

## LHS Annual Plant Sale

Fri. May 1—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Sat. May 2—8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sun. May 3—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
East side of Legler Barn Museum

**Annuals, perennials, geraniums,  
herbs, vegetables, beautiful  
hanging baskets.**

**Healthy plants from local nurseries.**

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Funds raised help expand and  
maintain displays and historical  
information at the museum.



### DOOR PRIZE!

Chairpersons: Bernice McNichols and Irv  
Hoffman

## From the President

by Pat Lierly

### Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

It was a perfect Soup Luncheon Day! The weather wasn't the kind of day that you would expect lots of people to venture out. Oh, but you did and brought bread, cakes, pies, brownies, yourselves, friends and neighbors!

The soup makers were great and all the volunteers who worked that day did everything right. All contributions were greatly appreciated. **The final tally isn't in, but it is getting very close to \$1900.** That should buy some of those materials like shelving, paint, signage, and other supplies to improve our museum for our future generations.

**Your membership is not taken for granted.** We value your continued support. Don't buy your plants too early. Remember the Historical Society Plant Sale will be May 1-3.

I appreciate those who have attended the Lackman/Thompson House tours and signed up to be guides. Each Sunday and Tuesday, we need five people—two tour guides and three others to greet and keep the tour moving. It's really been fun! Hope you will sign up to help.

Please plan to attend the General Meeting on Tuesday, March 24. You won't be disappointed. See you there.

## General Membership Meeting

Greg Peterson to Present "Advertising Item Collection" at March Meeting

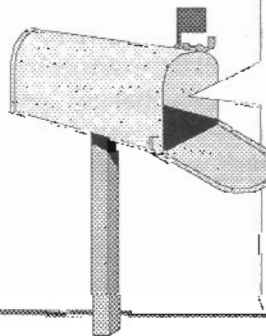
- Tuesday, March 24
- Dinner—6:30 p.m.; Program—7:30
- Schneeberger Hall, Lenexa United Methodist Church, 9138 Caenen Lake Road, Downtown Lenexa.

The Dinner Committee (Brian and Bernie McNichols, Bob and Beryl Hennigh, and Carolyn Keech) is serving steak soup or chili. Members don't need to bring anything, but are asked to make a donation at the meeting to cover the cost of food. PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATIONS at 492-0038.

Greg Peterson, an 18-year antiques enthusiast and collector will share his vast collection of "Advertising Items" dating from the 1800s through 1990s at our meeting. LHS members and friends are invited to bring any advertising items to trade, donate, or share to this meeting. **An added attraction will be a display table to share your most prized, different, and/or interesting family piece.**

Greg's community interests include Lenexa Rotary since 1985, member of the Lenexa United Methodist Church, Lenexa City Councilman 1984-88, Rotary Exchange Student Program, and a long-time Lenexa Historical Society member and former board member. He owns a Lenexa business called The Peterson Group, an executive personnel search company. He is a native of Minnesota and a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

**If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please send in the form on page 4.** This form is also for new memberships. Maybe you know someone who would enjoy LHS. Gift memberships are perfect—no colors or sizes to worry about!



## Letter From Kiersten



*Kiersten Latham,  
Legler Barn  
Museum Director*

Lately, I have had a lot of members asking why we need **Artifact Preservation Storage areas** for the museum. In this issue, I will take the opportunity to explain the answers to these questions. Next month, I will answer the other question I often get, "Why are all the exhibits changing?"

In the museum profession, there are a few **basic "standards" regarding collections care**. Collections are those items (in our case, our cultural heritage) that museums collect and preserve for generations to come. Because of the incredibly harsh effects of light, air pollution (yes, even in Lenexa), handling, and fluctuating temperature/humidity, the preservation of artifacts on exhibit is automatically compromised by the simple act of putting them on display. If a museum (or anyone) wants to keep items intact for years to come, the best thing to do is put them into preservation storage. The ideal place is in archivally safe containers with very little light exposure, set in a stable climate.

Another related "standard" is to have, at the most, **only 10 percent of your collection on exhibit at any one time**, precisely because of the reasons outlined above. The other 90 percent can be stored in preservation storage where segments of it can be exhibited on a rotation basis or used for research purposes.

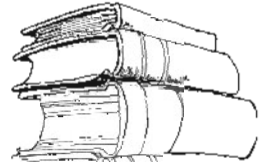
When we, as a museum, show that we are making a concerted effort towards preserving our cultural heritage, many **opportunities** can open up for us. More **grants** will be available, **monetary donations** will be more plentiful, and **visitors** from the local community will have something to come back for since exhibits change once in awhile. And last, but not least, we will be able to **share our precious heritage** with people generations down the line.

## In Memoriam

LHS received word of the death of **Jane Byram** of Leawood, KS. She and her husband, John Byram, were early promoters and developers of Lenexa Industrial/Commercial Development in the 1960s. The Byram family has been life members of LHS since the opening of the Legler Barn Museum. LHS extends our sympathies to the Byram family.

