

Wornall-Majors House Museums

he Wornall House Museums Community Service Committee (MWHM) has partnered with the Board of the Wornall-Majors House Museums this past year to return the tombstones of Alexander Majors' grandparents to Kentucky. The gravestones of Alexander and Catherine Majors are now re-installed at the Farmer's Cemetery near the town of Franklin.

On October 5, in conjunction with the 199th birthday of Majors, the State of Kentucky will dedicate a historic marker commemorating his life. The historic marker will be located near Majors' 1814 birthplace on a farmstead near Franklin in what is now Simpson County.

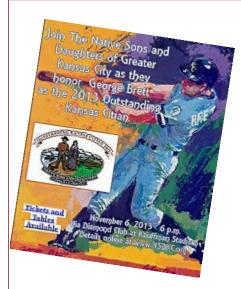
I will journey to Kentucky with my wife Louise for the marker dedication. As a re-enactor of Alexander Majors, I have been asked to speak as 'Mr. Majors' at the marker dedication ceremony.

By recognizing Majors as a favorite son from the State of Kentucky, he joins the ranks of Lincoln, Boone, Bowie, and the countless emigrants who went west across the Mississippi River in the 1800s.

Wornall House closed for structural repairs

Following an extensive engineering evaluation of a structural failure of the foundation at the southwest corner of the house, repairs have begun to stabilize and mitigate the damaged conditions. The foundation failure created a large crack in the brick of the two-story structure. This crack

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It's time for the NSDKC annual fund-raising dinner and award ceremony.. and this year it's an out-of-the-park event.

OK, enough of the cliches, but you won't want to miss this special evening.

Read all about it on page three.



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President's Message

hat an exciting few months. We have had such great success in so many areas. This year's OKC event is shaping up to be the best yet. George Brett is the perfect choice as our honoree and the Kia Diamond Club at Kauffman Stadium will be a wonderful venue for this

year. Do not miss this one!

We now have 80 new members, many under 30 years old, who have joined our organization. We have only dropped 12 members from our rolls this year. That is a net gain of 68 members with more applications still coming in. It is an exciting time for NSDKC.

A very special thanks to Bryan Flanagan for the 34 new members he sponsored, to Carl DiCapo for this fantastic membership drive, and to our membership committee led by John Hess, Jr.



Please join us for our Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening, October 9, at the Golden Ox. Your attendance helps strengthen the organization and gets you involved in the decisions that build this organization. A photo gallery of last years event is on our website: http://nsdkc.org/photo_gallery

A great turnout was had at the Nelson-Atkins President's Reception on September 5 to celebrate and introduce all of our new members and allow an opportunity to mingle and mix with our established membership. We now have 80 in 80 and did it before the end of this year!

Where do I begin to thank Frank McMillian for all of his help this year with our technology needs? There have been light-years of changes, from the Members Only section on our website to this newsletter itself. The organization is now fully digitized in the cloud and totally protected from terminal losses. Our email support system allows us to fully track the emails sent, received, opened and used. The better news, our members are using the new systems and we are growing in leaps and bounds.

Special thanks to Carl DiCapo for the idea and Gary Hicks for making it something we can see and touch. I am talking about our Pinnacle, the five-sided monument we are developing to permanently recognize and immortalize The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. We have met with a number of groups and authorities for approval of our location at 27th and Penn Valley road. This is progressing very well. Please read the article in this newsletter from Gary Hicks for full details.

The Program Committee provided a wonderful tour of Kauffman Stadium and has a do-not-miss-event at the Majors House on October 26. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 9 at the Golden Ox, and our Holiday Brunch will be on December 7 at Indian Hills Country Club.

Charles A. Eddy, President

The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

Outstanding Kansas Citian

fter monthly meetings which began last November, and many hours of work by members of the committee between meetings, a successful OKC event is now in the hands of each of us as members of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City.

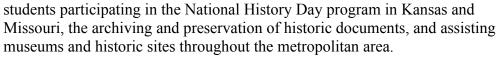
We are honored to present this year's award to George Brett. His acceptance of the award and the assistance of the Kansas City Royals staff will make this year's event a rival of the past two years' events at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.

