

Trails, Tales, & Structures:
Stories of Douglas County Heritage



JUNE 24 - 25, 2022
in Baldwin City, Kansas

COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

To ensure the safety and inclusivity of everyone at this conference, all speakers, attendees, and volunteers are asked to uphold community agreements that will help ensure this space is welcoming to all. To do this, we ask that you please:

- respect the identity, names, and pronouns of everyone at the event. If you're unsure of the correct pronunciation of names, correct pronouns or appropriate language to use, ask politely
- honor timed discussion and question limits
- share the space and encourage others to share their views and experiences
- avoid assumptions
- understand that any form of harassment or discrimination will not be tolerated
- respect the diversity of languages, cultures, opinions, and knowledges

If you have concerns or if you need assistance throughout the conference, please call 785-813-1354.

Any person who has experienced a verbal threat or any physical assault should contact law enforcement officials immediately.

Conference Accessibility & Inclusivity

- Panel sessions at the Rice Auditorium at Baker University will be accessible to patrons with disabilities.
- A lactation room will be available at the Rice Auditorium on Saturday June 25th.
- Panel session recordings with captions and links to oral histories will be made available on the Heritage Conservation website after the conference.
- An all-gender restroom is available at the Baldwin City Public Library and Parmenter Hall at Baker University.
- If you need access to conference content in a different format, please contact the Heritage Conservation office: 785-330-2878 or kstanley@douglascountyks.org

WELCOME

Guests of the Trails, Tales, & Structures
Douglas County Preservation Conference!

The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council is grateful for your company as you join us in learning and sharing about local natural and cultural conservation efforts. The incredible line up of speakers at this weekend's events will barely be able to scratch the surface of the variety of preservation topics that are vital for our community to not only be aware of, but to actively engage in understanding, uplifting, and preserving.

Together, we will learn about how human landscape interactions shape local heritage stories of immigrant populations, Indigenous communities, and environmental conservation groups. We will hear from local craftspeople and historic structure preservation enthusiasts about which projects we can undertake ourselves and how to utilize tax credits in home repair projects. We will visit sites that combine efforts to conserve both the historical and ecological context of place. We will hear local oral histories and learn a variety of ways that we can all participate in ethically recording and sharing the heritage of Douglas County.

As you can see, the work ahead of us - to preserve our natural and cultural heritage for future generations - reaches each corner of every building, is contained within the water that travels through the creeks and rivers, and is a part of every person in our entire community. We can all participate in shaping the heritage stories of Douglas County!

This conference would not be possible without the generous support from our sponsors, the incredibly talented speakers, and a dedicated group of volunteers. Thank you for your time, energy, and willingness to share.

We appreciate all of you for joining us in this weekend of learning,



VOLUNTEERS @ BLACK JACK NATURE PARK

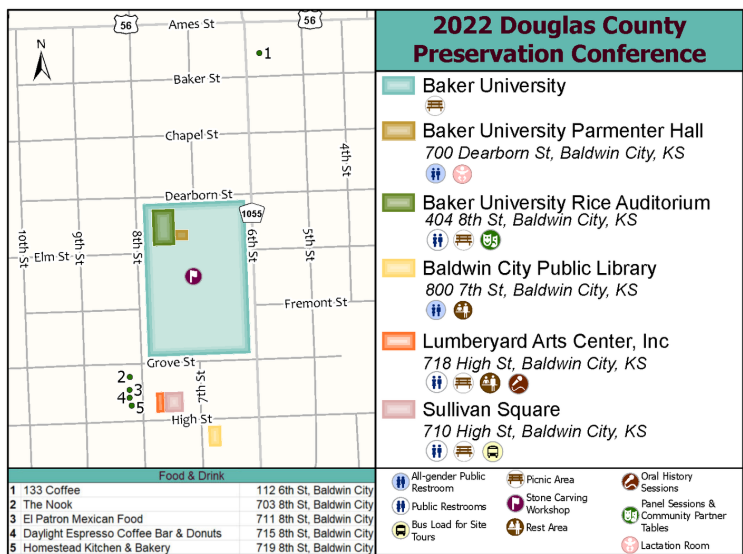
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Trucano Muller, Nicholas
Pumphrey, Patti Beedles,
Lindsay Crick, Roger Boyd,
Mike Delaney, and HCC
Coordinator Kaitlin
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Help Reduce Conference Waste

Please help yourself to light refreshments, water, and coffee at the conference sites. In an effort to reduce our waste, please bring your own reusable water bottle and hot beverage container!



