

Annual Report

2014-2015



Nebraska History Museum renovation (plus Centennial Mall construction) in February 2015. The museum re-opens in 2016.



Homefront & Battlefield: Quilts & Context in the Civil War, co-sponsored by the NSHS and the Great Plains Art Museum, February 3 - June 27, 2015. The exhibit is one example of the NSHS's "Museum on the Move" programming.

A Year Marked by Progress and Loss

The Nebraska State Historical Society's 2014-2015 operating year was filled with service to the public in every area from archeology to historic preservation to the publications that we produced. It was a year of great progress with the renovation of our Nebraska History Museum in downtown Lincoln and the building of the new archeology and government records facility that we will occupy in northeast Lincoln. It was also a year in which we successfully initiated Nebraska's Historic Preservation Tax Credit program authorized by the Unicameral in the spring of 2014.

The year also presented the NSHS with challenges. Our Library and Archives staff was tasked with developing means and resources to implement the provisions of LB363, an act involving public records which upsets the funding structure for our popular archival reference services. The renovation of the museum has in itself been challenging as staff members strive to protect those collections in the face of activity that has literally redone the museum from wall to wall, basement to rooftop.

Our staff has had to adjust to losses from retirement and death. Assistant Editor Patricia Gaster retired in December 2014; historian and frontier military expert Tom Buecker died unexpectedly in February; executive assistant Martha Kimball and senior research folklorist and former photo curator John Carter both fought brave battles with cancer throughout the year and passed away after the fiscal year's end in July 2015. Pat, Tom, and John each joined our staff in the mid-1970s; Martha in 2008. The knowledge and skills they brought to their posts will not soon be replicated.

Throughout the year NSHS trustees and staff remained committed to the work at hand. History is change, and change is part of our institutional life. With your help we will build on the progress of 2014-2015 and overcome the challenges and losses. To do less would be to surrender our mantle as Nebraskans. We will uphold our traditions and our mission to collect, preserve, and share the histories of all the people of Nebraska, past and present. Thank you for your continuing support for this essential work.

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Cloyd Clark
President, NSHS

Handwritten signature of Michael J. Smith in black ink.

Michael J. Smith
Director/CEO



The NSHS Board of Trustees, October 2014. L to R: Taylor Keen, Cherrie Beam Callaway, Jeff Barnes, Dee Adams, Jim McKee, Katharine Endacott, José Garcia, Steffan Baker, Sheryl Schmeckpeper, Brian Croft. Not pictured: Cloyd Clark, Spencer Davis, Kay Kimberly, Sharif Liwaru.



Senator Jerry Johnson, David Levy, and Senator Jeremy Nordquist were honored by the NSHS on October 17, 2014, for their roles in creating the Nebraska Historic Tax Credit.

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Board terms are for the calendar year; trustees Dee Adams, Steffan Baker, and Sheryl Schmeckpeper served July-December 2014.

Financial Report: Fiscal Year 2015

Revenues

State Appropriations	72.65%	\$6,669,275.38
Earned Income & Membership	15.93%	\$1,462,256.32
Federal Grants & Contracts	8.73%	\$ 800,961.48
NSHS Foundation Support	1.84%	\$ 169,214.57
Donations, Grants & Special Events	0.85%	\$ 78,233.86
Total Revenues		\$9,179,941.61

Expenditures

Administrative Services	8.46%	\$ 763,208.75
Sesquicentennial Commission	0.51%	\$ 46,095.71
Museum & Historic Sites	48.87%	\$4,410,313.71
Collections	12.20%	\$1,100,919.90
Archeology	8.25%	\$ 744,739.39
Historic Preservation	12.24%	\$1,104,546.41
Conservation	4.87%	\$ 439,781.99
Research & Publications	4.59%	\$ 414,222.41
Total Expenditures		\$9,023,828.27

Michelle Furby, Chief Financial Officer

This report reflects a modified cash basis of accounting.

