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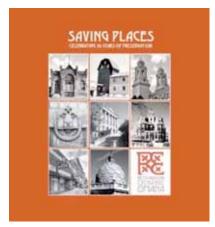


## **Exhibit Shows Landmark Wins**

Running now through June 12 at The Durham Museum is Saving Places: 50 years of Preservation Success Stories.

The Preservation movement turned 50 this year. In 1966 Congress passed the National Historic Preservation Act, leading to the formation of the National Trust for Historic Preservation organization.

But Omaha had a one-year head start. In 1965 our predecessor, Landmarks Inc., started an effort to save the old Post office at 16th and Dodge Streets. It was not successful, but the organization went on to save many of Omaha's architectural treasures, including the Kutak Rock Building and The Rose Theater.



To celebrate, Restoration Exchange has partnered with The Durham to present 50 years of preservation success stories.

Along with highlighting images of buildings saved and the history of the preservation movement in Omaha, we will bring in Jim Lindberg, senior director, Preservation Green Lab at National Trust for Historic Preservation. Lindberg will discuss preservation's tie to sustainability and urban renewal at an event on Tuesday, May 31. Omaha Stay tuned for all of the details.

# Restoration Exhange Celebrates Preservation Month

with these events:

May 13, 5 P.M. Vinton Street Walking Tour

May 20, 5 P.M. North 24th Street Walking Tour

May 25, 4-7 P. M. 3708 Farnam Street Omaha Gives! Celebration at the Storz Mansion

May 31, 6:30 P.M. Old Buildings, Sustainable Communities: Historic Preservation for the Next 50 Years.

For more info on these events and more... go to restoration exchange.org



## **2016 Farmers Markets**



Omaha Farmers Market - Aksarben Village 67th & Center St. 402.345.5401 Sunday 9am-1 pm May 8-October 16

Benson- Military Ave. at new location Omaha Home For Boys

Saturday 8am-1pm May -September

**Gifford Park Neighborhood** 33rd & California St. 402.558.4070 Friday 4pm–8pm May 27th–September

Omaha Farmers Market - Old Market 11th & Jackson St. 402.345.5401 Saturday 8am-12:30pm May 7-October 15



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## Omaha Chamber Music Society's Summer Concert Series

#### Amy Sims to kick off Summer Concert Series

Amy Sims, former Omaha Symphony Concertmaster, will make a return visit to Omaha to join past colleagues for the opening concert of the Omaha Chamber Music Society's Summer Concert Series. She will be featured on the opening concert.

The four concerts will take place every Sunday in June, at 3 p.m., at Midtown's First Central Congregational Church. A pre-concert talk, starting 2:40 p.m., will get each concert underway.

In its 15th annual series, the Omaha Chamber Music Society will continue the time-honored practice of presenting a variety of favorite composers and performers. An outline of the schedule follows:

June 5 – Brandenburg: J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto Number V will be complemented by Astor Piazzolla's new tango;

June 12 – Dance with Mother Goose: Ravel's much loved Mother Goose Suite will be joined by traditional dance forms, all arranged for wind instruments and harp;

June 19 – Piano Pizzazz: Omaha favorites Christi Zuniga, Anne Nagosky and Greg Clinton will perform powerful piano trios by three great composers – Beethoven, Faure and Rachmaninoff;



Amy Sims

June 26 – Happy Birthday, Sergei: The series will close with a celebration of the 125th anniversary of Sergei Prokofiev's. The concert will present string quartets by Prokofiev and Stravinsky.

This year marks the fifth summer for the series in the comfortable sanctuary of First Central Congregational Church, 36 th and Harney Sts. The location provides free parking across the street.

Ticket information is available at omahachambermusic.org or at 402.960.6943.



## **Notable Upcoming Events**

## Dundee Memorial Park Association Garage Sale weekend

Friday May 13 to Sunday May 15.

## Aksarben Elmwood Park Neighborhood Annual Garage Sale

The garage sale will be held on June 2-4, 2016.

