

East Lawrence News

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September 2018



ELNA

General Meeting

New York Elementary
School Library

September 10th 7-9 pm

Agenda

👉 Recurring Updates

the agenda as it is known can
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From The President

Is anyone ready for this hot stinking Summer to be in the past? Maybe it is by the time you are reading this. I am looking forward to a Cool ELNA Fall. We will be having a lot of activities.

We won an award! Congrats to ELNA and Delaware Street Commons for being named best neighborhood in Kansas by the Kansas Leadership Center. I have mixed feelings about this, because

Lawrence is a great place to live. All the Neighborhoods in town are active and have vitality. Folks like living where they live here in Lawrence. It would have been nice if all the neighborhoods could have won. But, hey, we will take it! And DSC is truly a unique place to live and is a well-deserving recipient!

Watch for our Block Party on our traditional 3rd Saturday Night in September, the 22nd this year. That will be a busy night as there are many fine community activities going on that weekend. Watch for opportunities to participate and volunteer to help!

We are also having a Home Tour of 6 homes in East Lawrence on October 13th as a fundraiser for the Association. Thanks to Eric Jay and Mike Anderson who have worked hard to make this happen! Thanks to the featured homeowners for opening up their properties for us! And also, thanks to the sponsors! Watch for ways you can help.

I am also pleased to announce that we have hired a tag team duo of Lane Eisenbart and KT Walsh to fill the ELNA Administrator position for the Lawrence Arts Center

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Block Party

It's not just a block party, it's THE Block Party. Ain't no party like the ELNA Block Party!

Join us Saturday September 22nd, 2018, at Hobbs Park from 5-9pm. We'll have live music, raffle items, cake games, information tables, and lots of good neighborhood mingling.

It's a potluck, so bring your best dish, side dish or dessert, to share. We'll provide drinks and grilled fare, both vegetarian and carnivorous.

If you want to do the cake game thing, please bring a cake.

If you'd like to play music, (it's a groovy chill neighborhood gig) let us know at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

OH! and don't forget about the Bike Repair Station. We can surely talk our friendly neighborhood bike mechanics into doing bike tuneups again this year. It's free! Bring your bike!

And, as always, we'd love your help setting up, cleaning up, personing the raffle/membership table, and soliciting raffle item donations from our business friends.

Let us know if you can help by emailing our coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

See you soon friends! Invite your friends! All are welcome!

Bylaw Update and Meeting Day Change

We've updated our Bylaws again as of this July 2018. You can view the most current version on our website <http://www.eastlawrence.com/resources/bylaws/>. The most significant change you'll find is that we plan to have our monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month, instead of our usual 1st Monday. We've found that we delay our meetings several times a year due to holidays, and in order to remain consistent and more predictable, we'll make a change to the 2nd Monday of each month. The 2nd Monday change will begin in January of 2019. Meetings will continue to be held from 7-9pm, and in the New York School library when school is in session.

Meetings for the remainder of 2018 and into 2019 are listed below. Deviations from the norm are marked with an asterisk.

- * Monday September 10th, delayed one week due to Labor Day, New York School
- Monday October 1st, New York School
- Monday November 5th, New York School
- Monday December 3rd, New York School
- Monday January 14th, New York School
- Monday February 11th, New York School
- * Monday March 11th, USD 497 Spring Break, at Delaware Street Commons
- Monday April 8th, New York School
- Monday May 13, New York School

For timely news and updates, you can always check our website: [eastlawrence.com](http://www.eastlawrence.com), follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eastlawrence/>, and subscribe to our weekly email newsletter at: <http://www.eastlawrence.com/join/thursday-eneWS/>.

Timely ELNA News

Need more ELNA news? We have other outlets

ELNA is on Facebook!

Like our fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/eastlawrence> and look for updates regarding neighborhood events. In addition to liking the fan page, you can join the discussion group. Neighbors are invited to join the group to view and post things about everything from yard sales to curb alerts to lost pets.

Follow ELNAs on Twitter and Eastlawrencena on Instagram too!

Thursday ELNA News

We send out a weekly email newsletter with neighborhood happenings, notices and events. You can sign up on our website. Just follow these instructions.

1. visit our website [eastlawrence.com](http://www.eastlawrence.com)
2. under the "JOIN" tab, you'll find the subheading "THURSDAY ENEWS"
3. click the "THURSDAY ENEWS" tab
4. fill in your name and email and click "subscribe to the ELNA newsletter"
5. a confirmation page should appear and you're added!

Contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you're having troubles. We'll try to fix it up for you.

ELNA Board Elections

Are you interested in volunteering to serve on the ELNA Board? Are there issues in the neighborhood you'd like to see addressed? Do you feel you could speak for neighbors who are underrepresented in City processes and social mechanisms? Unlike some boards, the ELNA board does not require a monetary investment in the organization, all we want is your time and effort. ELNA board members are required to attend monthly meetings and are encouraged to champion projects and lend a hand in regular events and fundraising activities.

Our annual Board of Directors election and all member meeting is coming up on Monday November 5th. If you think you'd like to run for a position on the ELNA Board, you must attend our October meeting, Monday October 1st at New York School, and declare your intention to run.

As always, only in neighborhood individual (not business or nonprofit or out of neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote for the ELNA board. All Board members must be voting eligible. Officers of the Board (President, Vice President, and Secretary) must have been board members for at least ninety days.

Further questions can be addressed by reviewing the bylaws on the ELNA website or directed to the Coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.



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Home Tour Fundraiser

ELNA Board Members Mike Anderson and Eric Jay have organized a Home Tour fundraiser for ELNA on Saturday, October 13th from 10am-4pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased at: Bon Bon, Cottin's Hardware, Decade, Lawrence Beer Company.

Homes committed to the tour at this time include:

- 938 Rhode Island
- 1100 Rhode Island
- 1028 Pennsylvania
- 1145 Pennsylvania
- 1016 New York
- 1146 New York

We'll have more information at the ELNA Block Party and on our website in the near future.

Kansas Appleseed, Communities Creating Opportunities, and the local chapter of the NAACP invite you to attend:

Community Conversations on RACE

Please join us to begin a dialog about race in Lawrence, Kansas. Sessions begin in August, and continue monthly into November.

Saturday August 25th (PASSED) 10am to Noon
IMPLICIT BIAS

Understanding how our racial attitudes, stereotypes affect our actions and decision making.

Saturday September 15th, 1-3pm
RACE AND PLACE

Understanding the policies and practices that foster segregated communities and workspaces and what we can do to change this.

Saturday October 27th, 10am to Noon
RACE AND THE ECONOMY

Wealth is highly concentrated in the US economy. What causes this concentration and how can we create shared access to opportunity?

Saturday November 17th, 10am to Noon
ACTION PLAN FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

We will discuss the most pressing issues affecting Lawrence and begin to develop a shared agenda for racial justice.

All events will be held at the Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St, Lawrence KS.

Facilitators: Seft Hunter, Ph.D., Rev. Susan McCann, Trinity Carpenter, M.S.W.

Get Out and Vote!

As noted in previous newsletters, ELNA does not endorse any candidate for election to any office. We do, however, encourage all East Lawrencians to get out and exercise their right to vote!

A general election has been scheduled for Tuesday November 6th 2018. Advance voting options, by mail or in person, are available as well. You can check on the status of your voter registration, registered party affiliation, and even your voting history here: <https://apps.douglascountyks.org/mycounty/voting-and-elections/voter-reg-search.aspx>.

What are you voting for?

Tuesday November 6th is the General Election for some both local and state offices. Offices open for election include; Governor/Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance, U.S. House of Representatives members, Kansas House of Representatives members, and Douglas County Commissioners. Precise details depend on your party affiliation and your district. You can view a sample ballot on our very informative County Clerk's website: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/current-upcoming-elections#Link-To-Sample-Ballots>

Where is your polling place?

Most of East Lawrence -- precinct 39, east of Mass, west of the Burroughs Creek Trail, north of 11th -- votes at the Cider Gallery at 810 Pennsylvania. Residents south of 11th, in precinct 40, vote at Trinity Lutheran Church at 1245 New Hampshire. A handful of neighbors south of 14th, in precinct 33, will vote at Vintage Church at 1501 New Hampshire. You can view a complete precinct map on the Douglas County Clerk's website: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/sites/default/files/media/depts/voting-and-elections/pdf/lawrence-precincts-boundary-map.pdf>. Polls are open from 7am to 7pm.

What do you need to bring?

A photo ID! Check the state ID requirements here: <http://www.gotvoterid.com/valid-photo-ids.html#idlist>

Reflections of Langston Hughes in Lawrence, Kansas

By Shirley Braunlich, neighbor and librarian, Lawrence Public Library

"Youth"

by Langston Hughes

We have tomorrow

Bright before us

Like a flame.