NSHS Annual Awards

People who have made history by helping preserve the past are recognized annually by the NSHS. The 2014 [awards](#) were presented October 17, 2014, at the NSHS Annual Meeting and Luncheon in Lincoln:

- **David Levy** of Omaha received the **Nebraska Preservation Award** in honor of his work creating the Nebraska Historic Tax Credit, LB191, to support historic preservation rehabilitation projects.
- **Nancy Gillis** of Walthill received the **Addison E. Sheldon Memorial Award** for distinguished service to the history of Nebraska, in particular to the stories of Native Americans and the writings of John G. Neihardt.
- **Rebecca J. Anderson** of Danville, Pennsylvania, received the **James L. Sellers Memorial Award** for the best article published in *Nebraska History* during the previous year. Her article, “‘Grandma Gable, she brought Ralph’: Midwifery and the Lincoln, Nebraska, Department of Health in the Early Twentieth Century,” appeared in the Winter 2013 issue.
- **Barry Jurgensen**, who teaches at Arlington High School and who epitomizes the best Nebraska educators have to offer in engaging and inspiring



The NSHS Reference Room introduced advanced microfilm readers in 2015. Patrons can now capture higher quality images and save them electronically.



Artist Laura Mohr, Exhibits Coordinator Tina Koeppel, and Nebraska First Lady Sally Ganem with Ganem's inaugural gown.

their students, received the **James C. Olson Memorial Award**.

- **John Swigart, Dr. LuAnn Wandsnider, and Dr. Christopher Dore** received the **A. T. Hill Award** in recognition of their development of the Nebraska Cultural Resources Geographic Information System.
- **State Senators Jerry Johnson and Jeremy Nordquist** received the **Champion of Nebraska History Award** for conspicuous service in the public arena in support of the mission of the NSHS.

Collections

People all over the world are interested in Nebraska history for reasons both personal and professional. From genealogists to authors, publishers, and researchers, our staff provides access to our invaluable resources.

Public programming included:

- Talks and/or tours given to groups from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska Omaha, Nebraska Wesleyan, the Railroad History and Archival Research symposium, the Nebraska Museums Association, and numerous local, regional, and national professional organizations.
- Loan of artifacts to the Mingei International Museum, Great Plains Art Museum, International Quilt Study Center & Museum, John P. Falter Museum, Nebraska Governor's Residence, and others.
- Images and clips from various collections continue to be used in private and not-for-profit projects, publications, and Internet venues. We provided materials to media outlets such as ESPN, *The Daily Mail* (UK), Mashable, *The New York Times*, the BBC, and NET, among our hundreds of requests this year.

Collections Access and Preservation:

- Collections staff continued to make more records available online through the NSHS website, nebraskahistory.org. More than 100,000 object and photograph images are available through our online database, which received almost 40,000 views during the last fiscal year.
- Each month our reference staff responded to approximately 800 requests for information and assistance. These requests are received in-person at our reference room or via mail, email, or telephone.
- Museum and Archeology collections staff removed over 4,000 exhibited objects at the Nebraska History Museum, packing them for safe storage during the museum renovation. Archeology and Government Records staff prepared to move their collections to a newly constructed leased storage facility in fall 2015.
- Projects funded by the NSHS Foundation resulted in the cataloging, cleaning, and rehousing of our glass-plate negative collection of mugshots, complete inventories and finding aids for collections related to Camp Fire Girls and Glenn Fleischmann (a Nebraska-born midcentury illustrator), and upgrades of equipment in our Digital Imaging Lab.

Acquisition Highlights:

The Collections Division houses, cares for, and makes available approximately 50,000 cubic feet of government records and manuscript materials, 135,000 museum objects, 750,000 photographs, 80,000 library books, 35,000 reels of microfilm, 13,000 oral interviews and film projects, and 1,000,000 archeological specimens—and our collections continue to grow. A few recently acquired items illustrate the variety of materials NSHS holds in trust for the people:

- Political papers of Helen Boosalis and Lee Terry
- Nebraska First Lady Sally Ganem's inaugural gown
- Records relating to the Nebraska I-80 Bicentennial Sculpture project
- An appliqué quilt made for the 1987 Benedict, Nebraska, centennial that was featured in the book *Nebraska Quilts and Quiltmakers*
- A *Nebraska: The Good Life* highway sign
- Rare 1854 Mellen & Company map of Kansas and Nebraska Territories



Preparing for the Nebraska History Museum renovation, Laura Mohr and Curt Peacock disassemble an exhibit.



Celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the Ethel and Christopher J. Abbott Visitor Center at Chimney Rock National Historic Site, July 2014.



Photo Curator Karen Keehr talks with a C-SPAN crew in May 2015.

Nebraska History Museum and Historic Sites

During the year more than 44,500 people visited NSHS historic sites and museums, including the Nebraska History Museum (NHM), Fort Robinson History Center (Crawford), Chimney Rock National Historic Site (Bayard), Willa Cather State Historic Site (Red Cloud), Thomas P. Kennard House (Lincoln), John G. Neihardt State Historic Site (Bancroft), Neligh Mill State Historic Site (Neligh), and Senator George W. Norris State Historic Site (McCook).

The Nebraska History Museum closed to the public on September 1, 2014, for an \$8 million renovation to replace old and failing systems (HVAC, elevators, lighting, security, data, electrical, and plumbing), insulate and provide vapor barriers on exterior walls, and upgrades to meet current fire, safety, and ADA codes. On September 2, staff began packing collections, exhibits, offices, work spaces, and storage in preparation for this major work. The majority of staff time during the fall of 2014 was devoted to preparing the building for the renovation.

After closing the museum, staff provided “Museum on the Move” programming at various Lincoln locations, including the exhibit *Homefront and Battlefield: Quilts & Context in the Civil War* at the Great Plains Art Museum, Brown Bag History Forum Lectures at the Lincoln City/County Building, and school group activities and Free Family Fun days at the NSHS Headquarters building. The museum will reopen in 2016.

Exhibitions:

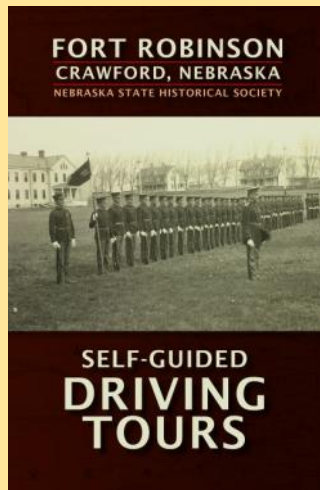
- *Homefront & Battlefield: Quilts & Context in the Civil War*, co-sponsored by the NSHS and the Great Plains Art Museum, February 3 – June 27, 2015. More than 3,364 people viewed the exhibit, including 552 people on tours led by NSHS docents.
- *Photographers and the Plains Indian*, 24 framed 20" x 24" photographic prints from NSHS collections, continues on display at the John G. Neihardt State Historic Site in Bancroft through the end of 2015.
- “*Food Will Win the War*”: *The American Home Front in World War I* was developed for the Nebraska State Fair. World War I-era posters and the Nebraska-built Patriot truck were prepared for exhibition at the Grand Island state fairgrounds August 28 – September 7.
- Staff began planning *Nebraska Unwrapped: 150 Selections from the Collections*, a new exhibit for the renovated NHM, scheduled to open in 2016. Objects will show the richness and variety of materials NSHS collects to tell stories from Nebraska’s past.

Historic Sites:

- A crew from C-SPAN [filmed the Thomas P. Kennard House](#) on May 5, 2015, for inclusion in C-SPAN’s Cities Tour program on Lincoln.
- New ADA-compliant entrance and restrooms were added at the John G. Neihardt State Historic Site in Bancroft, funded by the 309 Task Force for Building Renewal.
- This year 25,031 people visited Chimney Rock National Historic Site, including many international tourists. The site hosted its annual “Sunday Afternoon at the Rock” educational series February 15 – March 22, 2015.
- Staff at the Fort Robinson History Center and Museum were part of an RFD-TV program on the fort.
- On January 9, 2015, Fort Robinson History Center and Museum hosted ceremonies commemorating the 1879 Cheyenne Breakout. More than 180 people participated despite deep snow.
- The Senator George W. Norris State Historic Site in McCook was selected for the Nebraska Tourism Commission’s 2015 Passport Program as part of its “Nebraska Legends” tour.
- A kiosk and exhibit panels connecting the historic mill to the river, roads, and rails have been installed at Neligh Mill State Historic Site, funded by a Transportation Enhancement Program grant from the Department of

