



THE NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

October 2012

Dedicated to the recognition, preservation, and restoration of Greater Kansas City's unique heritage

Marilyn Maye Honored As 2012 Outstanding Kansas Citian at Kauffman

What a smashing success! The combination of a wonderful site at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, a tasty five-course dinner, honoring Marilyn Maye as our 2012 Outstanding Kansas Citian, and especially enjoying a world-class jazz concert by Marilyn made it a memorable evening.



Marilyn is truly a warm, engaging, and uniquely talented performer. Her spectacular musical talents, plus her pride in being a Kansas Citian made her a very special choice as our 2012 honoree.

And because the event focused on American jazz, we also recognized the American Jazz Museum at 18th and Vine by presenting Chief Executive Officer Greg Carroll with an NSDKC marker.

Attended by more than 200 NSDKC members and guests, this was the 40th consecutive year that NSDKC has honored outstanding Kansas Citians. The event also is a fund raising effort and appears to have raised about \$8000 which will help us meet our 2012 budget.

Also, this annual event serves to raise the visibility of NSDKC throughout our area and has helped us recruit new members. In the last two years, more than 520 guests have attended the Outstanding Kansas Citian event and provided more than \$31,000 to benefit our organization. *continued on page 8*



Greg Carroll, Executive Director of the American Jazz Museum, unveils the new NSDKC marker



Marilyn Maye interviewed by Joel Nichols at the Outstanding Kansas Citian

President's Letter

Fall greetings to my fellow members of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City,

This, our 80th anniversary year, has proven to be one of achievement and celebration! Our goal of preservation, restoration, and historical awareness for future generations has been in the forefront of your Officers, Directors, Community Service Committee Chairs, and Corporate Standing Committees. We have been cognizant of our forefathers' legacy, and have made every attempt to honor their great efforts and accomplishments spanning from 1932 to 2012.

Your Program Committee planned four interesting tours including the Titanic Exhibition, a tour of Historic Fort Leavenworth, tour of Historic Weston, and a tour of the Agricultural Hall of Fame and Museum. Encouraging new membership, three Meet and Greets were conducted by our Membership and Social Committee. These included the American Jazz Museum, a tour of Kansas City's 8th Street Tunnel, and tour of Kansas City Ballet's new home, the Todd Bolender Center for Dance and Creativity.

On September 18, at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, NSDKC honored Kansas City's own Marilyn Maye as the 2012 Outstanding Kansas Citian. A historical plaque was also presented to The American Jazz Museum, recognizing world famous Kansas City jazz. Your OKC committee convened 22 times, insuring a most enjoyable evening, accompanied with television and media coverage.

On August 28, NSDKC partnered with The Kansas City Parks and Recreation to rededicate the Daniel Morgan Boone Cemetery and Park new access and trail.

On October 6, we partnered with the Clay County Millennium Historical Board dedicating a new historical marker at the site of the Liberty Arsenal Raid. These two celebrations are due to the efforts of our Community Service Chairs and their committees.

NSDKC participated in the annual National History Days in Kansas and Missouri, by awarding two outstanding young participants, Sophia Mauro, representing Missouri, and Avery Munns, from Kansas, with each receiving a \$100 prize and certificate. This year's theme was "Revolution, Reaction and Reform in History."

These events reflect only a few of the many accomplishments by your fellow members, each of whom continue to serve with due diligence and zeal for the welfare of NSDKC.

As this is my last letter, serving as your President, I owe a great debt of gratitude to all of you who have supported NSDKC with your unwavering enthusiasm and commitment!

I look forward to seeing you December 8th at our Holiday brunch.