The Royals have responded to the committee's calls and joined us as the Diamond Sponsor of the event. And, once again this year, the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation has graciously supported us as the Platinum Sponsor. Others in the community and among the NSDKC membership have responded with the purchase of tables and tickets. Still others have purchased ads in the event program and donated items for the Silent Auction.

What do we still need? You.

The annual Outstanding Kansas Citian award and dinner is the only fundraiser held each year to support the production and placement of

historic markers, cash awards to



On November 6, each member of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City will have the opportunity to support the mission of our organization --- the historic preservation of the unique and rich heritage of the greater Kansas City area. We need your help to make this a success.

If you can attend, please purchase a ticket today . . . or better yet, purchase a table and bring your friends. If you can't join us on November 6, please consider purchasing an ad in the event program or providing an item for the silent auction. Your contribution to this event will preserve and protect the history of the Kansas City area for many generations to come.

There is one more thing the OKC Committee asks of each of you. If you have a Facebook page or a website, please use one of our banner images to invite your friends, fans or website visitors to this very special event. You can access these images and learn more about this year's Outstanding Kansas Citian event by following the links in the box below.

Chris Sizemore, chair, Outstanding Kansas Citian Corporate Standing Committee





You preserve Kansas City history when you support the **Outstanding Kansas Citian**

> 6 p.m. • November 6 **Kia Diamond Club Kauffman Stadium**

event.

For additional information on the event:

- George Brett and his selection as the 2013 Outstanding Kansas Citian
- More about why you should support this special event
- Virtual tour of the Diamond Club

To support the event:

- Purchase tickets or tables
- Become an event sponsor
- Advertise in the program
- Donate items for the Silent Auction

You're Invited

• Download a Website Banner or Facebook Image

Visit www.NSDKC.org to purchase your tickets for the OKC 2013 dinner and award ceremony.

Historic Markers

ne of the most visible things that NSDKC does is creating and installing the historical markers that are scattered by the dozens over the greater Kansas City area. A review of current markers is as follows:

Liberty Arsenal – Placed and dedicated last November in partnership with the City of Liberty.

American Jazz Museum – Presented to them last September at the Outstanding Kansas Citian event at the Kauffman Center and now installed in the public area behind the museum. The cost was covered by a Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund grant.

Negro Leagues Baseball Museum – By the time you read this, it will have been ordered and may actually be in hand. The marker will be presented at this year's OKC event November 6 at Kauffman



The American Jazz Museum marker has been installed and a dedication program will be announced later this year.

Stadium. The cost is being covered by a Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund grant. Both the Jazz and NLBM markers will likely be dedicated in mid-November, since they will be mounted side by side behind the museums. Final arrangements will be forthcoming on that.

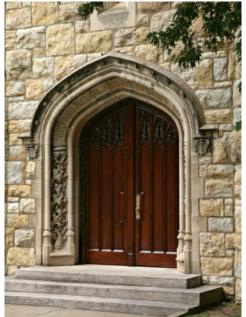
Platte Purchase – The text is essentially completed but we are waiting on finalizing an outside partner arrangement in the Liberty, Missouri, area before we order it later this fall.

By the time you read this, the committee will be reviewing the requests we have to partner on other markers for next year. Our primary mission is to get markers erected at historic sites where none would likely happen. In addition, it needs to be our design, our text - not for selfish reasons, but to be sure the text information is right. We also want to be true to our 'brand' design, which is the traditional appearance of an NSDKC marker that the public has been accustomed to seeing. Lastly, we seek out partners who can help us financially, not the other way around. Partnering also forms relationships within the historical community.

As usual, my thanks to the members of this committee who work together with creative thinking and with great harmony and effectiveness, who are Chris Sizemore, Frank McMillian, Gary Hicks, Craig Crease, Ray Elder, Whitney Kerr, Jr. and Norine Accurso.