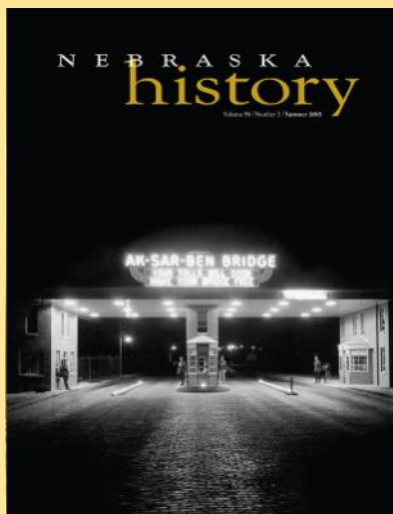


With the museum not available, NHM staff continued hosting classes at the NSHS headquarters building at 1500 R Street.



Above: The NSHS published a new Fort Robinson tour book.

Below: Our quarterly journal, *Nebraska History*, in publication since 1918.



Roads. The mill welcomed visitors for its annual Old Mill Days and Bread 'n' Jam Festival.

- Neligh Mill Site Supervisor Don “Harv” Ofe received the Nebraska Tourism Commission’s Outstanding Frontline Employee award.
- The Willa Cather Foundation consulted with NSHS staff at the Willa Cather State Historic Site regarding rehabilitation of the Moon Block in Red Cloud’s downtown historic district. The project qualified for the Nebraska Historic Tax Credit, administered by NSHS’s State Historic Preservation Office.

Education and Public Programming

- Staff and docents have developed new ways to engage school groups visiting the NSHS during the NHM renovation. Facilitated small-group sessions have replaced exhibit tours, with an emphasis on hands-on experiences with artifacts from the museum’s education collections.
- One teacher wrote of this programming: “What the students gained in their experience was irreplaceable. The small groups that rotated from docent to docent gave students time to ask questions and explore artifacts. This experience was perfect and developed classroom learning even further.”
- More than 58,000 *Nebraska Trailblazers* were provided to 205 Nebraska fourth-grade classrooms during the 2014-2015 school year.
- Nebraska Brown Bag History Forum lectures were held at noon on the third Thursday of each month in the NHM auditorium. Lectures are taped and broadcast on Lincoln’s public access cable channel and on YouTube. During the NHM renovation these are held in Room 303 of the County/City Building at 555 S. 10th Street in Lincoln.
- NHM staff continued to host summer classes for kids and Weekend Free Family Fun events as part of the Museum on the Move at NSHS Headquarters. Class topics included archeology, Nebraskans in World War II, genealogy, the lives of pioneer children, heroes and heroines of Nebraska history, and others.

Publications

Through [books](#), [periodicals](#), and [online publications](#), the NSHS seeks to build the ongoing written record of Nebraska’s history and make it accessible to the public. Major accomplishments:

