwind with conference attendees at this local restaurant/bar, billed as “The Key West of the Midwest”! |

# Thursday Schedule

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<td>7:45-10:30</td>
<td><strong>Check-in/Registration</strong>&lt;br&gt;Abilene Civic Center&lt;br&gt;The conference registration desk will be in the entrance lobby of the Civic Center.</td>
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| 8:15-9:15     | **Welcome & Preservation Updates**<br>Abilene Civic Center<br>Sponsored by **Western Specialty Contractors**.  
|               | City of Abilene: Dee Marshall, Mayor  
|               | Dickinson County Historical Society: Jeff Sheets  
|               | Kansas Preservation Alliance: Christine Johnston, President  
|               | State Historic Preservation Office: Patrick Zollner, Deputy SHPO (NHPA 50th Anniversary)  
|               | Public Affairs Group, Legislative Updates: Terry Humphrey  
|               | Kansas Main Street: Ingrid Pearson                                                      |
| 9:15-10:15    | **“Opera House Culture on the Kansas Frontier”**<br>Abilene Civic Center<br>Sponsored by **Kansas Humanities Council**.  
|               | Jane Rhoads, Kansas Humanities Council · Speakers Bureau  
|               | Frontier Kansas was not a cultural desert, as some tend to assume. Opera houses were home to important community events such as dramatic productions, commencements, and traveling theater performances. Rhoads will discuss how settlers arriving from European countries and the eastern United States brought with them ideas of the cultural life they wanted to establish. |
| 10:15-10:30   | **Break**<br>Sponsored by **Grant Sourk with Kirk & Cobb REALTORS**.                    |
| 10:30-11:30   | **“Historic Structure Reports”**<br>Abilene Civic Center<br>Sponsored by **Rosin Preservation**.  
|               | Julia Manglitz                                                                          |
Understanding the role historic buildings play in the development of a community’s character, Julia works with owners to safeguard their building’s historic integrity while creating functional spaces for contemporary generations.

11:45-1:15
KPA Conference & Sponsor’s Luncheon
Abilene Civic Center
Sponsored by Bartlett & West.
Lunch for all conference attendees, and recognition of KPA Silver Level Sponsors

1:15-2:15
“Historic Surveys”
Abilene Civic Center
Sponsored by Rosin Preservation.
Amanda Loughlin (KSHPO)
In her capacity as survey coordinator, Amanda aids communities and individuals in the identification and documentation of historic resources, which often leads to the nomination of these resources to the National Register. This session focuses on the important role Historic Surveys play in historic preservation planning and will include a Q&A discussion, so come ready to participate.

2:15-3:15
“The Preservation Road – Part 1”
Abilene Civic Center
Sponsored by The Kansas Barn Alliance.
- Nemaha County Temple of Honor, Seneca: Anita Heiman, DarlAnn Rial, and Ray Yunk
- Peace Memorial Auditorium, Manhattan: Dave Fiser and Kathy Dzwaltowski
- Shulthis Stadium, Independence: Mel Borst
- Landmark Water Tower, Manhattan: Donna Schenck-Hamlin
- Docking State Office Building, Topeka: Grant Sourk and Mel Borst

Presentation of successes, near-successes, and non-successes. See and hear the experiences and stories about efforts to save five properties in Kansas. Who are/were the key players wanting to preserve the property? Who are/were the key players not interested in preserving the property? What is/was the timeline of preservation efforts for the property and where is the project currently located on the timeline? After project introductions, a question-and-response format will delve deeper into the preservation processes followed for each property. Become stronger and more prepared advocates for historic preservation by learning from the experiences of peers.

3:15-3:30 – Break

3:30-4:30
“The Preservation Road – Part 2”
Abilene Civic Center
Sponsored by Western Specialty Contractors.
- Nemaha County Temple of Honor, Seneca: Anita Heiman, DarlAnn Rial, and Ray Yunk
- Peace Memorial Auditorium, Manhattan: Dave Fiser and Kathy Dzwaltowski
- Shulthis Stadium, Independence: Mel Borst
- Landmark Water Tower, Manhattan: Donna Schenck-Hamlin
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Continuation of the round-table-discussion of efforts to save five properties in Kansas.