Yesterday

A night-gone thing

A sun-down name

And dawn — today

Broad arch above

The road we came

We march

Americans together!

We march!

Langston Hughes made his mark at the forefront of Harlem Renaissance literature and became the first African-American writer to support himself fully with writing, a career spanning over four decades. His eloquent writing continues to resonate with readers because his words sing of universal hopes and dreams. His iconic poetry is infused with the musical rhythms of blues & jazz. His award-winning debut novel *Not Without Laughter* is semi-autobiographical, reflecting his childhood experiences—coming-of-age in Lawrence during segregation.

He lived with his grandmother in Lawrence for most of his childhood. A wonderful resource for discovering more about Hughes's childhood and the inspiring legacy of his diverse family heritage is available in the book *Langston Hughes in Lawrence* by Denise Low and Thomas Pecore Weso. Low and Weso reveal that his family included abolitionist leaders who supported John Brown and the end of slavery, and his ancestry included African-American, American Indian, and European roots.

Championing a great author's works in the city where he grew up is a natural way to demonstrate pride of place while also celebrating that author. Many landmarks in Lawrence reflect Langston Hughes's connections here. The first line of his poem "Youth" is even quoted on the outer walls of Lawrence's City Hall building.

The personality of Lawrence reflects that optimism of working toward social justice—and we march on! For Lawrence to pay homage to Langston Hughes is complicated; to reconcile that our native son experienced racism here is starkly hypocritical in light of the fact that we established our city on the principles of freedom and abolition of slavery. Incidentally, this contrasts with most other communities' founding for commercial ventures. (Credit to Chuck Magerl for helping me recognize this distinction.)

One of the newest and most forthright place markers to honor Langston Hughes is on the Burroughs Creek Trail in East Lawrence, as part of the "Hike Through History" project envisioned by the late Henry Fortunato to teach local history with a sense of place. The pictured panel offers a frank discussion of the shameful historic traditions of Jim Crow segregation. Hughes was inspired to write about such experiences as an adult looking back to 1910, when he was eight years old. Using wit and irony, he reflected on being excluded from the former amusement park at Woodland Park in the chapter "Children's Day" in his novel *Not Without Laughter* and also in his poem "Merry-Go-Round."

The poem "Youth," quoted above and "Merry-Go-Round," below, are included in the illustrated book *Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes*. Both poems really sing to me and connect to this poet's childhood. "Merry-Go-Round" provides a richer understanding of a child's feelings of pain and confusion experienced from Jim Crow segregation.

"Merry-Go-Round"

by Langston Hughes

Where is the Jim Crow section

On this merry-go-round,

Mister, cause I want to ride?

Down South where I come from

White and colored

Can't sit side by side.

Down South on the train

There's a Jim Crow car.

On the bus we're put in the back —

But there ain't no back

To a merry-go-round!

Where's the horse

For a kid that's black?

A new mural in memory of Hughes, recently painted inside New York Elementary School, will be unveiled at the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This hopeful quote is part of it: "I have discovered in life that there are ways of getting almost anywhere you want to go, if you really want to go."

I'm not familiar with the Lawrence school curriculum, but I feel like every young adult in Lawrence would benefit by reading and discussing the book *Not Without Laughter*. There is a lot of understanding to be gained in empathizing with the characters as well as appreciating this novel as classic regional literature.

The work of the Langston Hughes Center of KU also continues this author's advocacy. The Center is "a hub of

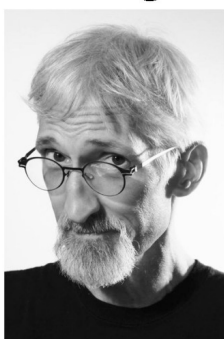
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Langston Hughes . . .

critical examination of black culture, history, literature, politics, and social relations.”

I have a deep gratitude for this author’s thoughtful, visually-descriptive and plain spoken words; he speaks to everyday people like me. And his work has lead a way forward for social justice before we had a worn path to follow. There is much more to learn from Langston Hughes's works and the murals and other ways Lawrence has honored our most profound and prolific local author. Let our memories live on as we continue to celebrate “bright before us like a flame”!

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Paleontology Classes

Coming to the East Lawrence Center this fall-Paleontology classes and field trips. The classes are taught by Craig Sundell, a paleontologist best known locally for finding, excavating and bringing back dinosaurs currently in the collection of the KU Natural History Museum. He continues to excavate for private collections and a project with the Olathe school district.

General Paleontology | Thursday, September 27 | 2:00-3:30pm | \$12

This introductory class provides an overview of the fossil record including paleo-ecology with mention of the geological time framework.

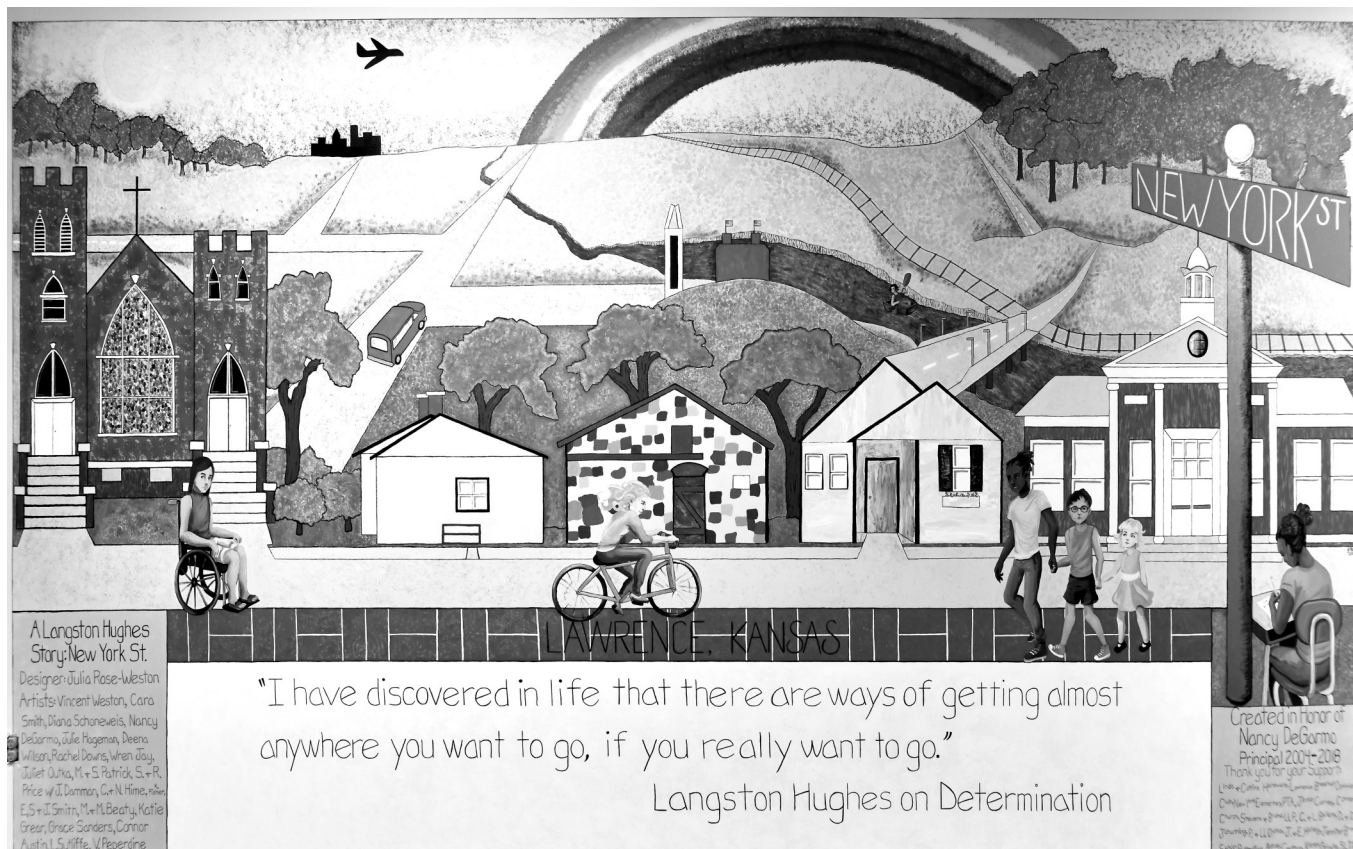
Paleo Field Trip | Saturday, October 13 | 9am-12pm | \$19

Visit a 300 million year old marine site near Lawrence and collect your own marine fossils.