Omaha Gives will be on Wednesday May 25 this year. Organized and operated by the Omaha Community Foundation, last year over 20,000 people and \$9 million were raised through this grass-roots, online, one-day effort. Go to omahagives24.org to donate to your favorite non-profit organization

**Dundee Day August 27th** - A full day of fun for the whole family.

**Standing Bear Commeration May 12th** 

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## **Publishers Note: OOPHS!**

The by line was accidentally left off the article in last months newsletter- "Increasing Omaha's Recycling" it was written by Craig Moody, Verdis Group

## **Standing Bear Commemoration**

On Thursday May 12, the Douglas County Historical Society will tell the story of Ponca Chief Standing Bear and present a lesser known story of the Indian Congress and the 1898 Omaha World's Fair – the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. The free public event will begin at the General Crook House Museum at 5:30 p.m. and will feature a performance by the Many Moccasins Dance Troupe, a Native American prayer ceremony led by a descendant of Standing Bear, and Native American inspired food and refreshments. The General Crook House Museum is located at Building 11 on the Metropolitan Community College Campus at Historic Fort Omaha. Signs will direct visitors.

The event will then move to the Swanson Conference Center, also on the Metropolitan Community College Campus at Fort Omaha, where attendees will have the opportunity to view artifacts and 1898 Indian Congress portraits of Native Americans from the exposition's official photographer, Frank A. Rinehart. The evening will include music by Michael Murphy, a Native American honor song, and a staged reading entitled "White Man's Words Through Indian Eyes." The reading will focus on the portrayal of Native Americans in the 19th Century Omaha press. A Native American will be the featured narrator and contrast his memories of specific events with the reports of the editors of Omaha's two leading newspapers of the time. A panel discussion will follow.

The 1879 landmark trial of Standing Bear v, Crook took place in Omaha and established that Native Americans are persons within the law and have the right of habeas corpus.

DCHS revisits the story of the court case as a commemoration to Chief Standing Bear.

For more information about this free event and to make a reservation, call DCHS 402-455-9990, ext. 101 or email members@DouglasCoHistory.org.

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Our thanks to Raquel Ahlvers, The Ahlvers Group, CBSHOME Real Estate for providing this information.

## Eclectic Book Review Club Announces Spring Schedule

The Eclectic Book Review Club, which begin its series of continuous reviews in 1949, announces its spring schedule:

May 17 – Nationally-known speaker Joy Johnson will review her eighth book in The BOOB Girls series (The Burned Out Old Broads at Table 12). "Learning to Love Willie" is the new book.

Monthly meetings, which include lunch and a review, are held at 12 noon at the Omaha Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Avenue. The cost is \$13.00 per person.

For reservations, call Rita at 402-553-3147. Jane Meehan, program chairman 402-556-9452

## PACE Financing comes to Nebraska

By David Holtzclaw of Transduction Technologies

On April 13, 2016, Governor Ricketts signed into law LB1012 – Adopt the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act (PACE). This law wasn't covered by the Omaha World Herald or any other news outlet, but if you are a homeowner, commercial building owner, developer, or real estate agent, LB1012 could be a very big deal to you.

LB1012 provides authority to individual Nebraska municipalities (i.e. city of Omaha, city of Bellevue, etc.), to set aside funds to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on private or public property. Property owner(s) can borrow money from these set aside funds to pay the upfront cost of an energy efficient or renewable energy upgrade to a house or building. Then, the property owner pays back the "loan" over a defined term (typically 10-20 years) and interest rate (typically lower than market rates) through an additional fee added to their property tax assessment throughout the duration of the loan. Profits from these loans pay for the program administration costs and go back into the fund to support future projects. Loans can also be provided by third-party lenders. The Nebraska Energy Office Dollar & Energy Savings Loan Program works similarly (http://www.neo.ne.gov/loan/index.html). However, the PACE "loan" is a debt of property, meaning the loan is attached to the property, not the property owner. So if the property is sold, the repayment obligation also transfers to the new property owner. Obviously, this can complicate real estate transactions.

Nebraska now joins 33 other states that have enacted PACE legislations with active programs in 16 states and 2,059 municipalities. PACE programs across the U.S. are credited with over 82,000 residential and 1,000 commercial building upgrades, providing approximately 1.9 billion dollars to local economies and approx-17,000 jobs (data http://www.pacenation.us/). PACE programs have been around for almost a decade and are a proven pathway for economic development. However, the financing can get extremely complex, and local municipalities need to do their homework, adequately staff these programs, enforce compliance, and provide 3rd party verification of energy efficient upgrades guaranteeing that energy and environmental savings will be obtained.