Ross Marshall, chair, Historic Markers Community Service Committee

Elmwood Cemetery



he doors to the Armour Chapel have been restored and are back in place. Harsh Kansas City weather is not the best for beautiful millwork of this type, but the doors have been preserved and protected for many years to come.

Fundraising continues for replacement of the roof on the Chapel – proposed cost over \$40,000. Small grants have been applied for and received, but there is still money to be raised.

The back gate (12th Street) entrance is in the process of being replaced. Ray Elder designed the new gate and will be doing the work. This is a very old chain link type gate and will be replaced with an iron gate with a design more in keeping with the history of the cemetery.

Work days at the cemetery continue on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. Limbs, brush, and trash are gathered and the Cemetery Society is very appreciative of this help. Some members of the NSDKC have helped and are welcome in the future.

As you have read in the media, the cemetery lost Ella, the deer that was born in the cemetery in 2011 and tragically shot to death August 4. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 14.

Just a reminder, the cemetery is dependent entirely on donations for upkeep and maintenance.

NSDKC Monument

In 1932, the Native Sons Society, later renamed The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City, became the first historical association in our region created to preserve Kansas City's past through the preservation of structures, artifacts and historic sites. To commemorate the outstanding contributions of our 81 years of community service of preserving the heritage of the greater Kansas City metropolitan community, both in Kansas and Missouri, the NSDKC Board of Directors has approved the concept of erecting a monument at a location currently considered for Penn Valley Park in Kansas City, Missouri. The planning process remains ongoing, with the final site location and monument design subject to various approvals.

The Monument Committee (Chuck Eddy, Carl DiCapo, John Dillingham, Tom Sims, and Gary Hicks) has formally presented the concept for the design and placement of the monument to the City of Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation officials and the Penn Valley Park Preservation Association. The committee seeks to have the monument placed in Penn Valley Park near Liberty Memorial.

It is proposed that the monument be in the form of a five-pointed star column (8 to 16 feet high), with a decahedron shaped base -- the five-pointed star being a symbol of ideologies. It is proposed to be constructed of cast-in-place concrete. In consideration of a desired location within Penn Valley Park, the monument may be referred to as a 'Pinnacle'.

The five points of the Pinnacle star symbolically represent the five primary aspects of the NSDKC mission in the Greater Kansas City area: *Historic Preservation, Education, Advocacy, Charity* and *General Welfare*.

The ten open-face areas symbolically represent the ten-county metropolitan region which NSDKC serves:

- Kansas (Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Miami)
- Missouri (Platte, Clay, Cass, Ray, Jackson, Lafayette)

The Pinnacle's design provides for commemorative cast aluminum plaques to be placed on each of its ten open-face sides to reflect the following: Monument description, Mission Statement of NSDKC, The Native Sons Society, The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City, Ten-county region served by NSDKC, Outstanding Kansas Citian, Significant preservation efforts by NSDKC, NSDKC Archives, Historic markers program by NSDKC and the foundation of Greater Kansas City area's heritage (Exploration, Western Expansion, Livestock and Agricultural Industries, Commerce and Banking, Railroad/Garment/Airline/ Communications Industries, Arts, Sciences, Sports, Research and Education)

It is proposed the monument design shall be complemented with an area paved with inscribed sponsored bricks and concrete, segregated in five sections as follows:

- Past-Presidents
- Outstanding Kansas Citian Award recipients
- NSDKC members, area preservation groups or supporters of NSDKC efforts (i.e., Elmwood Cemetery, Wornall-Majors House Museums, Inc., KCAHTA, OCTA, SFTA, Lewis & Clark, UCHS, Mahaffie Stage Coach Stop, Liberty Memorial, etc.)
- Historic markers sponsored by NSDKC
- NSDKC preservation projects

It is planned that the design will include a park-like setting around the monument with benches, lighting and plantings.

Planned funding for the proposed project would be through grants, donations, and purchases of sponsored bricks at the base of the monument. The City of Kansas City, Missouri, Parks and Recreation has provided tentative approval to donate the grounds where the monument is to be located.



Model of the proposed NSDKC Pinnacle monument being developed by the Monument Committee.



