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Kansas City Museum



The New Museum of Kansas City
History & Cultural Heritage

NSDKC Private Tour Event February 8 at Kansas City Museum

Arranged by the NSDKC Program Committee, chaired by **Linn Mills**, about 60 NSDKC members and guests gathered at the Kansas City Museum at 5:00 p.m. on February 8. It was the second event of **Linn's** plans for NSDKC to have a monthly event this year!

At 5:00 p.m. attendees received welcoming remarks and introductions at the main entrance. At about 5:15, the group was divided into two groups to be guided around the first floor rooms and scenic areas.

At about 5:45, the guests were invited, on their own, to socialize or visit either the café for a nice variety of food and refreshments or to visit the very interesting historical displays in the various rooms throughout the four floors in whatever order they preferred.

By about 7:00, guests began to finish their various visitations and proceeded to the door. Everyone was very thrilled at what they saw and what they learned about history! The Kansas City Museum is truly a spectacular Museum!

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Kansas City Stock Yards Historical Marker Dedication



On April 26, 2022, NSDKC shall dedicate its newest historical marker entitled the Kansas City Stock Yards. This marker is being funded by NSDKC Past-President **John Dillingham** whose father Jay was President of the Stock Yards for 27 years!

The 2:00 dedication shall commence at the marker's location south of American Royal Drive, in the northwest parking lot of the HyVee Arena (formerly Kemper Arena) at 1800 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO.

A 3:00 social event (co-sponsored by Dillingham and NSDKC) shall be held at the Golden Ox Restaurant following the dedication ceremony. This historic restaurant is located nearby a block north of the Arena at 1600 Genessee Street.

Opening in the west bottoms on June 1, 1871, the Kansas City Stock Yards grew to 207 acres as the nation's second largest livestock operation behind Chicago's Union Stockyards. Coupled with our area's banking industry, it served to establish Kansas City's thriving economy. This historic occasion shall commemorate one of the most significant industries of our Kansas City heritage.

**This event is one
not to miss!**



Dear Members:

WOW, what a beginning for the New Year! Thanks to Linn Mills, we have had two amazing events. The trip to the Medicine's Hall of Fame and Museum was one I want to take again and take friends to see. Dr. Hodges was so informative and gave us a great tour.

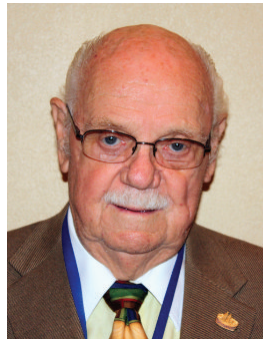
Next, we attended the Kansas City Museum, which had been the Long Mansion. Anna Marie Tuter was our tour guide and gave us a wonderful historical review of the Long family and their help in building this great city. The mansion is very large and has much of the original furnishings. It is located in the northeast part of our city that has so much history.

We have changed our Board of Directors meeting venue to the Carriage Club at 5301 State Line Road. And it has great parking.

Now with the pandemic over, we can all turn out for our first 2022 historical marker dedication at the Kansas City Stock Yards on April 26 at 2:00. Hope to see everyone there.

Sorry to hear that we have lost a dedicated member of our organization, Sharon Smart. She will be missed.

 **Karl Roscoe**
NSDKC 2022 President



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2022 Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala

As of this date, the various details such as who our honorees will be, where or when the GALA will be held, have not been finalized. The OKC Committee, chaired by Christy Chester, as well as our Officers and Board are focused on the decisions.

Likely, the GALA will be in November, as in the past, but the exact date is uncertain. As soon as we have definites, we will it put on the NSDKC website www.nsdkc.org — click on Events.

Sometimes it takes a little longer to finalize everything, but we will soon have the information out to you. And the GALA will be wonderful as usual!

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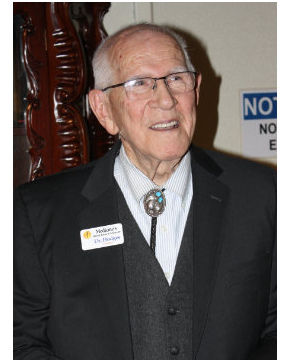
NSDKC Event at Medicine's Hall of Fame and Museum on January 8



Robin Hodges introduces his father (seated) Dr. Bruce Hodges

Planned by NSDKC Program Committee Chair Linn Mills and Gary Hicks, we had a wonderful program and visit at the Medicine's Hall of Fame and Museum at 6305 Lackman Road in Shawnee. It opened in March, 2020 at the former building and site of the Johnson County Museum. 22 of us attended the event which began at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 8.

All the rooms of what was the original building were wonderfully filled with historical displays, relics, artwork and pictures, all wonderfully interpreted about the history of diseases and medical treatments from ancient times up to recent times. The Museum inventories more than 4600 artifacts.



Speaker Dr. Bruce Hodges, M.D.

To begin the event, Robin Hodges greeted everyone and briefly described the building. He introduced his father Dr. Bruce Hodges, M.D., who is the Chairman of the Board and Curator of the Museum. He then introduced our immediate past-president Linn Mills.

Linn welcomed everyone and introduced NSDKC former presidents Nancy Elder (2020), Ross Marshall (2014), Gary Hicks (2010) and Dan Creasy (2005). She introduced our new president Karl Roscoe (2022), who spoke for a couple of minutes.

Karl then introduced Gary Hicks, who gave a brief history of NSDKC and reviewed his own recent tour of the Museum with his wife Louise. They were very impressed with what they saw and learned. Gary contacted Linn and they began to plan this event.

Gary welcomed Dr. Hodges to the podium, who warmly greeted everyone and spoke for about 30 minutes in detail about the history of diseases around the world over the last 2000 years up to about 50 years ago.