4:30-4:45
Wrap-up
Interactive Q & A with prizes! Overview of conference highlights, drawing insights and connections between the various topics covered.

Nemaha County Temple of Honor, Seneca, KS
Conference Presenters

Mel Borst
Mel Borst became a Kansas Preservation Alliance board member in 2013 as a result of efforts to save the historic Rock Springs Water Wheel Ranch House from demolition. He now serves on KPA’s Endangered Kansas Places Committee to help support the preservation of irreplaceable examples of Kansas heritage.

Kathy Dzewaltowski
Kathy has lived in Manhattan since 1987, and over the years, she has been involved with a number of community causes, particularly efforts to protect and preserve historic structures. She has served on the board of directors of Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance since 2006 and served as president 2010-2014.

Dave Fiser
Dave is a graduate of Kansas State University. He retired after 37 years as VP and Sales Manager for Kansas Farm Bureau and Affiliated Services, served two terms as mayor of Manhattan and as past president of the Manhattan school board. Dave was past chairman of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and is a retired colonel of the United States Army.

Anita Heiman
Anita is president of the Nemaha County Historical Society. She was born in Hollywood, California moved to Nemaha County Kansas during WWII and grew up in the Centralia area. She retired as the Nemaha County Clerk and immediately became involved in the historical preservation in Nemaha County.

Terry Humphrey
After 25 years as an executive director and chief lobbyist, Terry Humphrey formed TERRY HUMPHREY Public Affairs Group in 2009. The firm’s mission is to help organizations manage their public affairs program at every stage of the process. TH Public Affairs also offers association and coalition management services. From 1994 to 2009, Terry served as executive director for the Kansas Association for Justice (formerly the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association). From 1984 to 1994, Terry served as executive director and lobbyist for the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association and RV Council.

Amanda Loughlin
Amanda has worked at the Kansas Historical Society for six years, first as the State Historic Preservation Office’s survey coordinator and currently also as National Register coordinator. In her capacity as survey coordinator, Amanda aids communities and individuals in the identification and documentation of historic resources, which often leads to the nomination of these resources to the National Register.

Julia Manglitz
In addition to her proficiency in holistic historic preservation, Julia specializes in exterior restoration. She has devoted her 17-year architectural career to understanding historic construction methods and materials. Her experience includes all aspects of projects from condition assessments and historic structure reports through design and construction administration. She has participated in conducting a number of historic structure reports, including those for the Turnhalle in Lawrence and the Dillon House in Topeka. Her project experience includes a diverse range of sizes and complexities from the Kansas Statehouse Preservation and Restoration to the condition assessment of the 7th floor of Dyche Hall at the University of Kansas. Julia is a registered architect in Kansas and is actively involved in architecture and historic preservation associations. She has co-presented at conferences such as the ASTM International Symposium on Masonry, the 5th International Congress on Construction History, the Traditional Building Conference, and the Association for Preservation Technology annual conference.

Ingrid Pearson
After the Kansas Commerce Department de-funded the Kansas Main Street program, the Main Street communities of Kansas rallied, and together worked to bring back the program as a private, nonprofit entity. After receiving a generous grant from USDA-Rural Development, KMSI hired Ingrid Pearson as State Coordinator in March of this year. Prior to her move here, Ingrid served as the Main Street manager of Hart,
Michigan. As a native Kansan, she is thrilled to be back in her home state, working with the communities of Kansas Main Street.

**Jane Rhoads**
Jane Rhoads is the author of “Kansas Opera Houses, Actors, and Community Events 1855–1925,” a 2009 Notable Kansas Book. She has traveled the state locating and photographing Kansas’ remaining opera houses and learning about their social and theatrical significance. “Opera House Culture on the Kansas Frontier” is part of the Kansas Humanities Council’s Kansas Stories Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and discussions that examine our shared human experience—our innovations, culture, heritage, and conflicts.

