

Fort offers candlelight tours

On Saturday, Oct. 10, a special candlelight tour through time will be held as part of the 150th anniversary of Fort Larned. Various scenes will give visitors a chance to step back in time to the establishment of the original Camp on the Pawnee Fork in 1859, then progress through time to Fort Larned becoming a National Historic Site. The history nature trail will be used as part of the tour route so some events can be shown on the actual spot that they took place.

Reservations are required and each tour group, departing every fifteen minutes, is limited to 20 people.

The first tour will leave the visitor center at 7 p.m. and the last will depart at 10:15 p.m. Reservations can be made beginning Monday, Sept. 28, in person or by calling the Fort at (620) 285-6911 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This annual program is the most popular event held at the Fort and tours fill quickly. There is no cost for the candlelight tour.

Fort Larned National Historic Site is located six miles west of Larned on K-156. Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, admission is free. Information can be found on the internet at www.nps.gov/fols.

Cosmosphere open free on Saturday

The Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center is participating in the fifth annual Smithsonian Museum Day on Saturday. Visitors with a Smithsonian pass will be admitted free to the museum that day. The Cosmosphere is the only Smithsonian-affiliated museum in Kansas.

A celebration of culture, learning and the dissemination of knowledge, Museum Day emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties. Doors will be open free of charge to Smithsonian Magazine readers and smithsonian.com visitors at

museums and cultural institutions nationwide.

Cosmosphere President and CEO, Chris Orwoll, says, "The Cosmosphere has been proud to work closely with the Smithsonian Institution and its National Air and Space Museum for over two decades now."

Last year, about 200,000 people attended Museum Day, in over 900 participating museums nationwide, including 84 Smithsonian affiliates. Twenty-five museums in Kansas are participating.

Visitors can download Museum Day Admission cards at www.smithsonian.com/museumday. At

Meeting to teach about heart

Dr. Gary Benton, Chief Surgeon of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery at the DeBakey Heart Institute at Hays Medical Center will present a free town hall meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Sternberg Museum in Hays.

Benton will discuss atrial fibrillation, or irregular heart rhythms, a heart disorder that affects more than 2.2 million Americans and is one of the most frequent causes of stroke. With this disorder, the upper chambers of the heart develop a different rhythm from

the lower chambers and cause the heart to beat irregularly. This can cause the upper chambers to become paralyzed and form blood clots, which can eventually cause a stroke. People who suffer from this disorder can experience fatigue, shortness of breath and in extreme incidences, loss of blood pressure which can be life threatening.

Call (785) 623-5253 by Monday, Oct. 5, to pre-register. Pre-registration is required for attendance.

Painting workshop starts soon

Shirley Houston's fall painting workshop will begin Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland.

Classes will be held from 8 to 9:30 p.m. (Central Time), on Tuesdays starting Oct. 6.

Enroll by Sept. 30 by calling the Arts Center at (785) 890-6442. The fee is \$55 for students, ages 12 and up and \$75 for adults. Fee includes all supplies needed.

Guest artists will be invited to instruct many of the classes.

Slam poet visits Fort Hays

Dana Gilmore, Kansas native and a star of the third and fourth seasons of HBO's "Def Poetry Jam," will perform at Fort Hays State University's Memorial Union from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Gilmore has shared the stage with artists such as Mos Def,

Kanye West, Anthony Hamilton and Smokey Robinson. Her poetic style is clear-cut and real. She interprets all aspects of life through her poetry.

The performance is in the union's Cody Commons. Admission is \$2 for the public.

Shakespeare Club

The Shakespeare Club met Friday, Sept. 11, at the home of Joyce Hansen.

Hansen called the meeting to order and asked members to respond to roll call with highlights from their summer. Six members were present, including Sheila Frahm, Lois Van Horn, Verna Wiens, Phyllis Elliot and Diann Gerstner. George Elliot was a guest.

The May minutes were read and approved. Verna Wiens, treasurer, reported \$123 in the bank. She reminded members to pay their \$20 dues. There was no additional business or correspondence.

Hansen adjourned the meeting to begin a review of the coming year and the yearbook. Frahm gave an overview of the archiving process she and Hansen did with the Shakespeare documents and memorabilia in May. There are nine boxes of yearbooks, scrap-

books, financial data and other items located at the Prairie Museum. Two Sixth District Kansas Women's Federated Clubs poetry books, from 1940-41 and 1950-51, were discovered. Selections of those poems will be the basis of meetings this year. The 2009-2010 yearbook begins with "Poetry" by Lillian Beazley, Salina.

To conclude the program, Frahm shared the first recorded minutes for Shakespeare Club from the 1907 secretary's book and Hansen reviewed programs for the club and Three of Hearts gatherings.

The next meeting will be Sept. 25 at Frahm's home. Jane Bandy will have the program.

— Sheila Frahm

Arts center to hold workshop

Artist Matthew Richter of McPherson will present a painting workshop from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland.

Richter has been a commercial designer for over 30 years. He owns Prairie Art and Sign in McPherson. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1979 with a bachelor of fine arts in

painting. While there he studied Plein Air painting. Richter also does fine art reproduction prints, acrylic and mixed media on paper, abstract landscapes, print graphics, web pages, and animations.

Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, Oct. 21. Call the Arts Center at (785) 890-6442 to register. Cost is \$10. Bring a sack lunch.

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