Yours in NSDKC,

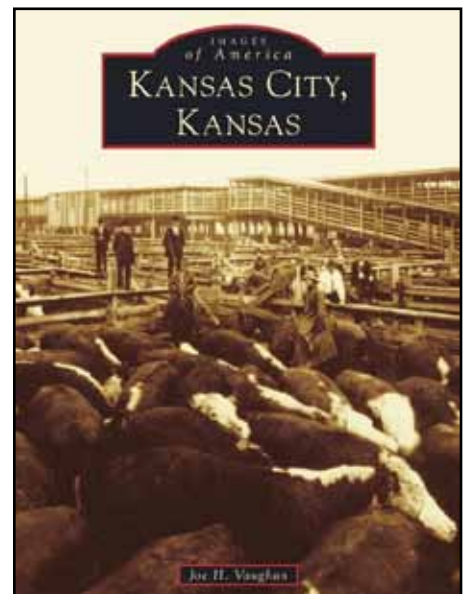
Dorothy "Dot" Benner, President

KCK History in Book by Member Joe Vaughan
New to Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series is *Kansas City, Kansas*, by local author Joe H. Vaughan. The book boasts more than 200 images and provides readers with an opportunity to reconnect with the history that shaped their community.

Over the past 150 years, many of the goods sold across the country were either manufactured in Kansas City or passed through this industrial center. *Images of America: Kansas City, Kansas* aims to present some of that past so that modern readers may see the city as it evolved between 1804 and today.

Available at bookstores, Arcadia Publishing at 888.313.2665 or www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Joe is a past-president of NSDKC, and a past-president of the Kansas Associated Press Broadcasters. Vaughan is past-historian and a past-treasurer of the Wyandotte County Historical Society and NSDKC. Vaughan was honored in 2011 by NSDKC for his many years of service. In 2010, he was the WCHS&M's "Historian of the Year".



Alexander Majors Returns to His Kentucky Birthplace

On the weekend following his 198th birthday on October 4th, Alexander Majors, portrayed by Gary L. Hicks, returned to where he was born in Franklin, Kentucky, the seat of Simpson County. Gary and Louise traveled 600 miles from Overland Park to Franklin, and were honored as dignitaries by the City of Franklin and the County during their 3-day visit. They were hosted with warm southern hospitality from city commissioners, the directors of the Tourism and Visitor Bureau, and Simpson County Historical Society, with Proclamations being issued by both the City of Franklin and Simpson County declaring October 4th to be commemorated henceforth as Alexander Jackson Majors' Day.

Mr. Hicks' first person address as Alexander Majors was well received by his audience inside the historic 1882 town square courthouse in Franklin. Following his address, a reception was hosted by Ms. Teri Summers of Franklin, who presented a plaque commemorating his historical accomplishments in regard to Alexander Jackson Majors.

Two things were accomplished by Alexander Majors' visit to Franklin. First, to have a homecoming for a gentleman who left Kentucky as a boy, and went on to become one of the most influential men in the western expansion of our nation in the 1800's. When Majors left Kentucky, he made a successful living as freighter using wagons on the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails in the 1840s, 50's and 60's, co-founded the Pony Express, and became a pioneer cattleman on the western plains. Mr. Hicks has been engaged in recent efforts with Simpson County, as well as in Kansas City, to bring greater awareness of Majors and his impact on our nation's growth and development in the 1800's.

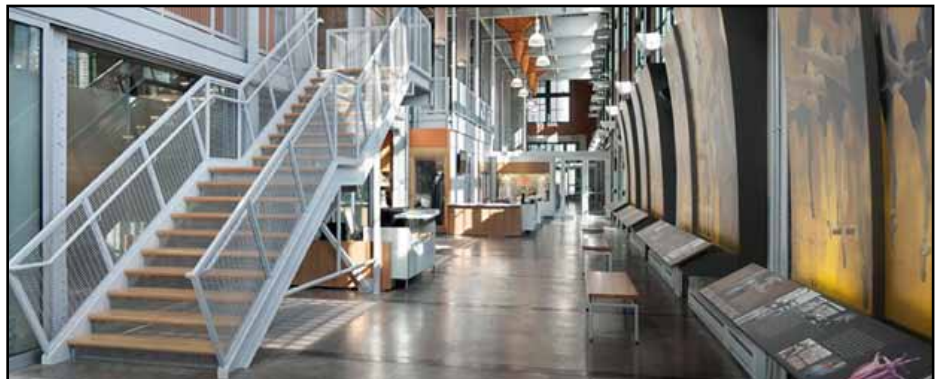
It is most meaningful to the community of Franklin and Simpson County to have the Majors gravestones returned to their sacred locations, and Gary and Louise Hicks have also been asked to return for the rededication, when the gravestones of Alexander Jackson Wilson Majors, and wife Catherine, are reset at the Farmer's Cemetery in Simpson County.