**DarlAnn Rial**
DarlAnn was born and raised in Clark County, Kansas and attended Southwestern college in Winfield, retired to Nemaha County, is an an obsessive creative writer, researching and writing fiction, grants, historic non-fiction, newsletters, and devotional books. She is a passionate supporter of Kansas history, preserving Nemaha County historical artifacts and the restoration of several historic buildings in Northeast Kansas.

**Donovan Rypkema**
Donovan Rypkema is principal of PlaceEconomics, a Washington, D.C.-based real estate and economic development consulting firm. The firm specializes in services to public and nonprofit-sector clients who are dealing with downtown and neighborhood commercial district revitalization and the reuse of historic structures. Donovan’s special fields of consultation include feasibility analyses for real estate development, training in community-based development, economic revitalization of downtowns and neighborhood commercial centers, and the rehabilitation of historic structures.

**Jeff Sheets**
Jeff Sheets is the Director of the Dickinson County Historical Society. For the past 23 years he has been working to preserve the heritage of the county. He also serves on the Abilene Heritage Commission which works to educate the people of Abilene on the importance of preservation. He is also a board member of the International Chisholm Trail Association and had been working to get the Chisholm Trail designated a national historic trail.

**Donna Schenck-Hamlin**
Donna Schenck-Hamlin is currently the co-chair of the Landmark Water Tower Neighborhood Association in Manhattan, Kansas. She was one of the founding members who recognized identification with the historical water tower as a basis for organizing neighbors into association, and has seen the benefits of improved communication and mutual assistance ever since. Donna works at Kansas State University’s Center for Engagement and Community Development as a facilitator for community conversations.

**Grant Sourk**
Grant Sourk has been a residential real estate agent in Topeka for nearly 10 years. He holds both a Bachelor’s Degree in History and a Master’s Degree in Liberal Studies from Washburn University. Grant currently serves as the chairman for the Topeka Landmark’s Commission and co-chairs KPA’s Endangered Properties Committee.

**Ray Yunk, P.E., LEED A.P.**
Ray Yunk, Professor and Department Head, Kansas State University Department of Architectural Engineering and Construction Science. Led a team of students and faculty to assist the Nemaha County Historical Society by developing plans, information, and estimates to be used in preservation efforts for the Seneca Masonic Temple.

**Patrick Zollner**
Patrick is the director of the Cultural Resources Division of the Kansas Historical Society and the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. Zollner has served the Cultural Resources Division since February 2004.
Kansas Preservation Alliance is the nonprofit statewide historic preservation organization providing assistance to Kansas communities seeking to save their cultural landmarks.

Our Mission
Historic preservation is essential to the vitality and development of Kansas communities. The Kansas Preservation Alliance, Inc. is a statewide, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to supporting the preservation of Kansas’ heritage through education, advocacy, cooperation with like-minded individuals and groups, and participation in the preservation of historic structures and places.

Our Vision
The Kansas Preservation Alliance is dedicated to preserving historic places in Kansas. We believe our state’s heritage is one of its greatest assets - a source of pride and an irreplaceable resource for the future.

Our History
The Kansas Preservation Alliance was founded in 1979 by Bernd Foerster and his colleagues Richard Longstreth and Richard Wagner. KPA’s foundation was based on education, information, research and lobbying. That foundation has grown to specifically engage the state of Kansas in education, awareness, lobbying and making connections of like-minded organizations and individuals. The KPA is a nonprofit statewide historic preservation organization providing assistance to Kansas communities seeking to save their cultural landmarks. The nonprofit is funded primarily through membership dues and sponsor support.

Today KPA consists of board members and members. The board members gather from all over the state every three months to make sure the goals of the organization are being met. The KPA’s main programs are the annual Awards for Excellence and Endangered Places. The board continues to move the organization forward by recruiting new board members and making new connections that help bring the necessity for preservation to Kansans everywhere.

Interested in becoming a member, being on the board, being a sponsor or want to volunteer? Send us an inquiry at info@kpalliance.org.

KPA is a 501(c)(3) organization and dues are tax deductible as permitted by law.

Visit the KPA web site at kpalliance.org

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