Whether or not any Nebraska municipalities enact PACE Programs is yet to be determined. LB1012 defines a series of steps municipalities must follow before enacting PACE Programs, including public hearings. Furthermore, most PACE Programs are enacted at the state level, not the local municipality level, enabling a larger pool of funds supporting more projects at lower rates.

For more information on PACE programs, visit http://energy.gov/eere/slsc/property-assessed-clean-energy-programs. For more information on LB1012 visit, http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\_bill.php?DocumentID=28353





## 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.

May 6 to 27

Abstract Expressionism

An exhibition featuring Cathy Palmer, Rick Johns, Robert Spellman, Brian Gennardo, Teresa Schmidt, Larry Roots and more. Opening reception, Friday, May 6, 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., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m, third Sunday of each month

#### **Connect Gallery**

3901 Leavenworth St.

402-991-8234 www.connectgallery.net

Gallery hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 5 to 28

UNMC faculty members Evelyn Render-Katz and Robert Wigton—paintings and sculpture

Artist Reception, Friday, May 13, 5 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 Through June 3

Treasure Island— Paintings of Christina Narwicz

#### the little gallery

5917 Maple St.402.681.1901

https://polecatcommunications.com/the-little-gallery Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Friday from 3 to 6pm; Benson First Friday from 3 to 9pm; Sat from 10am to 1pm May 6-31: Jamie Hardy - PURE: a celebration of the beauty in time passing and time awaiting.

Opening reception May 6 from 6 to 9pm.

#### **Omaha Community Playhouse**

6915 Cass St. 402-553-0800 ww.omahaplayhouse.com

#### Hawks Mainstage Theater

Calendar Girls—To May 8

Howard Drew Theater

Lost Boy Found in Whole Foods-May 6 to June 5

#### **Shelterbelt Theatre**

3225 California St. 402-341-2757

www.shelterbelt.org The Feast—to May 8

Are you hungry? You are invited to "The Feast," where no meat is served. In a new post-meat reality, hungry dinner guests wait for a latecomer to arrive before they can eat. As their stomachs growl, they cling to traces of civilization before eventually reverting to angry beasts, driven mad by the violent needs of the body and spirit.

#### **SNAP Productions**

3225 California St. 402-341-2757

www.snapproductions.comHarbor

Seven Homeless Mammoths Wander New England—May 26 to June 19 A screwball sex comedy about the perils of monogamy, certainty and academic administration.

#### Blue Barn Theatre

1106 S. 10th St.

402-345-1576 www.bluebarn.orgHeathers, the Musical—May 19 to June 19

Veronica Sawyer is a brainy and beautiful misfit who hustles her way into the most powerful and ruthless clique at Westerberg High: the Heathers. But before she can get comfortable atop the high school food chain, Veronica falls for the dangerously sexy new kid, J.D., who plans to put the Heathers in their place—six feet under.



Christina Narwicz

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## First Central Congregational Church United Church of Christ 421 South 36th Street

These Open Forums are free and open to the public, at 9:10 a.m. on the dates noted. For more information, you may call 402-345-1533.

## May 8 First-Person History Panel Moderated by Pastor Scott Jones

As we celebrate our 160th anniversary join a panel of some of our longtime members as they share stories about this congregation and its members.

## May 15 Great Plants for Pots - Jan Riggenbach, Gardening expert, columnist, and member of First Central Plant your best containers ever with these top-performing flowering annuals, foliage plants, edibles, and more. Jan also shares tips on choosing the best pots, soil, and combos for beauty in all seasons.

### May 22 How Does Theater Come Together? - Matt Gutschick, Artistic Director of The Rose Theater and member of First Central

Learn how a big musical comes together from a director's perspective, from first reading through design and rehearsal, into performance. We will use thrilling productions of Mary Poppins and The Little Mermaid as our case examples.

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#### People's Film Festival

at 7 p.m. Common Room.

Monday, May 2 at 7pm We will show GMO-OMG. Monday, May 16 at 7pm Education, Inc. is told through the eyes of parent and filmmaker Brian Malone, as he travels cross-country in search of the answers and sources behind the privatizing of American public education, and what it means for his kids.

#### **Exploring Humanistic Perspectives in Literature:**

Loren Eiseley: The Unexpected Universe Tuesday. May 24 at 7pm in the Common Room **With Ron Knapp** 

Our programs seek to bring together Unitarian humanists, secular humanists, and others inspired by literature. We would love to have you join us!