Please see the full story on the NSDKC website home page at <http://www.nsdkc.org>

Meet and Greet at Kansas City Ballet's Bolender Center

The Fall Meet & Greet was held Thursday, October 25, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bolender Center, the new home of the Kansas City Ballet. The Bolender Center is located west of Union Station and the National Archives Building at 500 West Pershing Road.

We saw the former power house for Union Station, now transformed into one of the city's most amazing renovations. The Bolender Center has twice the rehearsal space as the previous building for the company and has already won several awards. We also viewed studios used by the Kansas City Ballet for rehearsal and ballet school. The event was attended by members and prospective members.



Lobby of the Bolender Center, Kansas City Ballet's new home near Union Station



City Commissioner Jamie Powell presents to Gary Hicks, aka Alexander Majors, the proclamation that October 4th is now Alexander Majors' Day in Franklin, Kentucky.

Upcoming Events

Agriculture Hall of Fame tour, Bonner Springs, November 3

NSDKC members and guests are invited for a tour of Agricultural Hall of Fame on Saturday, November 3rd, 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Your \$10 ticket includes food, beverage, and a tour. Guests and potential members are welcome! Reservations must be received by Monday, October 29th. Buy your tickets online with your credit card or PayPal account at www.nsdkc.org. You may also pay by check to: NSDKC, Post Office Box 10046, KCMO 64171. If paying by mail, please include your name, number of persons attending, and a phone number where you can be reached. Your check is your reservation. More information about the Ag Hall of Fame can be found at their web site, or by calling 913.721.1075. The Hall of Fame is located in Bonner Springs, Kansas, at 630 North 126th Street, on Parallel Parkway just east of K-7 Highway.

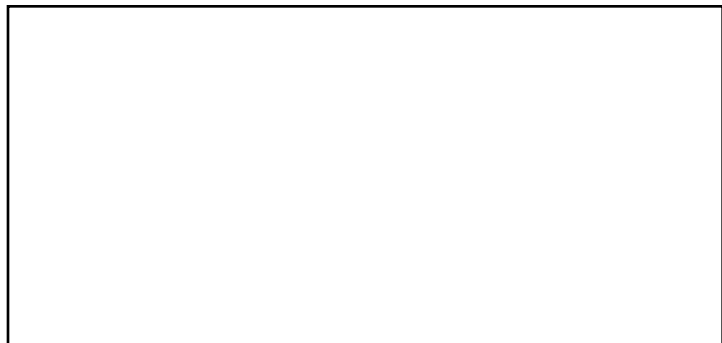
Annual Holiday Brunch, December 8. Details coming soon.

We Need Your Confirmation for the 2013 Roster by November 1

The new roster is slated to be printed and ready for distribution by the Holiday Brunch on December 8. Please take the time now to review your information in the current roster. The information in the current roster will be used for the new 2013 roster. Please contact Linda Dillon by November 1st to confirm that your roster information is correct, or if changes are required.

You may call Linda at 913.207.3310, or email the confirmation or changes to:
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Archives Committee Tackles our Digital History

It may seem more organized, and certainly less dusty, but digital technology is presenting serious challenges to organizations as they consider the legacy they leave for future generations. As a group dedicated to the preservation and protection of history, this issue is especially important to the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas City.

The past couple of months have provided plenty of examples of those challenges. On August 28, NSDKC participated in the rededication of the Boone Gravesite, and on October 6, we dedicated the marker commemorating the 1861 raid on the Liberty Arsenal. At both events, cameras were flashing, and it would be safe to say that hundreds of pictures were taken.

The problem is: where are all those pictures? And, where is the recorded history of those events? It renews our appreciation for those boxes of paper photographs with someone's handwritten description on the back of each picture.

Currently, the NSDKC website has a nice article on the Boone Cemetery Rededication on its home page, and a photo gallery of both events can be found at http://windingriver.com/photo_gallery. However, these can only provide a temporary archive of the events.