- *Fort Robinson, Crawford, Nebraska: Self-Guided Driving Tours*, by Thomas R. Buecker, published by the NSHS in March 2015. The book contains maps, historic photos, and expert interpretation of all the layers of the site’s rich history.
- *Rodeo Nebraska*, by Mark Harris. In development this fiscal year, this large-format photo book focuses on the state’s small town rodeos, with a historical essay by noted Western historian Candy Moulton—to be published by the NSHS on October 1, 2015.
- Two national publication awards: Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History for *A Brave Soldier & Honest Gentleman: Lt. James E. H. Foster in the West, 1873-1881*, by Thomas R. Buecker; and the Coke Wood Award from Westerners International for “A Peculiar Set of Men”: *Nebraska Cowboys of the Open Range*,” by James E. Potter (*Nebraska History*, Fall 2013). The award honors the best article on Western American history.
- Statewide outreach through popular media: our “A Brief History” column for *NEBRASKALand* magazine and occasional historical articles for *Nebraska Farmer* and *Nebraska Cattleman*; weekly “Nebraska Timeline” columns distributed through the Nebraska Press Association; and frequent posts on the NSHS blog.
- Thanks to volunteers, more than 900 full-text *Nebraska History* articles are now freely available online, plus a comprehensive (1885-to-present) [index and table of contents](#) with links to articles.



Preservation: Plain & Simple, a historic preservation conference held May 1, 2015, included hands-on instruction in practical skills.



The Nebraska State Historic Preservation Board tours downtown Broken Bow, September 12, 2014.

Membership

Though the NSHS is a state agency, it is also a [membership](#) organization; members elect all but three of the fifteen-trustee NSHS governing board. This year membership grew from 2,070 members on July 1, 2014, to 2,091 members on June 30, 2015.

State Historic Preservation Office

The State Historic Preservation Office (NeSHPO) identifies opportunities to preserve and enhance historic buildings, structures, archeological sites, and cultural landscapes that help define who we are as Nebraskans. The office's programs are guided by the **Nebraska State Historic Preservation Plan** (available, with other NeSHPO publications, [here](#)), and include:

- **Nebraska Historic Tax Credit** (NHTC). NeSHPO allocated \$14,960,178 for 46 projects under this new program, which provides a 20 percent state income tax credit (up to a limit of \$1 million for a single project) for eligible expenditures made for rehabilitating qualified historic buildings. The statutory limit of credits available in one year is \$15 million. The office received 58 applications requesting \$17,508,708. Approved projects are located in Omaha, Boys Town, Columbus, Norfolk, and Red Cloud. The next funding round begins January 4, 2016.
- **Preservation: Plain & Simple**. Our second biennial historic preservation conference, held May 1, 2015, was attended by 100 property owners and preservation advocates. They learned practical skills such as masonry cleaning, patching mid-century architectural materials, and wood window repair—all with the aim of maintaining the historic integrity of their buildings. National and regional speakers also addressed community issues, such as rural preservation, brick streets, and how to integrate preservation into neighborhood and community planning.
- **Certified Local Governments** (CLGs). The local governments of Auburn, Fairbury, Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, Plattsmouth, Red Cloud, and Sidney now participate. During the fiscal year each received a program review, which provides its local preservation board with technical assistance. They are eligible to apply competitively for set-aside funds of no less than 10 percent of the office's fiscal year apportionment; seven of the CLGs received a total of \$114,648.
- **Nebraska Main Street Network** (NMSN). The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions provided training for communities participating in NMSN and CLG in conjunction with NeSHPO's biennial conference on May 2. About forty communities were represented.
- **Archeological survey** of the Republican River valley in Franklin, Harlan and Webster counties. NeSHPO contracted for this survey of more than 10,000 acres, documenting 131 archeological sites between spring 2014 and summer 2015.
- **Preservation Newsletter**. Our office issues a monthly (free) preservation e-newsletter. To subscribe contact ruben.acosta@nebraska.gov.

Nebraska State Historic Preservation Board

This board serves in an advisory capacity to the state's historic preservation program. Composed of preservation professionals and citizen members, the board's primary responsibility is review of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and approval of their readiness to be submitted to the National Park Service, which makes the final decision.

Nancy Carlson, Genoa
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 John Kay, Lincoln (chair)



Highway Archeologist Nolan Johnson using a four probe fluxgate magnetometer on a non-magnetic cart. Such hi-tech equipment helps archeologists identify locations of interest before they dig.



Students from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln archeological field school restore the Engineer Cantonment site from 2011 flood damage.