Members of NSDKC in the dugout during the tour of the Royal's Kauffman Stadium. Additional pictures from the tour can be viewed at http://nsdkc.org/photo gallery.

Program Committee

wonderful time was had at the Kauffman Studium Tour on July 13 with 54 members and guests enjoying great food and information about the Royals and their beautiful stadium. What a great home run to start this year's OKC event.

On October 26 plan on an old fashioned picnic and great fun at the Majors House. Alexander Majors will be our special guest. We will have all the fixin's for you to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of food, entertainment, and history, with a special surprise at the end. (See our invitation on page 7.)

Donna Eddy, chair, Programs Corporate Standing Committee

NSDKC Communications

his year has marked a time of major changes in most aspects of the communications programs within NSDKC. These changes involve our quarterly newsletter and routine email announcements, the management of the member database, and the public relations efforts promoting the Outstanding Kansas Citian event.

For the most part, each of these programs moved away from a dependence on printed material and distribution by postal mail to online programs centered on a redesigned website and an email management program. The good news is that printing and postage costs have been greatly reduced

For 2013, we have also moved away from being outsourced to paid contract labor to being managed by volunteers from the membership.

Website -- The website has been redesigned and moved to a web-based management system that allows assigned members to access the site and update it from any computer. The resources haven't yet been available to organize the process to update and monitor current content of the site on a routine basis. A new aspect of the website is a members-only area that members can access using their email of record and an assigned password.

Facebook and Social Media -- A new Facebook site has been designed under the ownership of NSDKC, although very little has been done yet to build a social networking presence for Facebook.

Newsletter -- The membership newsletter is now being published as an email. It is printed and mailed to those members that do not have an email address. In years past the newsletter was edited and designed by a paid employee. This year it is being done by me as 1st Vice President and Chair of the Communications Committee, soliciting articles and doing the primary editing. Norman Besheer is assisting with proofreading.

Notices and Updates -- Notices of tours, meetings and other member activities are primarily sent to members by email using Icontact's email program instead of postal mail as in years past. President Chuck Eddy had the computer experience to tackle this project and has taken on the added responsibilities of designing and distributing email blasts through Icontact.

Membership Database -- The membership database has been managed in Microsoft Access for a number of years. The database has now been rebuilt in a web-based program that authorized users can access from any computer.

Public Relations -- In 2011 and 2012 the OKC Committee retained a public relations company to assist with press releases, design of Save the Date cards, invitations and the OKC program. Pat Paton, a NSDKC member, volunteered his service to handle outreach to local media. Press releases to NSDKC members, the design of the Save the Date cards, invitations and the event program were provided by other volunteers from the membership.

Many of the changes this year came about by volunteers from the membership. If you have writing, editing or graphic layout skills, please contact the communications chair to volunteer for future projects.



Wornall-Majors House Museums (Continued from page 1)

extended through the entire thickness of the wall, requiring repairs on the interior of the building. Artifacts have been removed and protected during the repair process scheduled for completion in November of this year. To accommodate the repairs, the Wornall House has been closed, with all scheduled summer camps and other programs relocated to the Majors House location.

Alexander Majors House

Operations at the Majors site have certainly been enhanced with its acquisition by the former Wornall House Board of Directors. All of the windows for the house have been repaired or restored. The house interior has been greatly enhanced with newly acquired period furnishings, including draperies. The kitchen within the barn has been upgraded to the quality of a caterer's kitchen. Artifacts have been inventoried and the site is once again available for access by the public on the weekends. Substantial financial support from area benefactors assures the continued preservation of the Majors site as a national treasure.

On November 23, NSDKC member Bruce Prince-Joseph will perform a benefit piano recital at the Majors barn on its restored 1800s piano. Prince-Joseph has spent several years on the piano's restoration, with significant funding for the restoration provided by NSDKC members. Contact Anna Marie Tutera, Executive Director of Wornall-Majors Museums, Inc., if interested in attending this memorable piano recital.

David Baumgartner, member of the MWHM committee and Board member of the Wornall-Majors House Museums, Inc., has created a new committee to assess the grounds, lawn conditions and facility exteriors of the Majors site. Although the drive entry and exit have been greatly improved, the grounds show extreme distress from the elements and lack of attention. We compliment Baumgartner for his longstanding commitment to the preservation and care of the Majors site. Please contact him if interested in assisting with this vital effort.

The Majors site participated in various regional Civil War sesquicentennial events, including one on August 27, which included the reading of the historic Order No. 11.

On Saturday, October 26, NSDKC has a great program and picnic scheduled at the site, where Majors 'himself' will address attendees.

Gary L. Hicks, chair, Majors & Wornall House Museums Community Service Committee



Membership 2013

ne of our most important issues for this year was to increase our membership and enroll some younger members.

What a wonderful achievement to accomplish that and we still have three months more to continue our success.

Thanks to the help of Membership Chair John Hess, Jr. and Secretary Carl DiCapo, we have increased our membership by 80 new members and 17 of them are under the age of 30. Membership is the life blood of any organization and particularly ours. For us to accomplish our mission we must



More than 60 new members attended the Presidents Reception at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in September. Additional pictures of this event are on our website: http://nsdkc.org/photo_gallery

have strong, energetic, and enthusiastic members to preserve, protect, and restore our great historic locations in the Greater Kansas City region.

A warm welcome was given at the September 5 President's Reception at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art for our new members. Each new member present was introduced and given a brief idea of events and activities. They were challenged to be active at these events and to find a committee they are interested in working with.

Included in this newsletter is a list of all the new members that have joined during 2013. Special thanks go to each of the sponsors of these wonderful new members. Please help me continue to welcome our new members and encourage them to be active in our extraordinary organization.

Chuck Eddy, president, NSDKC



A view of the Royals' field from the Kia Diamond Club at the Kauffman Stadium . . . Just one of the reasons you won't want to miss our Outstanding Kansas Citian 2013 event.

Details and online RSVP/Ticket purchase at <u>www.NSDKC.org</u>

Speakers Bureau

Tith several new speakers on board with specialized subjects like The Battle of Westport, Elmwood Cemetery, The Pendergast Years, The History of Union Cemetery, The Kansas City Fire Department History, and The Orphan Trains, all we need are more groups wanting our services as speakers.

Please mention us to the program chair at organization meetings you attend. Let them know that our speakers have great subject knowledge, are experienced, are entertaining and will travel.

Using our speakers is promotes both area history and NSDKC.

David Baumgartner, chair, Speakers Bureau Community Service Committee

Welcome new members

Norine Accurso Christopher J. Anderson Sandra Aust John Baker Rebecca Baker Brandon Hunter Bauer Terence Joseph Brady **Andrew Brancato** Robert Brown **Amy Butler** Richard A. Canale II **Christopher Constant** Jeanice Corum **Robert Corum** Christopher J. Crawford Katie Daily James Daley **Brett Dauffenbach** Dick Davis Sugie DiCapo Jack DiCapo John DiCapo Diana Duff Tamara Figge Sean Thomas Flanagan Aubrey D. Garten Clayton Samuel Harper John Henry Heiman Mary Catherine (Davis) Heiman James Alexander Hilton Anne Benton Hucker **Ashley Hund** Cyrus Hund Rebecca Danielle Kies Terry Kilroy

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A new card describing NSDKC is available to hand out to prospective members. You can pick up cards at our meetings, tours and events or by contacting the office.

Awards nominations due November 1

ach year, the NSDKC awards ceremony is conducted during the Annual Holiday Brunch which this year will be December 7 at the Indian Hills Country Club.

Our awardees are selected by the Awards Committee from nominations submitted by NSDKC members.

The nomination form is on our website. Nominations are due by November 1.

The nomination form is available at www.nsdkc.org/member_awards

Additional information on the awards and the award committee can be found on that web page.

If you do not have access to the internet, request a nomination form from the NSDKC office.

Our three award categories are: *Lee I. Pickering Award of Excellence*.

