

# East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
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May 2013



## ELNA

**General Meeting**  
**Monday, May 6th, 7-9pm**  
**New York School Library**

Agenda:

Cultural District

*Please Note:* June, July, and August meetings will be held at the Percolator in the alley behind 913 Rhode Island.

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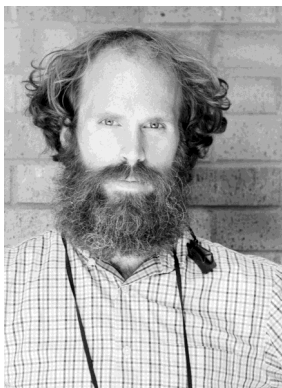
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## Thank You!

The 2013 Yart Sale was a great success! Thank you to all those who volunteered, donated, and shopped. Thank you to all the musicians and artists who participated. And special thanks to Principal Nancy DeGarmo, custodian Ed Callahan, and New York School for donating the space, and to Cottin's Hardware and Lawrence Papa Keno's Pizza crew for their generous donations.

Cari Davis	Ann Cobb
Josh Davis	Stan Trekkell
Mike Myers	Willow Domestic Violence Services
Bill Wachspres	Carol Schwarting
Chelsey Scanland	Shana Talley
Leslie Soden	Tony Peterson
Matt Hall	Cari Davis, Staci Ahlvers, Meg Heriford, Jen Oulette, Natasha Naramore, and New York PTO/ Vinland Valley Nursery
Rae Johnson	Eastside Village
Cindy and Arch	Megan Coody
Sammi Ryan	Liz Bonnie
Daina Bitters	Derald Carson
Phil Collison	Joel Bogart
Grace Peterson	Michael Almon, Sustainability Action Network
Tiger Peterson	Yes for Lawrence
Aaron Paden	John Thompson / Tuba Ed
Brenda Nunez	Alonzo Beardshear
Blue O'Leary	Walt Babbit
Ro O'Leary	Ardys Ramberg
Anya Combs	Sarah Rooney
Emily Myers	Darrell Lea
Lilly Pryor	Ozzie Backus V
Matt Pryor	N'umbs up – Carolyn Roy, Carolyn Young, Phil Collison
Christine Kosirog	Bill Crahan & John Lomas
Don Katorv	Mick Palmer
KT Walsh	
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Karen Seibel	

## Greetings Neighbors!



Aaron Paden, Vice-President



Josh Davis, President

## May June Calendar

### May

- May 4 – City electronic recycling and paper shredding event. Free State High School parking lot, 9am -1pm
- May 5 – Train Depot Clean up, BSNF Depot, 7<sup>th</sup> and NY Streets, 3-4:30pm
- May 6 – ELNA meeting. New York Elementary library, 7-9 pm
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – New York PTO Neighborhood Movie Night, 8:30pm in the NY butterfly garden FREE • PTO will provide popcorn
- May 23 – last day of school USD 497

### June

- June 2 – KVKL season begins
- June 2 – Train Depot Clean up, BSNF Depot, 7<sup>th</sup> and NY Streets
- June 3 – ELNA meeting. Lawrence Percolator, 7-9pm
- June 8 – Lawrence Food Garden Tour

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## Lawrence Folk

Did you make it to the Scandinavian winter party? How about last month's English dance, to learn what Jane Austen's characters do? Can you sing in the "shape note" tradition, designed for those who can't read music? All these activities (and many more) are available right here in Lawrence! You're not alone if you didn't realize this, because folk activities – although vibrant – are mostly invisible.

We'd like to change that. A group of friends and neighbors recently formed "Lawrence Folk Inc" as an umbrella organization to help coordinate these groups and activities, develop a shared web page and calendar, and see what kinds of joint programming results! We don't often think about how folk life connects us to the past and future, and to our families and neighbors in the present, but it has done so for years.

But wait. If you felt like seeing a movie, you'd know right where to go. If some music sounded like fun, you'd look at the listings for the venue that plays the kind of thing you like to hear. Shouldn't there be a *place* where folk activities regularly occur, too?

The Turnhalle at 9<sup>th</sup> & Rhode Island was built for German immigrants to Lawrence to provide mutual support in the community and to encourage "healthy bodies and healthy minds." Members also enjoyed musicales, holiday parties and life celebrations. It was a place to make connections. Wouldn't a place like this be the perfect setting for Folk Life in Lawrence?!

It's a big dream, we know, but then all the best ones are! If you know of a folk group we should contact, or if you'd like to be a part of this effort, contact Byron Wiley (Project Director) at 841-2829 or [bwiley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bwiley@sbcglobal.net); and Kathy Nace (Project Coordinator) at 841-9211 or [catalina\\_los\\_ojos@hotmail.com](mailto:catalina_los_ojos@hotmail.com).

## ELNA is on Facebook!

Like our fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/eastlawrence> and look for updates regarding neighborhood events.