Hours of Operation for Baldwin City Public Library:

Friday, June 24- 10am to 5pm

Saturday, June 25- 10am-2pm

Need to cool down a bit on these hot days?
This pamphlet can be used as a hand fan!



Excessive heat may be dangerous. Seek out air conditioned buildings, stay hydrated, and avoid being outside during the hottest part of the day. Site tours are weather dependent and may be canceled.

FRIDAY JUNE 24TH

AGENDA

*Buses load at 7th & High St. Tours repeat throughout the day.
Register for your spot on the bus to visit Black Jack Battlefield &
Nature Park, Santa Fe Trail, and/or Prairie City Cemetery.*

10:00-11:30am Rotating Site Tours

11:30am-1:00pm Lunch- On Your Own

1:00-2:30pm Rotating Site Tours

3:00-4:30pm Rotating Site Tours

4:30pm Social Event @ Lumberyard Arts Center

BLACK JACK BATTLEFIELD & NATURE PARK

Black Jack Battlefield & Nature Park is home to the first armed battle of the Civil War & the Pearson farmhouse, the site also includes a 40-acre nature park. The landscape consists of streams, riparian woodlands, wetlands, & upland prairie. Grassland Heritage Foundation & Native Lands LLC have worked to continue earlier efforts of the Black Jack Battlefield Trust in restoring portions of the park to more accurately reflect how the site would have appeared in the mid-1800s through a community-driven prairie restoration project. Easy-to-hike nature trails meander through woodlands that grow along two natural springs on the land. These springs feed two creeks which converge at the battle site. This site connects the cultural & natural heritage of Douglas County. This tour will be led by Kaitlyn Ammerlaan, Courtney Masterson, Johnathan Hart and Kerry Altenbernd.

PRAIRIE CITY CEMETERY

Prairie City Cemetery was established in 1855. The first burial occurred in 1856 and the cemetery continues to be used today. Pioneers of Kansas Territory, participants in the events of Bleeding Kansas, builders of Baker University, Prairie City, and Baldwin City are all resting here. A wide variety of grave markers can be seen from the simple wooden marker to the fancy marble tower. Come tour this beautiful old cemetery and learn its history. A tombstone cleaning demonstration will be performed. Information regarding the completion of a Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire (PSIQ) for the Kansas Historical Society – used to evaluate the Historic Register Eligibility of a site – will be provided. Marta Jardon and John Jackson will lead this tour.



WAGON RUTS @ IVAN BOYD PRAIRIE

SANTA FE TRAIL

"Through the Narrows" is a tour of portions of the Santa Fe Trail in Douglas County, including Black Jack, Palmyra, Coal Creek, Vinland, Hickory Point, Brooklyn, and Willow Springs. This tour will examine the critical role that topography, and specifically "The Narrows," played in determining the route of the Santa Fe Trail through Douglas County from Black Jack Crossing to Willow Springs and the pattern of settlement along the way.

FRIDAY
JUNE 24TH

FOOD & DRINK

As this conference event is free of admission fees, lunch will not be provided. We ask that you support the local restaurants of Baldwin City or bring your own lunch to this event. There are several indoor and outdoor picnic area options (see map) to eat your food with your conference peers!

Light refreshments will be provided throughout the weekend. Water coolers will be present at all site tour stations and sessions. Please bring your reusable containers to fill up!



Friday Social at Lumberyard Arts Center

The Whole 9 Yards brings fresh homemade items to your table and can accommodate any cuisine and event size. Owner, Donna Beecham, is also available to help with event planning. Donna is passionate about bringing people spectacular food and will bend over backwards to help with special requests.

The Baldwin City Beer Co. will soon be open to the public at 520 High St.! Attendees at the social event get to preview their beer selection in anticipation of their opening.

SATURDAY JUNE 25TH

AGENDA

Panel Discussions at Rice Auditorium on Baker University Campus

9:00-10:00am Welcoming Remarks

10:00-11:00am Land & Heritage

11:15am-12:15pm DIY or Hire

12:30-1:30pm Lunch

1:45-2:45pm Recording & Sharing Heritage Stories

3:00-4:00pm Tax Credit Workshop for Property Owners

Ongoing Sessions Oral History Showcase @ the Lumberyard
Stone Carving @ Ebright Courtyard



WELCOMING REMARKS by State Representative Christina Haswood, Douglas County Commissioner Shannon Reid, Marta Jardon of the Baldwin City Main Street Team, Jamee Fiore of the State Historic Preservation Office, and Heritage Conservation Council Chair Amy Van de Riet.