Of particular interest was how treatments progressed and finally made great progress. One disease that we all remembered was polio, which was essentially eradicated in the 1950s. Another was smallpox which was essentially eradicated about 1949. He discussed the various vaccinations like penicillin and also iron lungs.

Dr. Hodges reviewed what the biblical scriptures say about God's healing power and also some historical/mythical characters pictured in paintings that he displayed.

He closed the program about 3:00. We each had time to visit the tasty concessions table and stroll through all the displays in the Museum. About 3:30, some of us began to drift toward the door to end a very special and unique event!



Gary Hicks, at right, greets the crowd before the program began



Medicine Hall of Fame and Museum at 6305 Lackman Road

Bingham-Waggoner Estate Event

At 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30 about 30 of us met at the historic Bingham-Waggoner Estate home, which is just south of the Square in Independence, MO.

The Estate home was built by John Lewis in 1852. It was situated just south of where the wagon trains organized themselves before heading south. After about three miles, they followed what is today Blue Ridge Boulevard and turned southwest at about 87th Street.

In 1864, George Caleb Bingham moved into the home and painted several classic paintings about the Civil War. He was greatly angered when Union Brigadier General Thomas Ewing, Jr., after the Quantrill Raid on Lawrence, KS, issued Order #11 requiring families in Cass, Bates, Vernon and southern Jackson County to leave their homes.



Bingham moved in 1870 and Peter Waggoner bought the Estate. He had started the large flour mill just north of the Estate, called the Waggoner-Gates Mill, which produced the famous "Queen of the Pantry" flour. The National Frontier Trails Museum is in the building today.

His family over the next couple of decades renovated and eloquently furnished every room in the home. They remodeled the home into the present 26 rooms. The house today is just as it was in 1900, including the furniture! The other buildings were also built at that time.

In 1979, a group of private citizens, in cooperation with the City of Independence, purchased the 19.5-acre tract, converting the buildings and site to a museum and public park.

Planned by our Program Committee Chair **Linn Mills**, our 29 attendees first met in the building just west of the home. After a period of socializing, **Linn** greeted us and gave us an overview of the Estate and the plans for the evening.



Looking southwest at the front of the large three-story Museum.



The large living room with windows on the south side.

For the tour of the house, we split into three groups and visited every room with three excellent guides. The furnishings are from 1900 and preserved perfectly!

We then returned to the west building for a lovely taco bar dinner.

The Bingham-Waggoner Estate home is a very special place to visit. Everyone loved it! And it is open for tours regularly.



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Our sincere appreciation is extended to **Linn Mills, Nancy Elder** and others for helping with the arrangements for this wonderful event!

Located at 3218 Gladstone Boulevard in the Historic Northeast community of Kansas City, the Kansas City Museum is comprised of five original buildings, including the mansion Corinthian Hall, which was built in 1910 by Robert Alexander Long. The estate became a public mansion in 1940. It is now owned by the City of Kansas City and operated and managed by the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department.

The Collection contains more than 100,000 artifacts and several thousand more archival materials that interpret Kansas City's local and regional history.

The Museum reopened in October, 2021 after 13 years of renovations and planning at the cost of \$33 million in public funding and private contributions. The Museum preserves, interprets and celebrates Kansas City through collections, exhibitions and bold programs that reflect the City's evolution and spirit, and engages visitors in unfolding stories about Kansas City's vibrant history, cultural heritage and pride.

Extensive renovations are also planned for the other buildings on the site behind the Corinthian Hall Museum. That work will begin soon.

The three-acre estate consists of Corinthian Hall, named for its Corinthian columns and its outbuildings. Built for Robert A. Long and his family, this private residence was completed in 1910 for an estimated \$1 million. It was designed by local architect Henry F. Hoit.

Corinthian Hall, the four-story mansion, features 35,000 square feet of space and served as the residence of the Long family until R. A. Long's death in 1934. Daughters Sally and Loula donated the estate to the Kansas City Museum Association in 1939. In 1940 it was opened to the public as a history and



Welcomes by (l-r) Nancy Elder, Executive Director Anna Marie Tuter and Paul Gutierrez, Director of Visitor Experience and Public Programming.



NSDKC President Karl Roscoe and wife Kay.



Anna Marie Tuter, Executive Director and our tour leader.



1st floor – Liberty Memorial, Kansas City histories, walls and ceiling.

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science museum. Facing financial difficulties, the museum was deeded to the City of Kansas City in 1948.

In the 1950s, display and interpretation of natural history took center stage at the museum.

From 2005 until December, 2013 the museum was managed by Union Station Kansas City, Inc. In January 2008, the primary buildings of the museum — the residence and carriage house — closed for major renovations of roofing, masonry, art glass, energy efficient windows, elevator and HVAC.

In May 2014, the City of Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department began to operate and manage the Kansas City Museum.



The Jewelry Room with several thousand items.



NSDKC Board Meetings Now at Carriage Club

CALENDAR

Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala
TBD

NEW MEMBERS

Sally Smart
Robert Denzel
Janie Denzel
Gary Krings
Jeannie Krings
Lucinda Rice-Petrie
Alexandra Kuebler
Richard "Rick" Hughes
Joanne Hughes

MEMORIALS

Sharon Smart



Above is the new NSDKC Board meeting room at the Carriage Club. As you can see, it is roomy and has a lot of windows and scenic views.

Starting this January, our Board is now meeting at a new location.

The Carriage Club building is on the Kansas City, Missouri side of 5301 State Line Road.

It is not only a wonderful place for our meetings but their service and prices are very good. The Carriage Club also has other spaces for very large meetings, which we may use in the future.



Above is NSDKC President Karl Roscoe and our Second Vice President and OKC Committee Chair Christy Chester.