## Book Review

*From the Barn's Gift Shop*



*Trail of Thread* series, by Linda K. Hubalek of Lindsborg, Kansas. Reviewed by Mary Kay Smith.

The author follows her maternal ancestors who traveled to Kansas in the 1850s. Written in the form of letters, she describes the experience pioneer women faced before and during the Civil War.

**Book I. *Trail of Tears: A Woman's Westward Journey. 1854-1855.*** The author's great-great-great grandmother, Deborah Goodpaster Pieratt travels by wagon train from Kentucky to the new territory of Kansas in 1854.

**Book II. *Thimble of Soil: A Woman's Quest for Land. 1854-1860.*** Widowed Margaret Ralston Kennedy brings eight of her children and their families from Ohio to Kansas in 1855, to stake a claim during the troubled times of "bleeding Kansas."

**Book III. *Stitch of Courage: A Woman's Fight for Freedom. 1861-1865.*** Mrs. Kennedy's orphaned niece, Maggie, follows her family to Kansas and marries Deborah Pieratt's son, James. Maggie's letters tell about the demons faced by women during the Civil War.

The historical fiction, which is based on diligent research is highly recommended. It is available for purchase in the Gift Shop of the Legler Barn Museum. Each volume is \$9.95 plus tax.



The museum needs all kinds of items and maybe you can help. Check your garage and attics for items below. Your donations are tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated.

- Black poster board
- Children's books on history and/or prehistory
- Three-ring binders
- Small set of three or four shelves
- Metal sheet stove cover
- Two clean mattress pads
- Short shelves for display (preferably two shelves high)
- Children's small wooden table
- Vinyl flooring for second floor of barn
- Outdoor paint in bright colors
- Sturdy metal shelving for storage
- Artifacts from a Lenexa bedroom ca. 1900
- 1980-90 Lenexa artifacts
- Large Oriental rug or Victorian-age carpet
- Furniture for 1940s metal dollhouse

And we need these services:

- Artist
- Signmaker
- Railroad artifact restorer
- Model railroad builder and/or enthusiast
- Carpenter or cabinetmaker
- Heavy-object movers
- Vinyl floor installer
- Glazier

Call the Legler Barn Museum for specific details about these items and services.

### For Sale

Five 4-drawer letter size filing cabinets—\$60 each. Call the Barn, if interested.

### Wednesday Volunteer Needed!

The Barn needs someone to sit at the front desk and greet visitors, answer the phones, help with mailings and other miscellaneous front desk things. If you can work between the hours of 10 and four (especially from 10-2) on a regular basis, please call Kiersten to arrange a date to start. Other volunteer positions at the museum are:

- Picture Preservation Project Volunteer
- Exhibit Design Volunteer
- Librarian Volunteer
- Miscellaneous Volunteer (run errands, Xerox, move small items, etc.)

## Gift Shop Feature

### PATH TO GLORY

A PICTORIAL CELEBRATION OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL

by Jami Parkinson



This month, we are spotlighting a wonderful book, "Path to Glory: A Pictorial Celebration of the Santa Fe Trail," by Jami Parkinson. Filled with photographs and pictures, this book is sure to interest any trails enthusiast. Come in to the gift shop and take a look. You'll get the best deal in town for only \$15!

To those members who have already renewed their memberships, LHS THANKS YOU! If you haven't sent in your renewal yet, won't you please take a moment now and do so? Your support helps the Barn Museum serve and grow.

### Lenexa Historical Society Membership Application for Renewals or New Members

Individual: Active* _____ \$15	Family: Active* _____ \$25
Contributing* _____ \$30	Contributing* _____ \$50
Life _____ \$100	Life _____ \$150

Corporate: Annual \_\_\_\_\_ \$100  
Life \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000

\* Denotes annual membership

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized person, if corporation \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to LHS, 14907 W. 87th St. Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66215-4135 by APRIL 15. Please make checks payable to Lenexa Historical Society. Thank you!

### Cards Appreciated

Three formerly active LHS members are in nursing homes and retirements centers. Please remember them with a card on special days.

Bernice Harvey  
C/O Delmar Gardens of OP  
Overland Park, KS 66210

Theresa Schweiger  
C/O Life Care Center of OP  
7541 Switzer  
Overland Park, KS 66214

Norman D. Hunt, Hall D #91  
Johnson County Nursing Home  
11875 So. Sunset  
Olathe, KS 66062

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Permit No. 57  
Shawnee Mission, KS

### P&R Plans Trip to Gallery and Museum

The Lenexa Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to the Nelson Art Gallery and the Toy and Miniature Museum on Friday, April 3. Lunch is at your own expense at the Rozelle Court Restaurant. The bus leaves the Lenexa Senior Center, 13425 Walnut, at 9:15 a.m. and returns to the Center at 2:45. The cost is \$25, which includes transportation and tours. **The sign-up deadline is March 25. Call Susan Blattner at 541-0135.**