LAND & HERITAGE PANEL moderated by Jenny Trucano Muller of the Nature Conservancy and Vice Chair of the HCC. Panelists include Araceli Masterson of Somos Lawrence, Jay Johnson of the In 'zhúje 'waxóbe project, and Kelly Kindscher of the Kansas Land Trust.

DIY OR HIRE moderated by Patrick Watkins of the Lawrence Preservation Alliance. With panelists Dorian Heironimus of Fine Home Restoration, Billy Price of Billy Construction, Inc., and Landon Harness of Form and Function.

RECORDING & SHARING HERITAGE STORIES moderated by Holly Zane of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Areas. Panelists include local genealogist Alisa Branham, Alex Kimball Williams of BLACK Lawrence, and Jancita Warrington of Indigenous-Kwe.

TAX CREDIT WORKSHOPS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS discussion with Mike Delaney of the Heritage Conservation Council, Kirsten Johnston of the State Historic Preservation Office, and Brenda Spencer of Spencer Preservation.

ORAL HISTORY SHOWCASE including stories from the In 'zhúje 'waxóbe project, Haskell Indian Nations University Cultural Center, WWII memories, and La Yarda. At the Lumberyard Arts Center.

STONE CARVING WORKSHOP with stone mason, Karl Ramberg, at the Ebright Courtyard on Baker University Campus.



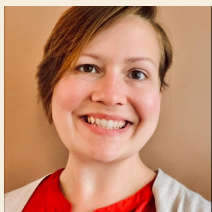
Kerry Altenbernd is from Douglas County. He is a retired librarian, and a first-person interpreter of the abolitionist John Brown. He has worked for many years to protect the Black Jack Battlefield. He is active in the Guardians of Grover Barn, the Lawrence Branch NAACP, and the Old Sacramento Cannoneers Association.



Kaitlyn Ammerlaan is the Program Director and Preserve Manager for Grassland Heritage Foundation (GHF), a nonprofit dedicated to protecting prairie in Eastern Kansas through education, stewardship, and land protection. Kaitlyn leads GHF's educational programming, organizes community projects, and hosts plant sale fundraisers.



Mike Delaney is a retired partner at the Spencer Fane LLC law firm. Since 2014, Mike has been teaching courses in Labor Law at the KU Law School and has become active in the local historic preservation community. He is a member of the Heritage Conservation Council, Douglas County Historical Society, Lawrence Preservation Alliance, and Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.



Jamee Fiore is an architectural historian with the Kansas Historical Society. Jamee administers the National and State Registers of Historic Places programs and the building survey program. Her background is in art, architectural history, historic preservation, and cultural routes and landscapes.



Landon Harness is the owner and operator of Form & Function, a homebuilding and contracting business in Lawrence. Landon has overseen a wide range of repair, renovation, and new build construction projects. Recently, Landon completed multiple historic tax credit rehabilitation projects in the Downtown Lawrence and Old West Lawrence Historic Districts.



Johnathan Hart has a PhD in history and currently serves as the Executive Director of Black Jack Battlefield Trust. He is also a fellow of the Center for Kansas Studies.



Representative Christina Haswood represents KS House District 10. Rep. Haswood is Dine' (Navajo), grew up in District 10, and her higher education journey began at Haskell Indian Nations University. Rep. Haswood currently sits on the committees of Federal and State Affairs, Health & Human Services, Agriculture, and is the ranking minority on the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations.



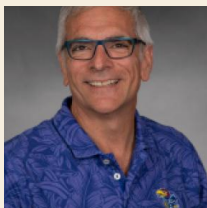
Dorian Heironimus is the owner of Fine Home Restoration in Lawrence which offers interior/exterior remodeling, maintenance, and rehabilitation. Dorian is a craftsman and Historic Residential Restoration Contractor. Dorian was formerly a social worker and housing legal counselor.



John Jackson is from Kansas, and he traces his family's Kansas history to the Territorial period and the towns of Black Jack, Lanesfield, and Prairie City. He has been the President of the Prairie City Cemetery Association (PCCA) since 2005 but has cared for the grounds since childhood. His family members are buried here.



Marta Jardon attended Baker University and became passionate about the local history while there. Her husband's family traces its Kansas roots to the Territorial days of Prairie City. She collects family and local history. She is a member of the Prairie City Cemetery Association (PCCA), Santa Fe Trail Historical Society of Douglas County (SFTHS), and the Baldwin City Main Street Program.



Jay Johnson is Associate Chair of the Department of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Kansas. Jay's research interests concern the broad area of Indigenous peoples' cultural survival. Jay is also the director of the Center for Indigenous Research, Science, and Technology and co-leader of the In 'zhúje 'waxóbe project.



Kristen Johnston is the Historic Tax Credit Specialist with the Kansas Historic Preservation Office at the Kansas Historical Society. She conducts reviews and works with property owners utilizing both the Federal and State Rehabilitation Tax Credit Programs. Kristen has worked at the Historical Society since 2003.



Alex Kimball Williams is a multicultural activist (artist + activist). Focuses of their work include ethnopoliitics, medical activism, and natural sciences. They co-founded Sanctuary Alliance & B.L.A.C.K. Lawrence (Black Literature & Arts Collective of Kansas), perform Indigenous dance music (NDM) under the name Bad Alaskan and work on several creative projects exploring local narratives and histories.



Kelly Kindscher is a passionate advocate for native plants and landscapes and wild places. Kelly is a conservationist, teacher, author, and mentor. He is a professor at KU in the Environmental Studies program, a plant ecologist at the KS Biological Survey, and a co-founder of the Kansas Land Trust.



Araceli Masterson-Algar is Associate Professor in the Department of American Studies at the University of Kansas. Her research addresses human mobility, urban cultural studies, and social movements with a focus on the grounded experiences of migrant communities. She is a founding member of 'Somos Lawrence.'



Courtney Masterson is the Owner-Operator and Ecologist of Native Lands LLC, an ecological restoration and native landscaping company based out of Lawrence, Kansas. She provides land stewardship training and native plant education to diverse groups, from pre-school to adult ages. Community education and outreach is at the core of Native Lands LLC's work.



Alisa Palmer Branham is a native Kansan and a graduate of KU (BFA and MA in Art History). With her late husband, Richard, she taught genealogy classes at the Watkins Museum of History for several years. Alisa recently retired from KU and has started to write her family history, focusing first on her grandmothers.



Billy Price was born in Lawrence and went to middle and high school in Kansas City. Billy graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from KU in 2001 and worked as an engineer for KDOT until Billy Construction was started in 2004. Billy Construction continues to design and build all types of projects.



Karl Ramberg has been a stone worker in Lawrence for 40 years including landscape stone work, restoration of stone structures and stone carving. He has worked on the state capital, the "The Davis Memorial " in Hiawatha, and replicas of the stone grotesques at the Dyche Museum. Finding how stones relate to architecture past and present is his guiding approach.



Shannon Reid represents the 2nd District and is Chair of the Douglas County Commission. She is a lifelong Lawrence townie, has pursued a career in social justice advocacy work, and is passionate about equity and social responsibility.



Brenda Spencer has worked in the field of historic preservation and downtown revitalization for 35 years. In 1994, she founded her own firm where she specializes in comprehensive historic preservation consulting services for cities, downtowns, and buildings across Kansas and the region. Projects include federal and state tax credits.



Jenny Trucano Muller serves as the Vice Chair of the Heritage Conservation Council. Jenny works for The Nature Conservancy and has dedicated her career to inspiring people to protect nature. She is passionate about the HCC's work to help people enhance and enjoy the county's landscapes.



Amy Van de Riet is the Chair of the Heritage Conservation Council and is a licensed architect in Kansas. In 2016, she began teaching adjunct at the University of Kansas School of Architecture and Design and teaches a course in the Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation program.



Jancita Warrington is from Menominee Nation on her father's side and Potawatomi and Ho-Chunk Nations on her mother's side. She has pursued a career in Tribal Law and Policy and Cultural Preservation Management. Jancita is currently the Executive Director of Native American Affairs for the State of Kansas, and she owns the consulting company Indigenous KWE.



Patrick Watkins is a licensed attorney practicing in Lawrence. His practice is partially dedicated to historic tax credit preservation projects. He is currently overseeing two historic home remodels near downtown Lawrence. In his spare time, you can find him in East Lawrence with his wife, Kirsten, and two children, Addison and Owen.



Holly R. Zane is Associate Director of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. She has a law degree, extensive administrative experience, and passion for equity and heritage stories. Holly grew up in Kansas. She is Wyandot elder (Bear Clan) and has served as her tribe's attorney general. Her tribal name is Wakqresatáhta? (Wa-kohn-re-sa-TAH-ta) – She Who Extends Her Paw.

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