Chris Lemke, Lincoln
 Nicole Malone, Omaha
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Landmark Stores

The NSHS Landmark Stores are located at the [Nebraska History Museum](#), Lincoln (closed for renovation); [State Capitol](#), Lincoln; [Ethel S. and Christopher J. Abbott Visitor Center](#) at Chimney Rock National Historic Site, Bayard; and [Fort Robinson History Center](#), Crawford. The stores provide educational merchandise for the public, including books and gifts related to the state's history and culture. The capitol store alone served 24,486 people from all over the world this year, including many of our state senators.

Archeology

NSHS archeology continued its partnership with the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), signing a five-year agreement for operation of the Highway Archeology Program. The NSHS was also awarded a \$95,000 research grant from NDOR to create a GIS-based predictive model for location of deeply buried archeological sites.

Field Work:

- Completed 260 cultural resource surveys, identifying archeological sites, historic buildings, and historic bridges. Completed work for the City of Sidney and the Cargill Corporation, plus test excavations in Lancaster, Cass, Nance, and Burt Counties.
- Consulted with local law enforcement on more than twenty discoveries of bones. Several proved to be human burials. Staff excavated one site in Franklin County and worked with eight county attorney offices, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, the Nebraska Indian Commission, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska to repatriate human skeletal remains and funerary objects in accordance with federal and state statutes.
- Assisted the University of Kansas archeological field school with excavations at a Pawnee earthlodge village near Republic, Kansas.
- Taught the University of Nebraska-Lincoln archeological field school for two weeks at Engineer Cantonment, restoring the site from 2011 flood damage.
- Assisted the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska with test excavations at the Leary Site in Richardson County, Nebraska.
- Began to monitor street and sewer repairs in Genoa for buried archeological material. Genoa is built on a series of Pawnee villages.
- Assisted the Nebraska Land Trust with a baseline assessment of a property containing early Ponca Agency sites.

Public Outreach:

Staff presented public programs in Alliance, Ashfall State Park, Fort Atkinson State Historical Park, Genoa, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Omaha, and Seward; helped develop activities for Nebraska Archeology Month (September); wrote a *Nebraska Cattleman* article on the Fort Robinson Officers' Quarters excavation; and fielded more than thirty inquiries regarding archeological sites and artifacts.

Professional Development:

Staff attended eight workshops or webinars on research topics such as historic preservation and archeology, and presented papers at the Plains Anthropological Society meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and the Flint Hills Conference in White Cloud, Kansas.



Rebecca Cashman repairing the damaged photo shown above and below.



Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center, Omaha

Preserving objects of importance to museums, cultural institutions, and private citizens, the Ford Center staff [evaluates and treats historic and artistic works](#). Renovation of the building's aging heating and air conditioning system will provide a more stable environment for artifacts under our care. Work began in April 2015 and will be complete by fall; funding was provided in part by the Paxson maintenance endowment at the NSHS Foundation.

Staff worked with 96 individual and institutional clients, including the Joslyn Art Museum, Durham Museum, Museum of Nebraska Art, and Sheldon Museum of Art, creating proposals and estimates for 313 artifacts, treating 237 objects, and answering hundreds of requests for information.

Objects Lab:

- Examples of objects treated: historic and contemporary plaster sculptures; a contemporary polyester resin sculpture by Argentinean sculptor Nicola Costantino; ceramics such as a terra cotta bust by Nebraska artist William Artis; stoneware sculptures by Jun Kaneko and Goro Suzuki; gilded picture frames; and a large water pitcher by Louis Comfort Tiffany.
- Conservation technicians Vonnda Shaw and Megan Griffiths continued treatment of a group of water-damaged historic firearms and began preparing new acquisitions for exhibit at the Nebraska History Museum when it reopens.
- IMLS *Connecting to Collections* Implementation grant funding allowed Objects Conservator Deborah Long to conduct on-site preservation assessments at seventeen small Nebraska cultural institutions, providing detailed recommendations to improve collections care.

Paintings Lab:

- Paintings conservator Kenneth Bé treated works by American and European artists such as Thomas Hart Benton, Robert Henri, Thomas Moran, