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Founded in 1974, Historic Kansas City Foundation is a Missouri Not-for-Profit Corporation and is a federal 501-C3 tax-exempt educational organization. The Foundation is dedicated to the preservation of Kansas City's architecturally and historically significant built environment. The Gazette is the official publication of the Foundation and subscription to the Gazette is included with membership.

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July marked a pivotal moment in the Foundation's 35 year history and the beginning of a remarkable new era for historic preservation in Kansas City.

Thanks to the steadfast support of people like you, citizens who recognize the important role historic preservation plays in building the city of the future, HKCF is moving into a new era of Advocacy, Education, and Activism. 35 years of commitment, action and dedication to the cause have not gone unnoticed.

Your efforts have resulted in major demonstration of confidence in the Foundation and its supporters in the form of a three year \$225,000 challenge grant administered by the **National Trust for Historic Preservation** and made possible by the vision and generosity of the **William T. Kemper Foundation**.

The challenge grant is a gift which looks to the future compelling each of us to renew our commitment to creating a Culture of Preservation Awareness in greater Kansas City. In order to maximize the benefit of the grant the Foundation has embarked on a three year \$500,000 capital campaign. **We are over half way there and with your**

**financial support will exceed our goal!**

Please join me and make a financial contribution to this important campaign. Your support is essential and will allow HKCF to leverage the Kemper Grant to maximum benefit supporting the Foundation's mission and programs to promote historic preservation across the Kansas City Metro.

Its great to live in community filled with people who recognize the importance of historic preservation and understand that every time a part of our historic urban fabric is destroyed rather than preserved or revitalized a part of who we are vanishes forever.

Historic Preservation is an act of respect. Respect for the hopes and dreams of generations past and respect for the right of future generations to benefit from our stewardship of our historic neighborhoods, streetscapes and architecture

Thanks to each of you who have contributed your time, talent and money over the years to support the Foundation. We hope you will continue that support and will consider joining us in our campaign to empower HKCF meet the evolving challenges of

historic preservation for the next 35 years. Your support will help us meet the challenge and build a sustainable footing from which the Foundation can achieve its strategic goals of:

- Creating a Culture of Preservation Awareness across greater Kansas City
- Creating and increased focus on preservation of the metropolitan areas Historic Neighborhoods
- Increasing the number and diversity of our members
- Affecting public policy by working proactively with concerned citizens and community leaders
- Protecting our critical resources thru effective advocacy and education
- Connecting home owners and the development community with important preservation resources and programs.
- Promoting preservation as a leading example of environmental Stewardship

Together we can preserve and build a better Kansas City!

Yours in Preservation,  
Michael A. Schaadt, AIA,

## ROCKLEY NAMED HKCF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lisa Rockley became the Foundations new executive director July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Lisa's combination of non profit leadership experience, entrepreneurial spirit, knowledge and passion for historic preservation made her the board of directors unanimous choice for the position from among the many qualified candidates considered.

Originally from Olpe, KS , Lisa graduated from Kansas State University and was the Executive



Director for Downtown Manhattan, Inc, a Kansas Main Street organization. Ms. Rockley has been very active with non-profit and historic preservation as the Director for the Kansas Downtown Development Association and with Emporia Main Street. She is also a Certified Main Street Manager through the National Trust.

Join HKCF in extending her a warm welcome and met her the evening of August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Coates House Hotel or Saturday October 11 our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Homes Tour in Armour Fields.

## Volunteers Needed

The **Advocacy committee** needs volunteers who are willing to help create a preservation advocacy agenda for 2008. Volunteers are needed to track important development proposals, to attend public meetings and to provide leadership for preservation and urban conservation. Interested members should contact Jake Wagner: 816-235-6053

**HKCF Home Tour** will need Volunteers. We will most likely need at least 35 volunteers. Each home will need a homes tour coordinator. These individuals will have an 8 hour shift

on the day of the tour. Volunteer meetings will begin four months prior to the homes tour date. Meetings will be twice a month for 2 hours (= four hours per month).

Homes Tour Volunteers should possess a knowledge of our organization and will be responsible for a script for their respective assignment. An enthusiastic friendly manner for our tour patrons would be quite helpful. Please send an email to [hkcf@birch.net](mailto:hkcf@birch.net) please place **homes tour volunteer** in the subject line.

**Volunteers needed to retype National Register Nominations Forms** for Kansas City that were previously type written. Volunteers must be familiar with MS Word. Volunteers will be given copied documents so that they can work at home. Volunteers should possess a knowledge of our organization. If you can help please send an email to [hkcf@birch.net](mailto:hkcf@birch.net) please place **National Register Volunteer** in the subject line. There is about 100 hours of work that needs to be done. All work does not have to happen at once.

## 2008 PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation presented the **2008 Preservation Awards** during an Honors Award Ceremony in the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, February 27 at 11:30 a.m. This annual event honors organizations, groups, and individuals who have made contributions to preserve Missouri's diverse historic resources. Legislators from the honorees home districts assisted with the awards ceremony.

The Awards and award recipients were: **Rozier Award** – Whitney and Day Kerr, Saline County.

**McReynolds Award** – Peter George, St. Louis County.

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**Osmund Overby Award** – Meeting Louis at the Fair by Carol S. Porter, St. Louis County.

The **Rozier Award** is presented annually to an individual or couple who has made significant contributions in the field of historic preservation in Missouri. The award is named for Elizabeth Rozier and her late husband, Senator George Rozier. It is considered Missouri Preservation's most prestigious and coveted award. Whitney and Day

Kerr received this year's Rozier Award for the restoration of their home, Prairie Park, located in Saline County near Arrow Rock. Historic Kansas City Foundation is especially proud of Day, who helped found HKCF in 1974 with Joan Dillon and Hal Sandy. Prairie Park is a plantation home built between 1845 and 1849. The red brick mansion has a two-story portico and is considered one of the finest examples of nineteenth century Greek Revival architecture in rural Missouri. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Prairie Park was built by William B. Sappington, who was a respected businessman, farmer and community leader. He was the son of Dr. John Sappington, an Arrow Rock physician who experimented with quinine for the treatment of malaria. In 1844, Dr. Sappington wrote *The Theory and Treatment of Fevers* which was published in Arrow Rock. His major contribution to medicine was the development of anti fever pills containing quinine. Known as "Sappington's anti-fever pills", it became the standard drug to combat malaria during westward expansion. In his later years, Dr. Sappington lived with his son William at Prairie Home.

**The McReynolds Awards** are presented annually to encourage an individual or group which is either in the midst of a preservation project or has made significant strides in preservation. This important award is named in honor of Elizabeth McReynolds Rozier.

The **Osmund Overby Award** was established in 2003 to recognize written works which contribute to the documentation and interpretation of Missouri's architectural history. The award honors Dr. Overby, art history professor emeritus and former chairman of the University of Missouri's preservation program. Dr. Overby was a founding member of Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation and served as its first president in 1976. He was a member of the Board of Directors from 1976-2003. Dr. Overby is a nationally recognized leader in historic preservation. The Preserve Missouri Awards recognize outstanding efforts and projects around Missouri which illustrate diverse preservation issues. The awards recognize a variety of projects which include commercial and residential rehabilitation, archaeology, advocacy and landscape.

## 2008 Missouri Most Endangered Properties List

2008 Missouri Most, Endangered Properties (Properties are listed in no particular order.)

1. Fairfax - Rock Hill (St. Louis County)
2. Deville Motor Hotel - City of St. Louis
3. Harry S. Truman National Historic Landmark District - Independence (Jackson County)
4. Janssen Place Entry Gates - Kansas City (Jackson County)
5. African-American Schools Across Missouri  
Lincoln School of Vandalia - Vandalia (Audrain County)  
Banneker School - Parkville (Platte County)
6. Wheatley-Provident Hospital - Kansas City (Jackson County)
7. The MKT Railroad Bridge - (Cooper and Howard Counties)
8. Courthouses Across Missouri Specifically the Clark County Courthouse - Kahoka (Clark County)
9. Mullanphy Emigrant Home - City of St. Louis

### 2008 Watched Properties List

(Properties are listed in no particu-

lar order.)