## We have a Twitter too!

Get your neighborhood news short and sweet. Follow us, ELNAks, on Twitter.

## East Side Pride T-Shirts!

ELNA tshirts are for sale for \$12.00 each, or two for \$20. We've got some new ladies tank tops, small, medium, large, in bright blue. They're going fast! In addition to our usual in sage, brown, and navy, we've also restocked our supply of sizes in black. A few ladies pink in small, medium, and large remain. And don't forget about your wee ones! Children's sizes in kelly green and baby onesies in heather grey are available. To get yours, fill out the order form on the back page of this newsletter, or contact Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

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## Rent Your Gardening Equipment from ELNA

The ELNA rototiller and lawn mower (purchased new in 2010!) are now available for your use. The lawn mower rents for \$5/half a day. The rototiller is available for \$10/half a day. There is also a training video available on how to use a rototiller – available for free! Contact Phil Collision, 785-766-0711, for inquiries on how to rent this equipment. Please have a way to transport this equipment yourself.

## New Members March April

Jennifer Lattimore	Erin Adamson
Frank Janzen	Jennifer Distlehorst
Bill Wachspress	Jane Live
Dennis Alford	Isaias Izquierdo
Trettel Design Inc	Lynette Littlejohn
Christine Kosirog	Nathan Littlejohn
Matt Pryor	Corrine Nilsen
Heather Coates	Madeline O'Brien
Charlotte Pessoni	Allison Steffen

## City Band Concerts

The Lawrence City Band will return to the South Park Gazebo on Wednesdays at 8pm beginning in the end of May. Concerts will continue through mid-July with a special 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert to commemorate the holiday. Look for a schedule with concert titles from the City of Lawrence in the last week of May.



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## New York School Garden Club

New York School has planted a garden and formed a club! Garden Club for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students meets on Mondays from 3-3:45pm. Volunteers are welcome, and children in K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades must have an adult accompany them. Interested community members can contact Jenny Buller, Garden Club Coordinator, Samantha Saltz, New York School teacher, or Raven Naramore with questions. Watch the bulletin board in the New York gym for updates and needs. Right now, NYE garden club wishes for seeds and a new hose, but also accepts financial contributions for bigger projects. In the not so distant future, grant writing help will be needed to get funds through the district. Garden Club will continue all summer, but the times and day may change. Watch the New York Garden Club Facebook page for updates.

## KVKL at Hobbs Park

The Kaw Valley Kickball League 2013 season play begins June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Though practices occur throughout the city any day of the week, and games are played on various fields early Sunday evening, the KVKL Game of the Week remains at Hobbs Park beginning at 9pm on Sundays through June and July, with some announced in August. When you hear Hobbs Park roaring, come and visit. For more KVKL info visit the website <http://kawvalleykickball.com/>, blog <http://kawvalleykickball.com/blog/>, and the facebook <http://www.facebook.com/KawValleyKickballLeague>.

## COTTIN'S HARDWARE & RENTAL

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### Store Hours

**Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm**

**Saturday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

Cottin's Hardware Farmers Market – Outdoors!

Thursdays (through October)

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Located outside Cottin's Hardware & Rental



# YART SALE 2013





# Turnhalle News

The Turnhalle (pronounced turn-hallah) at 900 Rhode Island Street is a 40'x60' stone building constructed in 1868 and is the oldest standing community building in Aering place for residents of German decent "for the promotion of good health, fellowship, and entertainment." Various activities were housed at the Turnhalle, including gymnastics, card playing and beer brewing clubs, dances, weddings, and church meetings. In the 1930's, the building was sold to Lawrence's Ernst family.

Lawrence Preservation Alliance purchased the Turnhalle in September of last year with the goal of stabilizing the structure and reselling to a "sympathetic, preservation buyer."

Here is the LPA's Offer to Sell the Turnhalle:

The property is zoned CS. The lower level contains 3624 square feet and is currently occupied by a commercial tenant with a lease that can be terminated by either party with a 75 day notice. The space is not partitioned and has one working bathroom. The upper level (main hall) contains 2400 sq. ft. on the main floor, with a raised stage area to the east containing 960 sq. ft. On the west end, there is a balcony containing 840 sq. ft. that is accessible by a rear stairway. To the south of the stage, there are two stacked office spaces of 264 sq. ft. each. There are no working bathroom facilities on the upper level. There are no HVAC systems in the building and the only current heat source is a glass-blowing furnace owned by the tenant.



## HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS

Turnhalle is a contributing property to the North Rhode Island District on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, and thus is eligible for the Kansas 25% state tax credit towards qualifying rehab expenses, and, if the use or uses of the property are income-producing, a 20% federal income tax credit.

## LPA TASKS PRIOR TO SALE

Before any purchase proposal can be evaluated by the LPA board, LPA is committed to completing a Historic Structures Report (HSR), and placing a legal document known as a preservation easement on the property.

