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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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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED
Rockley brings experience to new role with Historic Kansas City Foundation

Kansas City (MO) - The Board of Directors of the Historic Kansas City Foundation (HKCF) is pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Rockley as Executive Director. “We are pleased to welcome Lisa to our greater Kansas City community in a full-time capacity and look forward to years of creative and innovative work which will benefit us all,” states Historic Kansas City Foundation Board President, Mike Schaadt.

Ms. Rockley comes to HKCF with a wealth of preservation experience. Most recently she served for five years as Executive Director of Downtown Manhattan, Inc, a nationally accredited Main Street organization through the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In this capacity, Ms. Rockley managed the Downtown Business Improvement District for the City of Manhattan. She recently received the 2006 Executive Director of the Year Kansas Main Street Governor’s Award.

She has been very active with non-profit and historic preservation work through the Kansas Downtown Development Association and with Emporia Main Street, a Great America Main Street Community through the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Ms. Rockley is also a nationally certified Main Street Manager through the National Trust.

“I look forward to working with the strong leadership in place at the Historic Kansas City Foundation. The energy of the volunteers and membership base is very encouraging. Partnered with the great history we have, I feel a foundation for success is in place.” says Rockley. “It is vitally important that we reach out to Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas to preserve and celebrate the rich range of historic sites in our community.”

Historic Kansas City Foundation is a 501c3 not-for-profit dedicated to the preservation of historic buildings and neighborhoods in Greater Kansas City. Through advocacy and programs, the Foundation demonstrates the proven economic and cultural benefits of historic preservation. Incorporated in 1974, the Foundation was founded by a group of citizens concerned with the ongoing demolition of historic structures within our community. The Foundation’s diverse membership is comprised of both individuals and corporations that share a strong commitment to protecting greater Kansas City’s unique heritage. More information is available at www.hkcf.org

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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. 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 lisarockley@historickansascity.org 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 lisarockley@historickansascity.org 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.

Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (MO-3) has written an important component of “green” development & combating climate change. To reserve a seat go to www.kclibrary.org or call 816.701.3400.


Sat. 10/11/08, 10 – 5: HKCF Homes Tour in Armour Fields/Romanelli Gardens. (Gregory to 65th, Wornall to Hillard). For more information on appropriate color renovations for historic homes. Why have architectural details if color hides them? Why have a period house if the colors aren’t period? This Community class #2215A will be held in a vintage Arts & Crafts style home at 3632 Campbell in Hyde Park. Bring $9 for materials. Limit 15 people. 816-235-1448 & www.umkc.edu/commu


HKCF Board President’s Message

You gotta love September in Kansas City! It’s a time of transformation and thanks to your support HKCF is moving forward with a reinvigorated focus and commitment to bring historic preservation forward as the highly relevant and powerful tool which it is for smart development and reinvestment in our community.

HKCF is effectively advocating for the preservation of the places and spaces that matter most to all of us, and helping people and organizations in our community connect with the resources they need to make preservation the right choice. As members of HKCF you can count yourself a part of an important and growing group of people dedicated to saving Kansas City’s historic places and cultural heritage. We are on the move.

Preservation apparently really matters to a lot of folks out there. July and August were bustling with well attended events, community discussions and planning sessions that highlighted the central and highly beneficial role preservation plays in the future of our City. Thanks to all of you who joined us August 14th as guests of CRES Management at the Historic Coates House hotel to re-dedicate the bronze bust of Mr. Kersey Coates himself. Thanks to those of you who joined August 20th for a press conference announcing The El Torreon Cultural Arts Centers’ plans for the revitalization of the Historic El Torreon Theater and the Cowtown Ballroom at 31st and Gillham, and thanks to the citizens and city staff of Mission Kansas the Kansas Preservation Alliance and the Kansan State-Historical Society for pulling together and beginning the process of assessing downtown Missions’ eligibility as registered historic district. Together we are making it happen.

Moving forward the Foundation needs your help with our continued revival as Kansas City’s “Go to Preservation Resource”.

Give us the Link! Send us your e-mail address so we can improve our communication with you! Please forward to Lisa Rockley our Executive Director at lisarockley@historickansascity.org

Be a Member! Please maintain your membership, and consider increasing your giving to HKCF. Our membership provides HKCF with its single largest source of funds for advocacy, educational and membership events. Invite a friend to join or give a membership as a gift this holiday season.

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Walking Tours in Independence & Blue Springs

Windows On The Past: A Candle light Tour 12/13/2008, Time: 6-8:30 pm
Experience a guided tour of Missouri Town 1855 lit by luminaries. Witness the ethnic traditions of German, English and French celebrations. Hot spiced cider and cookies complete this unique holiday experience. Admission: $7.50 per person, Advance reservations required. Address: Missouri Town 1855, 22807 Woods Chapel Rd., Blue Springs, Mo.

