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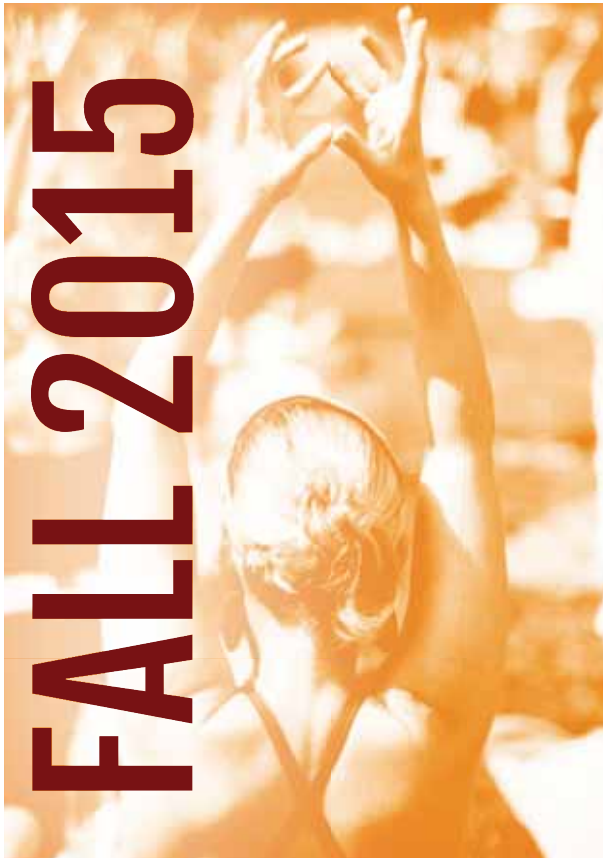
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FREE
Holland
Lecture Series

Your Voting Rights 50 Years After Selma

DALE HO *Director of ACLU's
Voting Rights Project*

The New York Times recently reported that activists have systematically dismantled almost all of the protections in the Voting Rights Act of 1965. **Dale Ho** leads the ACLU's fight to maintain the Act which guarantees every voter's right to participate.



Mr. Ho supervises voting rights litigation nationwide with active cases in over a dozen states in every region of the country. As the 2016 elections approach, hear how some try to use registration, redistricting, limiting early voting and voter IDs to restrict voter participation and what is being done about it.

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LECTURE DATE:
**THURSDAY,
SEPT. 24**

7:30 PM

Holland Performing Arts Center
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<http://www.restorationexchange.org/resources/online-resource-directory-signup/>

Restoration Exchange Omaha's goal is to provide a one-stop local online resource filled with products, services and resources to help in restoring older properties. The place to find local plumbers, masons, roofers, electricians, plasterers, woodworkers, window repairers, architects and others who have experience working on older homes and buildings. And a place with links to products and "how-to" guides for home and building owners as they work to restore their older property.

A review committee will convene on a regular basis in order to review new submittals and the ongoing performance of current listings.

Restoration Exchange receives calls daily for recommendations. We can't recommend people if we don't know about them. This is a great way for business to promote themselves for FREE by signing up. If you have used someone in the past who you have loved, please encourage them to sign-up for the online directory by sending them the above link.



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More community events, resources. Back issues of the Midtown Monitor
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Hanscom Park Neighborhood Tour

Sunday, October 4, 2015
Noon to 5 p.m.

Featuring a mix of homes, churches and buildings ranging from early 20th Century four squares to 1950s Mid-Century Modern properties to tour. Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$20 or \$10 each and 2 for \$15 for Restoration Exchange Omaha (REO) members. Save even more by becoming a 2016 member of REO and your ticket is FREE. Purchase tickets in advance at www.restorationexchange.org or on the day of the tour at the Center Mall, 42nd and Center Streets. On the day of the event, check in on the east side of the Mall to get your tour booklet and choose to walk, drive or take a free shuttle to the locations. All proceeds support REO education and advocacy activities.

The tour is sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, Omaha Chapter and is made possible by a grant from the Midtown Neighborhood Alliance. All proceeds benefit Restoration Exchange Omaha's work to preserve this areas historic properties.

Notable Upcoming Events

Midtown Crossing - Concerts, workouts, car shows and more. Check out their ad on page 2.

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Thursday, September 24 7:30 PM
Holland Performing Arts Center

Farnam Festival September 12th- 5 pm - 11:30 pm,
Beer garden, music and more.