The HSR, to be completed by an architectural consultant working with a structural engineer, is a written document that details the as-is condition of the structure, identifies repairs needed, and describes rehab solutions acceptable to the U.S. Department of Interior. While focusing on each individual repair, it takes a holistic approach overall, and will be essential information to any prospective buyer. The HSR will be completed by June 30, 2013.

The preservation easement will require the consent of LPA prior to any alterations to significant character-defining features specifically listed within the easement document. Language in the easement will be keyed to the drawing and photo documentation catalogued in the HSR, so placement of the easement on the property will occur sometime after completion of the HSR. Thus the earliest LPA will evaluate purchase proposals for Turnhalle will likely be late summer 2013.

During its time of ownership, LPA will be attempting to apply internal funds and grant funding to rehabilitation tasks outlined in the HSR. These tasks will be emergency measures undertaken to stabilize the building and begin the process of making it weather tight.

## PURCHASE PROPOSAL EVALUATION

LPA will evaluate the proposals to purchase based on the following criteria:

- ◆ Adherence to the Historic Preservation Easement (when available)
- ◆ Ability to complete rehabilitation of building in accordance with Historic Structures Report (when available)
- ◆ Details of rehabilitation plan, including schedule
- ◆ Proposed usage of structure, emphasis on community uses and public accessibility (residential uses highly discouraged)
- ◆ Modifications to interior of structure
- ◆ Proposed program to properly maintain and operate the building

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## **City to Hold Rain Barrel Workshop in May**

The City of Lawrence Stormwater Division will hold a Rain Barrel Workshop on Thursday, May 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper Street, Building No. 1.

A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from your rooftop for use in your yard or garden. Water collected in a rain barrel would normally flow through your downspout, onto a paved surface and eventually into a storm drain. Instead of the rain water going down the drain, you can capture the water and use it for many uses including filling bird baths, watering indoor, garden or container plants, and cleaning garden tools. Rainwater is naturally soft and contains no minerals and chemicals. When used for watering plants, rainwater will leave no calcium carbonate residue. Rain barrels help lower water costs — it is estimated that 40% of water used during summer is for lawn and garden maintenance. Rain barrels reduce stormwater runoff resulting in fewer pollutants in our storm water and less potential for localized flooding.

For the class on May 9, participants can choose to either make a rain barrel at the class and take it home for a \$35 materials fee or participants can come and observe the workshop free of charge and take home the informational material to make a rain barrel at home with products you have already. Space is limited and pre-registration by May 6 is required. To register contact Shawna Trarbach at (785) 832-3136 or email [strarbach@lawrenceks.org](mailto:strarbach@lawrenceks.org).

Visit [www.lawrenceks.org/public\\_works/stormwater/rain\\_barrel\\_workshop](http://www.lawrenceks.org/public_works/stormwater/rain_barrel_workshop) for more information on the workshop.

## **Turnhalle** continued

- ◆ Buyer's organizational details and history
- ◆ Proposed purchase price and terms

Open houses were held in April. If you missed the open houses and have questions, visit LPA's website <http://lawrencepreservation.org/> for further and upcoming information on the Turnhalle's progress. You may also email LPA [lawrencepreservation@gmail.com](mailto:lawrencepreservation@gmail.com) for information on membership, events, or other topics.

*Resources: Lawrence Preservation Alliance, Lawrence Journal World, Lawrence Folk Arts Project*

## **Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding Event Scheduled for May 4**

The City of Lawrence will host an electronic recycling and secure document shredding event on Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Free State High School north parking lot, 4700 Overland Drive.

Items accepted for recycling include confidential paper documents (maximum of 10 boxes), televisions, video and audio equipment, computers, printers, scanners, fax machines, microwaves and other small appliances, batteries, cell phones and other hand held devices. There is a \$10 recycling fee per computer monitor and a \$15 recycling fee per television. There is no recycling fee for other electronic equipment. Fees may be paid by cash or check.

Items not accepted at this event include large appliances and household hazardous waste such as fluorescent light bulbs, paint, pesticides and compressed gas cylinders. Electronic recycling at this event will be provided by Secure e-Cycle and secure document shredding by PROSHRED.

For further information, please contact the Waste Reduction and Recycling Division at (785) 832-3030 or visit [www.LawrenceRecycles.org](http://www.LawrenceRecycles.org).



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\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses

\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profits

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- We print the names of new and returning ELNA members in the ELNA newsletter – check here if it is okay to print your name.
- I'd like to be part of the East Lawrence Safety Network calling tree
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- Please add me to the “Thursday ELNA News” (the weekly neighborhood newsletter) email list.
- I do not want to be included in email messages.
- Please remove me from the mailing list. Send to ELNA, Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044

*ELNA’s website has a new paypal button, so feel free to donate securely there!*

### ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer for:

- Work Days
- YART Sale
- Block Party
- Adopt-A-Family
- Art
- Music
- Photography
- Gardening
- Grilling
- Fund Raising
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Website Management
- Baking/ Cooking
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_