Fossils of the Kansas Inland Seaway | Thursday, October 25 | 2:00-3:30pm | \$12

Learn about the great inland sea that covered western Kansas during the 75 million year Cretaceous Period.

Details and registration available at East Lawrence Recreation Center or online at www.lprd.org



A Langston Hughes Story: New York St.
Designer: Julia Rose-Weston
Artists: Vincent Weston, Cara Smith, Diana Schoneweis, Nancy DeGarmo, Julie Hugeman, Deena Wilkins, Rachel Downs, When Abby, Juliet, Orlina, M + S Patrick, S + P, Price, W J, Damron, C + N, Hime, M + E, S + J, Smith, M + M, Beauty, Katie Greer, Grace Sanders, Connor Austin, L, S, Hffe, V, Peperdine

“I have discovered in life that there are ways of getting almost anywhere you want to go, if you really want to go.”

Langston Hughes on Determination

Created in honor of Nancy DeGarmo Principal 2004-2018 Thank you for your support!
List of Artists: Vincent Weston, Cara Smith, Diana Schoneweis, Nancy DeGarmo, Julie Hugeman, Deena Wilkins, Rachel Downs, When Abby, Juliet, Orlina, M + S Patrick, S + P, Price, W J, Damron, C + N, Hime, M + E, S + J, Smith, M + M, Beauty, Katie Greer, Grace Sanders, Connor Austin, L, S, Hffe, V, Peperdine

New Mural at New York Elementary *A Langston Hughes Story*. Lead artist Julia Rose Weston. All intellectual property rights are reserved and reproduction without permission is prohibited.

Note from KT, Old Man Winchell, and the Honorable Warden

Board member KT Walsh submitted this East Lawrence history piece for inclusion in this month's newsletter. It emerged from KT's own ELNA archives in the form of a two page document image with handwritten notes. Those notes are reproduced here in parentheses and italics with apologies for your missing out on KT's distinctive penmanship and underlining emphasis. Credit, according to one of those handwritten notes, for collecting and transcribing this story goes to Paul O. Caviness, architect and historian in Vinland, Kansas.

Park Hetzek remembers from his childhood a house in the 700 block of New York Street occupied by a woman named Hat Winchell, her daughter, and her father. (*Guy Winchell, daughter Hat Winchell, and her daughter, 714 New York St.*) This was a rough neighborhood then, in the 1900s and 1910s, inhabited by tough people, many of whom made their living as commercial fishermen on the Kansas River, setting out nets and taking them in late in the day.

When the Kansas Fish and Game Commission made commercial fishing in the Kaw illegal, the wardens had a hard time keeping the East Lawrence fishermen from their trade, but after a few years enough had been jailed or fined to discourage the rest. Hat Winchell's father was about the last. He was a tough customer and the wardens were afraid of him. He kept a double-barrel shotgun in his boat at all times. It was there for bagging an occasional duck for the table, but the officers figure the old man wouldn't stick bagging an occasional warden, either.

Finally the chief warden at Topeka declared he would bring Winchell in. The warden when down to the river at New York Street and called to the old man out a little ways in his rowboat, "Hallo! Will you take me across to the other side?"

"There's the bridge right up there a couple of blocks. Why don't you use it?"

"Haven't the time. I'll pay you if you take me across."

The old man wasn't eager to do it, but he came up to the bank and the warden stepped into the boat. They moved out to midstream and the warden said, "Do you know who I am?"

"No."

"I'm the Chief Fish and Game Warden from Topeka, and I want you to turn this boat around and take me back. You're under arrest for breaking the game laws of Kansas. I mean to take you in."

The old man kept rowing. The warden shouted, "Turn around!"

"Just let me set this line over here."

"Nothing doing. Turn around!"

Old Man Winchell sat back. "You know, I don't think you're going to take me in at all."

"Of course I am! Why would you think I'm not?"

"You see this shotgun I've got here? I'm going to blow your head off!"

The warden knew the old man's reputation. He'd sure enough do it. "Look here, you don't want to do that. They'll send you to the penitentiary."

"Mister, I'm 85 years old. Fishing is the only thing I can do, and I can barely get by as it is. If I go to prison, I'll have a warm bed and three good meals a day, and it's more than I've got now. When I pull this trigger, whatever follows can only be good for me, besides the pleasure I'd get from killing you."

The warden had no argument against that, but kept trying to save his own life. "If you let me go, I'll forget the charges and you can go free."

"No, no, you'll just tell 'em at Topeka, and somebody else will come for me."

"No, I won't."

"Why, sure you will. It's your job."

"Mister, if you put that gun down and let me go, I'll quit my job."

The old man saw that he had scared that warden enough. He took him back to shore, turned him loose, and went back to his nets.

The warden, having looked down both barrels in the line of duty, was as good as his word, and quit his job.

(*1909 Lawrence City Directory: Guy Winchell, commercial fisherman, 714 New York St. Born early 1800s.*)

Park told me this story as we walked back from watching Richard Kershenbaum and Jennifer Lattimore's house being moved to 704 New York St on November 22nd, 1988.

From the President . . .

Arts Place Grant that has been brought back to life. The New Grant Project will spend out the funds leftover from the failed 9th Street Project, and it will bring more Art into the neighborhood by up to 15 Artists over the course of the next 2 years. We hope to hire a top notch Arts Facilitator to drive this project, and Lane and KT will be responsible for supporting this Facilitator.

The City is putting together a steering committee for a downtown study and they will be seeking reps from the surrounding neighborhoods. We are learning about this and it will be an agenda item for our September Meeting at 7 pm on the 10th at NY School.

And, finally, road construction continues! It is tough getting through our neighborhood what with both 9th and 7th streets being blocked off. The Depot project should be completed this Fall. 9th Street will go on through the Winter.

Watch out for your neighbors! Phil

Kansas Historic Preservation Conference

The 2018 Kansas Historic Preservation Conference will be held in Lawrence this year, Thursday, September 20th through Saturday, September 22nd. Events will be held in several locations including the Union Pacific Depot, the Eldridge Hotel, the Lawrence Public Library, and Liberty Hall. Admission to the conference, including the Opening Plenary Luncheon, all educational sessions, tours and other fun evening events, is just \$50 per person. Some events are free.

Thursday September 20th @ the Union Pacific Depot

8:30am-2pm.... Registration

9am-Noon..... *Preservation 101*

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Noon-2pm..... lunch on your own

2-5pm..... University of Kansas Historic District tour

5-7pm..... dinner on your own

7-9pm..... *@ Liberty Hall -- Preservation in the Movies*

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

9-10pm..... Continue the Conversation

Friday September 21st @ The Eldridge Hotel

8-8:30am..... Registration

8:30-9:30am.... Ballroom -- Welcome and Preservation Updates

9:30-10:15am... Cultivating Community Track -- Ballroom -- Design Guidelines

Technical Preservation Track -- Basement -- Challenges of Restoring Mixed Masonry

10:15-10:30..... Break (light breakfast)

10:30-11:15..... Technical Preservation Track -- Basement -- Laser Scanning for Historical Preservation

11:15am-Noon Basement 1 -- Oklahoma Case Study Panel

Noon-2pm..... Ballroom 1 -- Opening Plenary Luncheon

12:30-1:45pm.. Ballroom 1 -- Keynote Address with William Schmickle

2-3:15pm..... Cultivating Community Track -- Ballroom -- Funding Preservation Projects

Technical Preservation Track -- Basement -- Exploring Wichita's Mid-Century
Apartment Rehabilitations

3:15-5pm..... Free Time

5-7pm..... @ the Eldridge Hotel, Progressive Reception to Downtown Lawrence Properties

6-8:30pm..... @ Liberty Hall, Kansas Preservation Alliance Reception

8:30-10pm..... *@ Liberty Hall -- Atlas Obscura, Kansas Edition, with Dylan Thuras*

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday September 22nd @ the Union Pacific Depot

8-9am..... Shared Interest Breakfast with discussion

9-10am..... Cultivating Community Track -- @ Union Pacific Depot, Financial Incentives for
Historic Properties

Technical Preservation Track -- @ Library Auditorium, Introduction to Modern Architecture

10:30-Noon....Modern Architecture Enclave Tour, on Owens Lane

There is no registration deadline, but some events may sell out in advance. So register today!
You may register online at <https://kansashistoricalsociety.regfox.com/2018-kansas-preservation-conference>

More information about the conference, speakers, and more can be found at kshs.org/14644

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- We print the names of new and returning members in the bimonthly paper newsletter. Check here if it's OK to print your name.
- We're working on creating a block-by-block calling/check-in network of neighbors to contact in the event of an emergency. It's a work in progress. Check here if you'd like to be contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.

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ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

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

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