Hanscom Park Neighbor Tour, Sunday October 4th,
Noon to 5 pm. Register at Center Mall, East side of mall.

Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish, Annual Fall Festival,
Sunday, September 27th from 12:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Aksarben Village – Stinson Park September 26-27
ARTsarben Art Festival 10am – 5pm

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The Eclectic Book Review Club

in its 66th season, begins its fall series of reviews on September 15 at the Omaha Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Avenue. A noon lunch will be followed by the 12:30 review.



Sept.15 – Omaha author Summer Miller reviews her book “Prairie Kitchen.”

Oct. 20 – Emily Getzchman from Omaha Public Library will review “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr.

Nov.17 – Author Alex Kava will review her latest book “Silent Creed.”

The cost of the luncheon is \$13. For reservations, which must be made by the Monday prior to the event, please call Rita at 402-553-3147.

2015 REEL TO REAL

Sustainability Film Festival
presents A Film by Robert Kenner
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From the Director of "Food, Inc."

Wednesday, September 23 Aksarben Cinema
5:30 pm Social Hour ~ 6:45 pm Panel Discussion &
Movie

Brought to you by Green Omaha Coalition and
Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light

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/Calendar Listings
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Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Fall Festival Sunday, September 27th

Our Lady of Lourdes' parish is holding its
annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 27th from
12:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Raffle prizes ranging from \$5,000 to \$500, a
huge silent auction, live music all day including Polka
Joy and The George Heaston Experience, beer gardens,
Stoysich sausages, homemade tacos & enchiladas,
games, rides, and much more.

Don't miss this traditional Omaha festival – it's
fun for the whole family. The parish is located at 32nd
Ave. and Ed Creighton Blvd. (4 blocks west of the I-
480 Martha St. exit)

Contact: Colleen Ruvalcaba, cell 402-960-2216

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"\$110,000 "	1011 N 50 Street	3	1	1	1.5 Story	"1,160"
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"\$115,000 "	5145 Woolworth	2	2	1	RRanch	"1,932"
"\$115,000 "	5167 Pierce Street	3	1	1	1.5 Story	"1,485"
"\$130,000 "	833 S 49 Avenue	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,522"
"\$132,000 "	1706 S 58 Street	3	2	1	Mlti-Lvl	"1,342"
"\$137,000 "	2131 S 62 Street	3	2	1	Ranch	"1,315"
"\$139,900 "	5017 Hamilton St	2	2	1	R Ranch	"1,380"
"\$140,000 "	6328 William St	2	1	1	R Ranch	"1,096"
"\$140,000 "	409 S 48 Avenue	2	2	1	2 Story	"1,806"
"\$143,000 "	5817 Hickory St	3	2	2	1.5 Story	"1,615"
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"\$265,000 "	5145 Franklin St	3	2	1	2 Story	"2,130"
"\$312,500 "	306 S 54 Street	5	3	2	2.5 Story	"2,410"
"\$314,000 "	5448 Western Ave	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"2,378"
"\$365,000 "	6710 Howard St	4	5	3	2 Story	"4,234"
"\$513,000 "	415 N 61 Street	3	4	1	2 Story	"3,182"
"\$670,000 "	665 N 57 Street	5	5	2	2.5 Story	"3,383"

Our thanks to Raquel Ahlvers, The Ahlvers Group,
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Holland Performing Arts Center

FREE tickets for this reserved
seating event will be available
Monday, August 24 at Ticket
Omaha.

Dale Ho supervises the ACLU's
voting rights litigation nationwide,
with active cases in over a dozen
states in every region of the coun-
try. He defends our most fundamental right by combat-
ing voter suppression and by opening opportunities for
participation for the historically disenfranchised.

Prior to joining the ACLU, Mr. Ho, a gradu-
ate of Princeton and Yale Law School, was assistant
counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense fund.

As the 2016 elections approach, come and hear
about the state of voting rights, redistricting and the
continuing effort to block voter registration.



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Attic Renovations

By David Holtzclaw of Transduction Technologies

As the calendar turns to fall, many midtown homeowners turn to attic renovations. Whether it's for an extra bedroom, quiet study, or just more space, most midtown homes have finished (or renovated) attic spaces. Unfortunately, adequately air sealing and insulating attic dormers is quite difficult. So what we find are renovated attics where the thermal boundary (i.e. insulation) was not changed, and air sealing was non-existent. Huge mistake! To solve this problem, most contractors will add a separate HVAC system for the attic, which 95% of the time is oversized. In last month's Midtown Monitor, I talked about why it is importance to correctly sizing HVAC equipment. Even worse, the new HVAC equipment is put in unconditioned space, which is about as productive as placing your bathtub outside.