#### The Tolerant Atheist Group Meeting

The meeting will be in the Common Room on Thursday May 12, starting at 7pm. The doors will open at 6pm for those interested in "Bring Your Own Dinner" socializing and conversation.

for more info on all these visit firstuuomaha.org

## Film Streams to Partner with Turner Park's Popular Monday Night at the Movies Series

Fresh air, first-rate movies and one really big screen. Back by popular demand, Midtown Crossing is lining up a blockbuster edition of Monday Night at the Movies, sponsored by the University of Nebraska Omaha.

New this year is a partnership with Film Streams, Omaha's non-profit cinema. Moviegoers will enjoy a special Film Streams feature – Charlie Chaplin's Modern Times – on Monday, June 20 when the organization's Ruth Sokolof Theater in North Downtown closes for the first week of the College World Series.

The movie series runs seven weeks, June 6 – July 25. Turner Park opens at 5 p.m. and all outdoor movies – free and open to the public – roll at sunset on a 26-foot outdoor inflatable screen. Chicago Dawg House will sell 'dawgs and concessions in the park each week.

### 2016 Monday Night at the Movies Lineup:

- · June 6: Inside Out (PG)
- · June 13: Top Gun (PG)
- · June 20: Film Streams feature: Charlie Chaplin's Modern Times (G)
- · June 27: A League of Their Own (PG)
- · July 11: Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG-13)
- · July 18: Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13)
- · July 25: Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13)

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## The Annual Super Sale!

at First Central Congregational Church, 421 S. 36th St.

May 14th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Please enter through the Evergreen Thrift Shop entrance, on Harney. The sale will again include the usual fabulous thrift shop merchandise, a large book sale, and a plant sale. Plants will include many perennials from the gardens of church members, and some annuals grown from seed. Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions about the plants.

## Men's Garden Club Plant Sale

Friday, May 6, 2016 5:30 - 8:00 PM Saturday, May 7, 2016 9AM - 2 PM Keystone Event Center 7803 Military Ave

The Event Center is on the lower level of this strip mall Lots of parking available

- 1.A large selection of perennials from Bluebird Nursery in Clarkson, NE.
  - 2. A number of popular annuals.
  - 3. Omaha's largest selection of Heirloom tomatoes.

Donate to your favorite non-profit organization on May 25th at omahagives 24.org.



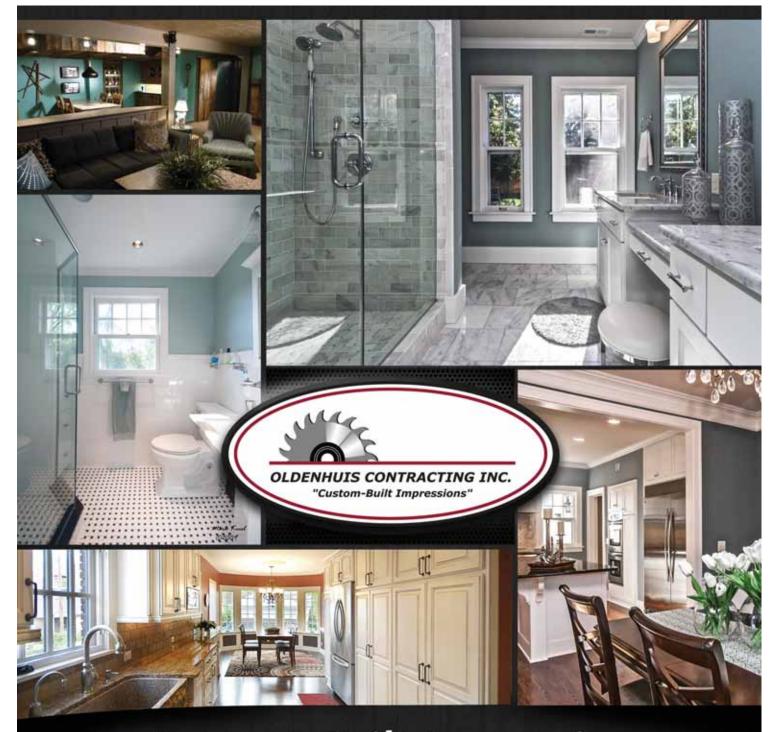
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