1. George Washington Carver School - Fulton (Callaway Counties)
2. Ralls County Sheriff's Office - New London (Ralls County)
3. Martinsburg City Hall, Fire House and Jail - Martinsburg (Audrain County)
4. Union Pacific Train Depot and Stairs - Poplar Bluff (Butler County)
5. Andrew Baker House - Desloge (St. Francois County)
6. 18th and Vine Historic District - Kansas City (Jackson County)
7. The Rotunda - Hermann (Gasconade County)
8. Linn County Jail - Linneus (Linn County)

## Historic Kansas City Foundation Board Member wins the Jane Fifiield Flynn Lifetime Achievement in Preservation Award.

On May 22, 2008, Preservationist met at the Robert J. Mohart Center Auditorium for the Kansas City, Missouri, Landmarks Preservation awards. Historic Kansas City Foundation Board member Joe Louis Mattox, was awarded the Jane Fifiield Flynn Lifetime Achievement in Preservation Award. Mr. Mattox' commitment to preservation includes serving two terms on the historic Kansas City Foundation Board. He has served four terms on the Kansas City Landmarks Commission. He has been an historian and independent scholar at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center and State museum. Mr. Mattox has had numerous articles written about Kansas City history in the Kansas City Star, The Jackson County Historical Society Journal, Historic Kansas City Foundation Gazette and other publications. Congratulations Joe L. Mattox!

### JOIN OR RENEW TODAY:

#### BENEFITS OF HKCF MEMBERSHIP

- Subscription to The Gazette
- Discount on selected tours & events
- Invitation to HKCF annual mtg.
- Notification of HKCF events
- Use of HKCF library facilities
- Listing HKCF website
- Enrollment HKCF email updates

### CREDIT CARD RENEWING

#### AVAILABLE NOW

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<http://historickansascity.org/commerce/membership.html>

Mail to:  
Historic Kansas City Foundation  
201 Westport Road  
Kansas City, MO 64111

## PRESERVATION CALENDAR

**September 10-13, 2008.** 2008 Annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference St. Charles, MO. For more information call Missouri Preservation at (573) 443-5946. or [www.preservemo.org](http://www.preservemo.org)

**September 11-14 2008.** Albuquerque, NM. Preserving the Historic Road [www.historicroads.org](http://www.historicroads.org)

**October 21-25, 2008.** Tulsa, Oklahoma National Trust for Historic Preservation. For information: [www.nthpconference.org](http://www.nthpconference.org)

**November 13-15, 2008.** Chicago, Il. Second Wave of Modernism in Landscape Architecture in America—Cultural Landscape Foundation <http://www.tclf.org/secondwave/>

The **Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area**, which covers 41 counties in Kansas and Missouri. For more information about the Heritage Area, go to: <http://www.freedomfrontier.org/>

## Plaza Library's 2008 Series on Famous KC Architects

The Plaza Library's 2008 Speaking Series on Famous Kansas City Architects. The summer will bring the Plaza Library's second series on KC's historic architecture. Each session is on a Sunday from 2 to 4 pm & is free. Each will be held in the new Truman Forum room downstairs & will include slides, to be followed by Q&A. **7/13/08: Ernest O. Brostrom**, by Architectural Historian Susan J. Ford. His projects include the ornate Newbern Apartments at 525 East Armour Blvd, the Rushton Baking Company at 814 SW Blvd, & Mike & Crissy's gorgeous bungalow at 815 SW Blvd. **7/27/08: Edward Beuhler Delk**, by Author & Professor Dr. Bill Worley. His projects include the Country Club Plaza, Starlight Theatre, the Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa, & many of KC's finer homes. Tour date is Wed. evening 7/30 at a home in Mission Hills.

## Meet HKCF New Board Member - Richard P. Nadeau

Richard P. Nadeau comes to HKCF with a distinguished career in social services. For the last 34 years, he has worked as a psychotherapist in the Kansas City Metro area. He has spent 14 years on the Board for Jackson County Historical Society. He has a strong commitment to the Kansas City metro area Art and Mental health communities. His volunteer service has included serving on the Board for the following organizations: Full Circle

Theater Company, Jackson County Mental Health Task Force, the Greater Kansas City Health Foundation, Municipal Art Commission, Review Magazine and the Spencer Museum in Lawrence, Kansas. Richard has received numerous awards for his service to the community. The recognition of his commitment has included the following awards: Truman Behavioral Health Award, National Alliance for Mentally Ill (NAMI) Community and Lifetime achievement awards and

the Public Service Award for Advocacy, Courage & Leadership for Arts and Mental Health from Mattie Rhodes Center in Kansas City. Richard currently is a practicing psychotherapist at Richard Pierre Nadeau & Associates in Kansas City.

## Meet HKCF New Board Member - Marion Wheeler

Marion Wheeler spent 14 years as Director of Marketing and Business Development in the commercial construction industry. She worked nationally and internationally before she had the opportunity to work in Kansas City's metropolitan community. As local entrepreneurs began buying and renovating historic buildings in the urban core, Marion co-founded the Urban Core Group to applaud and expose these entrepreneurs and their efforts at re-

viving our urban core. The Urban Core Group presently has over 500 members and gathers on a monthly basis to discover a newly renovated historic treasure in our urban core. She assisted in the grand opening of the historic Aladdin Hotel after a two year renovation that brought back the deco structure that adorned 12<sup>th</sup> and Wyandotte in the 1920's and continued on as The Aladdin's corporate room sales manager. Most recently, she has turned her atten-

tion to another renovated deco building on the Country Club Plaza which will house MLB Designs, Inc., an interior design studio and home furnishings retail store. Marion is currently the retail manager for MLB Designs.

## Meet HKCF New Board Member - Scott Lane

Scott Lane is a mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century product born in Springfield, MO. He and his family moved to the Kansas City area in 1963. Other than his senior year in high school, it has been home ever since. Scott's father was transferred frequently in those days (13 times in 11 years). After school, he was a locomotive engineer for the St. Louis-San Francisco (FRISCO) Railway. This enabled Scott to pursue a baseball career which culminated in playing for the Kansas City Giants, a semi-pro team. Practices were held at old Parade Park with home games at Heathwood Park in KC, KS. In 1984, Scott became licensed in Real Estate with

the Eugene D. Brown Company, and became a managing Broker in 1991 of the Valley View office in Overland Park, KS. In 1994, He became Managing Broker of the Mission @75<sup>th</sup> office, Prairie Village, Kansas, where he currently has his office. In 1998, a merger occurred with the JC Nichols Company, the following year Scott became a Vice-President. In 2001, after another merger the company became Reece and Nichols Realtors. Scott, is a Leadership Training Graduate and has served as a Director of the Johnson County Board of Realtors, Secretary-Director of the Multiple Listing Service, Director- Kansas Association of Realtors and has chaired

various committees. Since the 1970's, Scott has researched the growth and development of the "First Ring" Suburbs, documenting architects, builders and the history. In 2003, he co-founded KC Modern, an advocacy group for modern design, architecture, housing, etc. Scott says he is honored to be a Director and looks forward to working with the HKCF Board on the many challenges at hand.

# 2008 Annual Meeting





## Historic Armour Fields

20th Annual Fall Homes Tour

Saturday, October 11th

10 am - 5 pm

A successful homes tour relies on individuals for their time, talent and energy.  
We need your help! Volunteer opportunities include:

*Pre-tour Set Up & Teardown*  
*Marketing & Sales*  
*Manning Ticket Booth on Tour Day*  
*House Tour Guides/Walkers*  
*Tour Guidebook; Photography; Tour Map*

To find out how you may help, please attend a tour committee meeting,  
or call Chairperson Patty at (913) 406-5014

Tour committee meetings are on Saturday mornings at 11:15am

The Gaf, 7122 Wornall Road

**July 26, August 9 & 23rd,**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Advance tickets will be available online after September 5

<http://www.historickansascity.org>

\$10.00 in advance-\$12.00 day of tour

## Friend of the Armour Fields Fall Homes Tour Sponsorship Level: \$100 - \$250

Yes, I would like to donate to become a Friend of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Homes Tour. I understand I will receive two complimentary tour tickets for my donation and my name will appear in the tour program guide.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name as you would prefer your name to appear in the tour program guide)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your donation payable to: **Historic Kansas City Foundation and mail to HKCF, 201 Westport Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64111-2239**

*To be included in the Tour Program Guide, please respond by September 5, 2008*

# HERITAGE HIKES – FALL 2008

**HKCF will present six Heritage Hikes this fall.**

The first series of three hikes, Exploring Kansas City, Missouri's Heritage, features Kansas City's first suburbs: Scarritt Point Historic District and Central Hyde Park and the emerging Crossroads District on consecutive Tuesdays (September 23, 30 and October 7) from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Each hike highlights the architecture and history of the neighborhood. Hikers receive brochures which include historical and architectural information. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of each hike. Upon completion of all three hikes, hikers will receive a gift from HKCF.

**September 23 SCARRITT POINT HISTORIC DISTRICT**, convene in front of the Kansas City Museum, 3218 Gladstone Boulevard

**September 30 CENTRAL HYDE PARK**, meet at the intersection of 38th and Locust streets

**October 7 KANSAS CITY'S CROSSROADS...WHERE THE FREIGHT-DISTRICT AND FILM ROW MEET**, meet in Lidia's parking lot, 101 West 22 Street.

Yes, "Everything's Up To Date in Kansas City", the second series of three hikes, explores the Central Business District of Downtown Kansas City, Missouri, where some of the most beautiful and interesting buildings in Kansas City are located. Through these hikes, Historic Ninth Street, Ilus Davis Civic Mall and Avenue of the Arts, presented on consecutive Tuesdays (October 14, 21 and 28), from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., hikers will look back on Kansas City's architectural heritage while looking forward to the future and determine that "everything is up to date in Kansas City!" Brochures with maps and historic and architectural information will be provided. At the conclusion of each hike, refreshments will be served. After completing the three hike series, each hiker will receive a gift from HKCF.

**October 14 HISTORIC NINTH STREET**, convene in front of Saint Patrick's Church, 800 Cherry Street.  
**October 21 ILUS DAVIS CIVIC MALL**, meet in front of Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, 1307 Holmes Road.  
**October 28 AVENUE OF THE ARTS**, meet in front of Municipal Auditorium's Little Theatre, 211 West 13 Street.

To enroll in the hikes, contact COMMUNIVERSITY at 816.235.1448 To participate in each hike series, bring a check for \$25 payable to Historic Kansas City Foundation to the first hike. If one does not wish to take all three hikes in each series, sign up for each hike separately. Bring a \$10 check payable to HKCF to the hike.

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## LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS

**Kansas City Register of Historic Places** "Pendleton Height Historic District Expansion I" The original Pendleton Heights Historic District, located in the historic northeast area of Kansas City, was designated on June 7, 1992, and included 170 properties that highlighted the Victorian Architecture of the neighborhood.

The new expansion includes 438 properties and encompasses the majority of the neighborhood. It includes high style Queene Anne Houses, folk Victorian homes, bungalows, historic apartment buildings, and properties associated with the Italian American Population in Kansas City. The expansion was designated on May 22, 2008.

## National Register of Historic Places



Ambassador Hotel Boundary Increase I: 336 W 36th St & 3543 Broadway Designated 4/10/2008



Vitagraph Film Exchange: 1703 Wyandotte Designated 2/28/2008



Gary L. Hunter House: 1228 W. 56th St Designated 2/13/2008



Walnut Street Warehouse and Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase), 1612, 1616, 1620 & 1624 Grand Blvd. & 1705-07 & 1709 Walnut St. Designated 6/13/08

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In an effort to enhance membership benefits and improve communication. HKCF would like your email to add to an electronic newsletter update. Your email will not be shared or sold and you can unsubscribe at anytime. Electronic newsletters have proven to be very beneficial to non-profit organizations across the nation and HKCF would like to offer this benefit to our membership.

Please email [lisarockley@historickansascity.org](mailto:lisarockley@historickansascity.org) and request to be added to the update list.



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