David Boutros, NSDKC member and director of the State Historical Society of Missouri archives in Kansas City, shares some of the NSDKC collection held in the archives with Bob Sigman, Dan Creasy and Joe Vaughan

As the Archives committee works on an 80th anniversary review of the Native Sons and Daughters, we are reminded of the importance of the recorded history of the organization and how it reflects on the record of our accomplishments for our great-great grandchildren when they prepare for the 160th anniversary of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas City.

Welcome Our New Members

Jane S. Larson, Thomas R. Larson,
Tom A. Rafiner, Betty Scott,
Thomas M. Scott

Memorials

Judy Page



NSDKC members Dan Creasy and Bob Sigman review membership applications from charter members of the organization.

Other recent examples include the NSDKC invitation to tour the Elmwood Cemetery and the upcoming Meet at Greet at the Todd Bolender Center. In both cases, invitations were sent digitally and the record of those meetings will probably only exist on someone's memory card or email. Neither of those will be available as part of our organization's heritage.

Liberty Arsenal Marker Dedicated

A cold blustery morning greeted the crowd that attended the dedication of the NSDKC marker at the Liberty Arsenal site. Located on the south edge of Liberty, Missouri, the marker is on the west edge of Missouri Highway 291 near the site of possibly the first armed action of the Civil War after the fall of Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina in April 1861.

Developed by the Historical Marker Committee, the marker tells the story of about 200 armed Missourians who demanded surrender of the three men guarding the arsenal, and emptied it of its armaments and ammunition.

Members of the committee are Craig Crease, Ray Elder, Gary Hicks, Whitney Kerr, Frank McMillian, Chris Sizemore, and Ross Marshall, chair. NSDKC was assisted by several partners.

The Clay County Millennium Historical Board shared the remaining cost for the marker after a grant was received from the State Historical Society of Missouri's Richard Brownlee Fund. The City of Liberty secured the right-of-way along Southview Drive from the Missouri Department of Transportation so that the marker could be on city property.

Speaking during the dedication (from left to right): NSDKC President Dot Benner and CCMHB President John Dillingham, who is also a past-president of NSDKC, made brief remarks; Jay Jackson, historian from the Liberty area spoke on "The Significance of the Liberty Arsenal"; NSDKC 2nd Vice-President and Historical Marker Committee Chair Ross Marshall was the master of ceremonies; the Honorable Greg Canuteson, Mayor of Liberty, addressed the group; and Chris Sizemore, NSDKC's Secretary, and member of the CCMHB, gave the invocation.



This is the second marker erected this year. The first was the marker presented to the American Jazz Museum during the September 18 Outstanding Kansas Citian event. And we will have more in future years. Count on it!

Ross Marshall, Historical Markers chair

Boone Park Trail Dedicated

The Boone-Hays Cemetery was first dedicated by NSDKC in June 2005. This 12 year effort by George Hicks of the Native Sons acquired the land and arranged a suitable Boone Grave site Park with the Kansas City, Missouri, Parks and Recreation Department.



The gravestone recognizes Daniel Morgan Boone as a Captain in the Missouri Mounted Militia in the War of 1812. Daniel Morgan Boone was one of the six sons of Daniel Boone. The Boones moved from Kentucky to Missouri in 1799. In 1831, he built a log house near present-day 63rd Street and Holmes. In 1836, he sold part of his land to his nephew, Boone Hays.

For the full story of Daniel Morgan Boone in Kansas City, please see the article by Herb Ziegler, Jr., in the July issue of the NSDKC newsletter. We also have video of the event posted on the home page of the NSDKC website, along with links to photos courtesy of Winding River.

From left to right, Aggie Stackhaus, Mark McHenry, Allen Dillingham, George Hicks, Herb Ziegler, Dr. Chuck Eddy

Official Notification of the 2013 Candidates for Directors of the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

Pursuant to Article VII of the Bylaws, the membership shall be notified three (3) weeks prior to the annual election of Directors. This election shall be held at the annual membership meeting of the Corporation on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the Golden Ox Restaurant, 1600 Genesee, Kansas City, Missouri, at 6:00 PM, which is also the regular date, time and place of the Board of Directors meeting. Since there are only a limited number of openings on the board due to no 2012 expiration dates for our current board members, there will be only one (1) candidate voted on by the Membership. That candidate is ALLEN E. DILLINGHAM. This opening on the board was made possible by the vacation of her place on the board by our president, Dorothy (Dot) Benner, whose term expires on December 31, 2013. However, she will continue to serve on the board as a voting member in 2013 as Immediate Past President and chair of the Advisory committee.

Following the membership meeting, the Board of Directors shall vote on two (2) additional nominees pursuant to their authority under Article IV, Section 3 of the bylaws. They shall also nominate and elect the 2013 officers of the Corporation.

The current list of board members, with their respective Current Expiration Date and Term Limit Date are as follows:

NAME	CURRENT TERM EXPIRATION DATE	TERM LIMIT DATE
Ray Elder	12/31/2013	12/31/2019
Gerald Gorman	12/31/2013	12/31/2019
John Hess, Jr.	12/31/2013	12/31/2013
Henry Leonard	12/31/2013	12/31/2019
Charles "Chuck" Page	12/31/2013	12/31/2019
Michael "Mike" Burke	12/31/2014	12/31/2020
Joanne Collins	12/31/2014	12/31/2014
Charles "Chuck" Eddy	12/31/2014	12/31/2014
James "Jim" Flanagan	12/31/2014	12/31/2014
Whitney Kerr, Sr.	12/31/2014	12/31/2014
Mark Wasserstrom	12/31/2014	12/31/2020
David Baumgartner	12/31/2015	12/31/2015
Carl DiCapo	12/31/2015	12/31/2021
John Dunnewind	12/31/2015	12/31/2015
John Hess, Sr.	12/31/2015	12/31/2015
Ross Marshall	12/31/2015	12/31/2015
Frank McMillian	12/31/2015	12/31/2015
Wm. "Chris" Sizemore	12/31/2015	12/31/2015

Respectfully submitted,
Norman O. Besheer
Chair, Nominating Committee

Town of Kansas Exhibits Dedicated



Native Sons and Daughters members Joanne Collins, Ross Marshall, Tom Sims, and Dan Sturdevant assisted in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

On Wednesday, September 19, at 9:00 a.m., the nine new permanent National Park Service wayside exhibits at the Town of Kansas site where Kansas City's history began were dedicated.

Nearly four years in the making, the site likely has the most interpretive exhibits of any trail site in the nation! And it is one of the few places that is traversed by four National Historic Trails.

We have had a high level of interest in the Town of Kansas development and interpretation for many years, and just two years ago dedicated our own marker on the site.

Outstanding Kansas Citian 2012

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The Outstanding Kansas Citian committee, who worked hard for the entire year to produce this event, included Dorothy Benner, Chuck Eddy, Chris Sizemore, Norm Besheer, Gary Hicks, Carl DiCapo, John Dillingham, staff members Susie Hughes, Linda Dillon, Keith Krieger, and Ross Marshall as chair. We want to thank all of our sponsors and especially each NSDKC member that attended.

Here's a response to the event from Delores Maser, one of the guests attending the event, sent to Linda Dillon:

"I am just wanting to thank you for helping us with the arrangements to come to see Marilyn Maye last month. We Soooo enjoyed the trip; all four of us. It was a beautiful event, in a lovely, stunning venue!

I was disappointed when so many of the 'originals' were unable to come, and then the four of us decided we just HAD to come. I am so glad we made that decision. The whole affair was just Grand and Worthy of Marilyn.

I do not know when I have seen Marilyn look better. She was radiant and looked just fabulous. She also sounded WONDERFUL! What an evening. I am so glad we did not miss it.

I thank you for hanging in there for me; and for getting us in' at the last moment.

Gratefully, Delores Maser

Also, Mark Maser, Glenn Hendriksen, Martha Hall, the only three Iowans and one Nebraskan in the large crowd of Kansas Citians. We felt right at home.

My best to you and your organization. Keep it Happening!"



Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, venue for the 2012 Outstanding Kansas Citian