The best way to finish an attic space is an encapsulated attic. As it sounds, an encapsulated attic is simply moving your home's thermal boundary from the attic floor and attic kneewalls to the roof rafters, so the WHOLE attic is now inside the thermal boundary, or inside conditioned space. Often, the easiest way to accomplish this is to remove all the drywall and plaster down to the roof rafters and underside of the roof decking. Yes, this is a messy job and will probably require a dumpster and potentially a professional asbestos remover if you have vermiculite insulation. Before adding insulation, check the roof decking and rafters for signs of moisture, mold, or other potential issues. Secondly, depending on size, run, etc. you might need to add additional roof rafters or "wider" (2x6-2x10) rafters, and sewer and bathroom vents if you plan on adding a bathroom. If adding a bedroom, an egress window will also be required. Finally,

if your attic still has "knob-and-tube" electrical wiring, I strongly recommend upgrading the electrical wiring as well.

Once all design issues are considered, the attic is typically encapsulated by adding close-cell spray foam insulation right to the roof rafters and decking. The advantage of close-cell spray foam insulation is it can serve as an air, vapor, and thermal boundary. Do not use open-cell spray foam insulation as it can lead to the trapping of moisture inside your roof assembly. Also, check with your roofer to make sure that encapsulating the attic doesn't void your roof single warranty or if you have a vapor retarder on top of your roof decking.

Since spray foam insulation is a potential fire hazard, you will need to install an "ignition barrier" over the spray foam insulation on the interior side. Drywall is typically acceptable. For heating and cooling attic space, I strongly recommend a ductless mini-split heat pump, which is similar to the heating and cooling units found in hotel rooms. These systems are incredibly efficient, cost effective, and come in a wide range of sizes and styles. Since the attic is now "unvented" don't forget to seal up the air vents in the attic soffets.

By now, your head is probably hurting as your "simple attic renovation" has now turned into a much bigger project. Good, because renovating an attic IS a major project, and requires several different professional contractors. My advice – spend the money and do it right the first time.

2015 Farmers Markets

Omaha Farmers Market - Aksarben Village

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Sunday 9am–1 pm May 3–October 18

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Saturday 8am–1pm
May 2–September



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Friday 4pm–8pm May 29th–September

Omaha Farmers Market - Old Market

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Midtown Galleries & Theaters

Modern Artists Midtown (MAM)

3615 Dodge St. 402-520-8737

www.modernartsmidtown.com

Gallery hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
September 4 to 26

New works by Chris Cassimatis

Opening reception, Friday, September 4th, 6 to 8 p.m.

Cathedral Arts Project, Sunderland Gallery

3900 Webster St. 402-551-4888

www.cathedralartsproject.org

Gallery hours: Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
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through May 29

Connect Gallery

3901 Leavenworth St.

402-991-8234 www.connectgallery.net

Gallery hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
September 2 to October 3

“Sculpture as Furniture as Sculpture” — Tom Sitzman

Artist reception, Saturday, September 19, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Anderson O'Brien Fine Art Old Market

1108 Jackson Street 402-884-0911

www.aobfineart.com

Gallery hours: Monday to Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5:30
p.m., Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 12
p.m. to 4 p.m.

September 11 to October 4

“Hoping for Infinity” — Paintings by Lisa Tubach

Opening reception to meet nationally acclaimed Nebraska
artist, Lisa Tubach: Friday, Sept 11th 5:00 – 8:00pm

Her responds to critical issues of ecological concern:

unchecked chemical
use, species invasion,
ocean health, migration
interruption and dis-
ease. “Hoping for
Infinity” will showcase
paintings that respond
directly to her research
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Cape Eleuthera
Institute in the
Bahamas.



Omaha Community Playhouse

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Howard Drew Theater

Mauritius—August 14 to September 13

Mauritius is a fast-paced dark comedy of the thrilling world
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death, differing views on what to do with the stamps lead
them to risky situations with nefarious characters. Propelled
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Hawks Mainstage Theater

Man of La Mancha—September 18 to October 18

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of a play he has written. Cervantes transports the prisoners to
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Next production in October.

SNAP Productions

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In the Bones—August 20 to September 13

When a soldier home from serving in Afghanistan ends his
life, grief settles over his family and the partner he leaves
behind. In a series of scenes moving ahead a year at a time,
loss transforms a family and sorrow finds a home in the
bones of those left behind.

Blue Barn Theatre

614 S. 11th St.

The Grown-Up—September 24 to October 18

The play is a magical ride through time and space that serves
as an extended metaphor for the power of imagination and
storytelling. Through the life of protagonist Kai, it examines
lifelong searches for lost family members, regret and medita-
tions on the fleeting nature of our mortality.

Rose Theater

2001 Farnam Street

The Rose’s Teens ‘N’ Theater season opener Zink: The
Myth, The Legend, The Zebra,

September 10-13 on The Rose’s Hitchcock Stage. An
imaginary Zebra helps a young girl come to grips with her
terminal cancer. (more info on page 9)

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Zink: The Myth, The Legend, The Zebra will be presented on Sept 10 (7 pm), Sept 12 (7 pm) & 13 (4:30 pm) in The Rose's Hitchcock Theater, 2001 Farnam Street.

An imaginary Zebra helps a young girl come to grips with her terminal cancer in The Rose's Teens 'N' Theater season opener Zink: The Myth, The Legend, The Zebra, September 10-13 on The Rose's Hitchcock Stage.

This opportunity is for high school seniors who plan to study theater in college. It gives high school students valuable hands-on experience as they contribute to a variety of artistic, educational, and administrative projects. In all, the interns will log more than 150 volunteer hours at the theater during the year-long program.

Tickets are \$6 for all shows and may be purchased by calling The Rose Box Office at (402) 345-4849 or at the door the day of the show. Teens may join us for FREE for the show on September 10th.

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Gouttierre is retiring from public service after a 41 year career. The Director of UNO's Center for Afghanistan Studies and Dean of International Studies helped put the University of Nebraska at Omaha on the map. Tom will reflect on his career at UNO and his role in two wars-the Cold War and the War on Terror. Don't miss this exceptional forum.

Thursday September 17, 2015
12 noon to one p.m. \$15.00 per person includes lunch
Lunch is served beginning at 11:30
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3114 Harney Street All are welcome
For more info visit. www.firstuoumaha.org

The Tolerant Atheist Group plans to start fall programming at its October 8 meeting by showing and discussing the first of four films about "The History of Free Thought in America". The series will continue on the second Thursday of each month through January. Doors open at 6:00 for BYODinner and conversation. Meeting at 7:00. Everyone is welcome.

Exploring Humanistic Perspectives in Literature

With Ron Knapp
Tuesday, September 22 – 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Common Room LIVING IN OUR BEETHOVEN

Beginning with a marvelous film with the Egmont Overture on the sound tract, the program will continue with readings, among others, from Romain Rolland, Edna St. Vincent Millay and Rita Dove.

Exploring Humanistic Perspectives In Literature sessions brings together Unitarian humanists, secular humanists and others interested in exploring literature. The sessions take place in an informal coffee house atmosphere, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with a new topic and with volunteer readers and time for discussion. Park in the church parking lot, enter through the side door, go down stairs to the common room. Open to the public. Come and have a good time with literature!

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Sunday, October 4, 2015 • Noon to 5 p.m.



TICKETS: \$15 or 2 for \$25

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Tickets available on the day of the tour on the east side of the Center Street Mall at 42nd and Center Streets or online at www.restorationexchange.org

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Hanscom Park Tour

List of Sites on Tour

The Center Mall - Registration

9 Historic Homes and 2 Churches

3801 Frances St. Ruben and Taylor Gomez
 2101 S 38th Street Dave Larson
 3928 Martha Street Lynn Giordano
 3818 Castelar Street Dave and Cindy Johnson
 1922 S. 33rd St. Timothy and Barb Fulbright

2202 Hanscom Blvd. The Heaston Home
 2216 Hanscom Blvd. Jim and Maglia Clements
 2330 S. 32nd Ave. Royce and Karla Gomez
 2324 S. 35th St. Kim and Jeremy Howe

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
 2110 S. 32nd. Ave.

St. Aldalberts Catholic Church
 2617 S 31st

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Our Lady of Lourdes

Annual Fall Festival

Sunday, September 27th 12:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Raffle prizes, a huge silent auction, live music all day, beer gardens, great food, games, rides, and much more.

Fun for the whole family!

The parish is located at 32nd Ave. and Martha St.
ollomaha.com/fallfestival

