

Grants for Public Tree and Landscaping Projects

Tree planting and landscape enhancements for public spaces can get a boost from a grant program coordinated by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and Nebraska Forest Service.

The Nebraska Community Enhancement Program funds tree planting and landscaping that improves the state's transportation corridors including public streets, highways, entryways and trails. This can involve parks, schools, fairgrounds, college campuses, libraries, courthouses, hospitals, welcome signs and other public properties.

"The funding assistance is meant to help communities develop landscapes that reflect and enhance the beauty of Nebraska," said Sue Kohles, special projects coordinator for Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.

The Community Enhancement Program is funded by the Transportation Enhancement Program of the Nebraska Department of Roads. It is an 80 percent/20 percent matching grant program with a maximum funding award of \$20,000 per project. The application deadline is Nov. 14; funding awards will be announced by January 2006.

One of the goals of Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and the grant program is to create long-term, sustainable projects that include diverse plants and encourage environmentally sound landscape practices, Kohles said.

"We hope that these projects not only improve the landscape of Nebraska roadways, but also provide an example for others and contribute to the health and viability of Nebraska communities," she said.

The Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and Nebraska Forest Service, both headquartered at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, have worked together for more than 20 years to improve Nebraska's community forests. During that time, they have distributed in excess of \$6 million to more than 800 projects in more than 220 Nebraska communities.

For applications or more information, go online to <http://arboretum.unl.edu> or contact Kohles at 472-2971.

Holiday Gifts Needed for LPS Headstart

A good community service project for the holidays is helping the less fortunate by providing gifts for the Lincoln Public Schools Headstart Program. This program is in need of over 500 gifts for children birth to 5-years old. Literacy is being emphasized this year, so books and items to encourage reading are suggested. Books have been requested this year. Other gifts will be used with the books. Items, such as puppets, activity books, puzzles, small toys, etc. relating to the story would be fun for the children. The goal is to give each child a book. **Gifts should be unwrapped** and recommended cost is up to \$5. Bring gifts to the extension office by Dec. 1. For more information, contact Lorene at 441-7180. This is an excellent project for 4-H, FCE and other community clubs. Individuals are welcome to participate.



Public Notice

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners seek members of the community to serve on the Lancaster County Extension Board. The vacancies will be filled with terms beginning in January 2006.

Extension Board members represent and assist University of Nebraska Extension staff in Lancaster County with priority issue areas that include Agricultural Profitability and Sustainability; Children, 4-H, Youth and Families; Food Safety, Health and Wellness, strengthening Nebraska Communities and Water Quality and Environment. The Board meets monthly.

Registered Lancaster County voters interested in serving a three-year term should complete an application for an appointment by November 1, 2005. Additional information and an application can be obtained from the Lancaster County Extension office located at 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528-1507, or phone 441-7180. Online applications are available at <http://interlinc.ci.lincoln.ne.us/cnty/commiss/boardapp.pdf>

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When you need an informative and entertaining speaker with an intriguing topic, think of the Speak-

ers Bureau.

Most speakers will be available on a year-round basis, while others are available during the academic year only. Note that availability of speakers is limited during December and early January. By planning for a program soon, you will have the best selection of topics and speakers.

To request and schedule a speaker, call (402) 472-0088 or go to <http://www.unl.edu/pr/speakers>. All efforts will be made to accommodate your request.

2005-2006 Speakers

Speaker	Speech Topics
CHARLYNE BERENS Associate Professor College of Journalism and Mass Communications	The Nebraska Legislature: Still Progressive After All These Years Free Speech for Me—and Also for Thee The Media Today
PATRICE BERGER Professor of History Director, University Honors Program	Europe: 2003 Europe: 1939 University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the 21st Century
DONALD F. COSTELLO Senior Lecturer, Computer Science and Engineering	Information Technology—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow In an Age of Just-in-time Teaching and Learning, What is Worth Knowing? The University and the Business Community Together in the Development of Information Technology for Nebraska
PATRICIA COX CREWS Willia Cather Professor of Textiles and Director, International Quilt Study Center, Department of Textiles, Clothing & Design	What's New at the International Quilt Study Center The History and Mystery of Nebraska Quilts
ROBERT F. DIFFENDAL JR. Professor Emeritus, Conservation and Survey Division	Lewis and Clark: The Geology of the Great Plains 1804-1806 Some Changes in China: 1979-2004
DEANNA EVERSOLL Director of Osher Lifelong Learning Grant, College of Education and Human Sciences	Lifelong Learning: Creating a Health Club for Your Mind What is the Osher Lifelong Learning Initiative?
DAVID FEINGOLD Assistant General Manager, Content, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications	NET - Nebraska's Own NPT and PBS
DAVID FOWLER Associate Professor, Mathematics Education	The Math-Music Connection: A Violinist's Point of View
DENNIS LEBLANC Associate Athletic Director for Academic and Student Services, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics	National Classroom Champions
PETER LEVITOV UNL International Affairs & Immigration Attorney, NU Central Administration	International Students in the United States
KAREN S. MILLER Registered Dietitian and Nutrition Educator, University Health Center and Campus Recreation	MyPyramid.what?? Making Sense of the New Food Guide Pyramid Fad Diet Myths and Facts: If it Sounds Too Good to be True, It Probably Is Diet or Dying to be Thin: What Everyone Needs to Know About Eating Disorders
JACK OLIVA Dean, Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts	American Ragtime and the Music Business in the Early 20th Century
WES PETERSON Professor of Agricultural Economics, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources	Hunger and Economic Development in Low Income Countries Globalization & the World Trade Organization Building Democracy in the Former Yugoslavia
THOMAS POWERS Associate Professor, Plant Pathology	Biological Indicators Biological Invaders
PAUL E. READ Professor of Horticulture and Viticulture	Grape Expectations: Nebraska's Developing Grape and Wine Industry Gardens of the World
LARRY ROUTH Director of Career Services	Recruiting Today's Graduates
JOHN RUPNOW Professor, Food Science and Technology	History and Agents of Agroterrorism Guru or Gourmet: The Science of Food
RICHARD SINCOVEC Henson Professor and Chair, Computer Science and Engineering	High Impact Computing: The Excitement and the Opportunities Computing and Informatics: The Future Impact
GREG SNOW Associate Professor, Physics and Astronomy	Celebrating Albert Einstein in the Year 2005 Messengers from Outer Space Big Science and Big Machines
ROBERT R. TOVADO Colonel and Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps	In Defense of America