This award recognizes a member in good standing for five consecutive years that has demonstrated excellence in performance of his or her duties, commitment to a project, extraordinary detail and quality in the delivery of the project, information required to complete the project, and assisted and mentored others in the completion of the project.

George E. Hicks Award for Perseverance. This award recognizes a member in good standing for five consecutive years that has demonstrated unshakeable commitment to a long term project when all others have given up.

They are able to bear the difficulties calmly and without complaint. They demonstrate hard work, patience and endurance. They try again and again until the project is completed.

Special Recognition Award. This award recognizes an individual that has provided outstanding commitment, leadership, coordination or resources to further the mission of the organization which is dedicated to the recognition, preservation and restoration of greater Kansas City's unique heritage.









2012 president Dot Benner presenting the 2012 awards to (from the top) Bruce Prince-Joseph, Jeffery L. Hon, Charles A. Eddy and Herbert F. Ziegler, Jr.

Welcome new members

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Eddie Knisley John Kornitzer Peter Christopher Kovac Snookie Krumbiegel Joseph Lewellen Mary Edith Lillis Cheryl Moran Terry Moran Rober Neihart **Daniel Morton Nelson** George Niewrzel Ann O'Hare Dennis O'Hare **Bob Paredes** Michael Prestia Susan Prestia Jeri Ragan Ken Ragan Marc Rainen **Ronald Riley** Sandie Riley Lonnie Rockford Karl Roscoe, Sr. Jane Satterlee George Satterlee, III **Charles Schorgl** Yeva Schorgl Ryan Darby Smith Stephen Soden Meredith Sternberg Jonathan Theodore Sternberg James E. Summers **Rebecca Summers** John Patrick Teasdale Kent Thoeni Sue Thoeni Alex Thompson **Rachel Thompson** Ann Uryasz Francis Urvasz M. Dave Wimberly III Michael J. Wirtz James Wornall **Ruthie Wornall** Lana Yunker



News and Announcements

We have a new mail address for general correspondence:

NSDKC 6320 Brookside Plaza, Suite 213 Kansas City, MO 64113

The mail address for the OKC event will continue to be:

NSDKC P.O. Box 26071 Overland Park, KS 66225-6071

Mark Your Calendar

October 9

Wednesday, 6 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting at the Golden Ox

October 26

Saturday, Noon - 4 p.m.

Old Fashioned Picnic, music,
entertainment at Majors House

November 6

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Outstanding Kansas Citian event
at the Kia Diamond Club at
Kauffman Stadium

December 7

Saturday, 11a.m. Annual Holiday Brunch at Indian Hills Country Club

Additional details on these events are available on the website:

http://nsdkc.org/member events





Official Notice of Annual Meeting

To: All Members of NSDKC Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 6 p.m.

The Golden Ox Restaurant 1600 Genessee Street, KCMO

Dinner at 6 p.m. • Meeting at 7 p.m.

Your choice of steak or salmon
(You may also attend the meeting at 7:00 PM without purchase of dinner)

Special presentation at the annual meeting



Zoe Honeck will perform, "Little People Like Us," portraying Esther Brown's fight to integrate the South Park School District, in current day Merriam, Kansas. Her performance took first place at the Missouri State National History Day competition and received the NSDKC Prize, the Strickland African-American History Prize and the Women's History Prize. Zoe represented Missouri at the national competition at the University of Maryland in June. Zoe is a senior at The Pembroke Hill School.

We need your attendance to have a quorum.

To see the nominations for the Board of Directors, purchase tickets to the dinner and to RSVP, please visit our website:

http://nsdkc.org/2013 annual meeting

Postal mail:

Send your check for \$17 and your selection of steak or salmon to 6320 Brookside Plaza, Suite 213 • Kansas City, MO 64113

Dr. Chuck Eddy, President Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

Coming soon to a computer (or smart phone) near you

Over the next few weeks the final work will be completed to introduce a new "Members Only" area to the website. You may have already noticed that we have added a mobile-friendly application to the website for your convenience.

In addition, we will be introducing a digital version of our Membership Roster. Watch your email for further announcements.