Phone: 816-503-4860

Spirit of Christmas Past” Heritage Homes Tour 11/28/2008 - 12/30/2008 10 am-4 pm, Mon.-Sat.; 1-4 pm, Sun.
Come experience three historic Independence landmark homes, decorated in their holiday best. Admission: $5 each site, $12 for 3 sites. Address: Bingham-Waggner Estate; 313 W. Pacific; Vaile Mansion; 1500 N. Liberty; 1859 Marshall’s Home; 217 N. Main; Independence, Mo.
Phone: 816-325-7111

JOIN OR RENEW TODAY:

THE KANSAS PRESERVATION ALLIANCE AND THE HISTORIC KANSAS CITY FOUNDATION invite you to a reception at the renovated Crestwood Condominiums on Thursday, October 9, 2008 5:00 -7:30 PM
Built in 1919 as the Brookside Hotel, the buildings has a compelling history serving as housing for U.S. Army Air Corps personnel in WWII, a dormitory for TWA stewardesses in the 1950s then student housing for both St. Paul's School of Theology and later UMKC. Please join us for wine and hors d’oeuvres and meet Daniel Serda Director of the Kansas City Design Center and a National Trust office for Historic Preservation Advisor for Kansas. Hosted at the home of Joan and Earl Adam 5401 Brookside #608 Kansas City, MO 64112
$30.00 per person
Please RSVP by October 5, 2008
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Historic Coates House Marks Survival and Restoration with Historic Plaque and Celebration

On Aug. 14, the new owner of the Quality Hill Condominiums and apartment homes, CRES Management LLC, hosted an open house at the Coates House at 1003 Broadway Blvd., to celebrate the return and unveiling of the original Kersey Coates bronze plaque to the historic building. The Historic Kansas City Foundation (HKCF) co-sponsored the open house to honor the historic nature of the Coates House Hotel as a treasured property for Downtown Kansas City. HKCF saved the building from demolition in 1978.

“Following a tragic fire in the Coates House Hotel in January 1978, Historic Kansas City Foundation purchased the building to save it from demolition. HKCF held the building more than five years, incurring significant costs along the way, until McCormack Baron & Associates of St. Louis purchased the building as part of its Quality Hill redevelopment project.

The Coates House is symbolic to the HKCF as it represents its long-standing commitment to save historic structures in Kansas City. The foundation is the only greater Kansas City nonprofit corporation dedicated to the preservation of the area’s architectural heritage. The organization is proudly presented CRES Management LLC with a plaque signifying the historical value to our community.

The Coates House opened in 1868 and was the deluxe hotel in Kansas City. Many dignitaries stayed there, including President Grover Cleveland and his bride, who viewed Kansas City’s first Priests of Pallas parade, Oct. 13, 1887, from their room.

We (HKCF) are very proud that the Coates House Hotel is still here. One of the organization’s early successes was saving the building,” stated Pete Browne, HKCF board member. “I believe having buildings like the Coates House is an important part of our current downtown improvement project.”

In July 2008, the Historic Kansas City Foundation hired Lisa Rockley as executive director to provide full time advocacy, public policy and education programming for the Kansas City Metro Area. The foundation recently received a $250,000 challenge grant from the William T. Kemper Foundation.

CRES Management LLC recently completed a complete restoration of the historic Coates House lobby for use as the sales information center for Quality Hill residential real estate sales, where it is restoring and converting 18 buildings as affordable downtown condominiums.

Teresa Lippert, principal of CRES Management LLC said, “It is a deeply significant honor for us to be able to restore the historic Kersey Coates plaque to its original position of honor in the lobby of the Coates House. He not only built the Coates House, he originated the Quality Hill District as an elite neighborhood as well. We are acutely aware of the importance of preserving the history of Quality Hill as Kansas City’s first neighborhood. For us, it is a labor of love.”

“The Historic Kansas City Foundation is a great advocate for preserving more than just buildings, but a sense of community. We have a long history, passionate board of directors, and a dedicated new executive director,” concluded Browne.
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: Scarratt 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 FREIGHTDISTRICT 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, Ills 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 COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY 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.

President’s Message (continued from page 3)

Donate! Make a donation to our Capital Campaign. Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar thanks to our National Trust Challenge Grant. There is no better time to make a monetary contribution to the future of preservation in KC than now!

Volunteer! We need your imagination and energy to help us succeed in growing our membership, increasing our outreach and forming the partnerships that will make us more effective in the community. Please contact the office for a full list of our volunteer openings.

Please join us for an upcoming event and don’t miss....

Thursday October 9th  KPA and HKCF reception at the Crestwood Condominiums

Wednesday October 8th- Dick Moe Director of the National Trust at the KCMO Central Library

Saturday October 11, HKCF’s 20th Annual Fall Homes Tour

Thank you for supporting HKCF. Together we can preserve and build a better Kansas City!

Yours in Preservation,

Michael A. Schaadt, AIA

President HKCF

The Haunting of St. Mary’s – October 25

Historic St. Mary’s Episcopal Church’s annual presentation of “The Haunting of St. Mary’s” is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, October 25. “The Haunting” is a dinner theatre entertainment that tells the story of the Rev’d. Henry David Jardine, the third Rector of St. Mary’s, who served the parish between 1879 and his tragic and mysterious death in January 1886. This event is presented in the unique and beautiful nave of St. Mary’s Church, located at 1307 Holmes in downtown Kansas City, three blocks east of Sprint Arena. Parking is free in the church lot.

Drawing from real-life events, “The Haunting” is a chapter from Kansas City’s 19th century history. It relates the bitter conflict between Fr. Jardine and local newspaper editor John Shea. Their battle of wills played out in the newspapers and courts, resulting in exposure of Jardine’s criminal past and ending his career as a minister. Following his death at the age of 39, strange sights and sounds began to be reported in the church building, leading to a legend which holds that the building is haunted by Jardine’s ghost.

The script, written by Robert Paisley, will be directed by Art Suskin. The cast includes Kansas City actors Alan Tilson, Rozanne Devine and Dennis T. Frye. Incidental music will be performed by singers Sara Bleything Cohrs and Patrick O’Halloran and organist Terry Foster. The evening begins with dinner, prepared by Barry Nipp, Chef of One 80 in Westport.

Tickets for “The Haunting” are now available by mail or phone. Prices are $45 for a single/$80 for a pair with a $1 per ticket service charge. The price includes dinner and wine/beverage and the show. Mail orders should specify the number of tickets desired, the address to which tickets should be sent, and include a check for payment of the total amount. Credit Card payment is available for phone orders. Call 816-842-0975 to order tickets. Information is available also at stmaryskc.org.
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 call Chairperson Patty at (913) 406-5014
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 20th 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
Landmark News

Recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places in the Kansas City, Metro Area:

- Valentine Hotel on Broadway - 3724 Broadway – Listed 8/1/2008
- Bon Air Apartments Building - 4127-4133 Locust St – Listed 7/30/2008
- Parade Park Maintenance Building - 1722 Woodland Ave. – Listed 7/24/2008
- Walnut Street Warehouse and Commercial Historic District Boundary Increase - 1612, 1616, 1620 and 1624 Grand, 1705-09 Walnut – Listed 6/13/2008
- Inter-State Building - 1300 Locust St. - 6/12/2008
- Chatham Hotel - 3701 Broadway - Listed 6/24/2008
- Lowell Elementary School 1040 Orville Avenue Kansas City (Wyandotte County) Listed in National Register 1/31/2008

Additional national Register listed properties without photographs:

- MISSOURI, CLAY COUNTY, Wyman School, 100 Dunbar St., Excelsior Springs, LISTED, 7/24/08
- MISSOURI, JACKSON COUNTY, Northeast Douglas Street Residential Historic District, NE Douglas St. roughly between Elm and Maggie Sts., Lee's Summit, LISTED, 8/27/08 (Lee's Summit, Missouri MPS)
- MISSOURI, JACKSON COUNTY, Northeast Forest Avenue and Northeast Green Street Residential Historic District, 108, 110, 114 NE Forest Ave. and 310, 312 NE Green St., Lee's Summit, LISTED, 8/27/08 (Lee's Summit, Missouri MPS)
- MISSOURI, JACKSON COUNTY, Northeast Green and 1st Streets Residential Historic District, Roughly bounded by NE Douglas St., Maple St., 1st St., and NE Johnson St., Lee's Summit, LISTED, 8/27/08 (Lee's Summit, Missouri MPS)
- MISSOURI, JACKSON COUNTY, Colonnade Apartment Building at 4302 Oak Street, Kansas City, LISTED, 9/04/08 (Colonnade Apartment Buildings of Kansas City, MO MPS)
- KANSAS, DOUGLAS COUNTY, Fernand-Strong, House, 1515 University Drive, Lawrence, LISTED, 7/02/08 (Lawrence, Kansas MPS)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT & HERITAGE TRUST FUND GRANT WORKSHOPS
December 9, 2008
Kansas Historical Society, Museum Classrooms—6425 SW 6th Avenue Topeka, KS
HTF workshop at 10am & Tax Credit session at 1:30pm

Attendance at HTF workshops is not required for submission of an application, but it is strongly encouraged. At the workshops, HTF staff will discuss the application process, approaches to take to the writing of the application, and will answer questions concerning the program. There is no cost involved and advanced registration is not required. However, we encourage you to call 785-272-8681, ext. 245 if you plan to attend so we can estimate attendance and notify you in the event of inclement weather and/or workshop cancellation.

For more information on this program, or to add your name to the 2009 mailing list, please contact the Kansas Historic Preservation Office at 785-272-8681, ext. 240, kringler@kshs.org, or write Heritage Trust Fund, Kansas Historic Preservation Office, Kansas Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66615.
SAVE THE DATES

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 21-25 – TULSA, OKLAHOMA

www.PreservationNation.org

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Fall 2008 GAZETTE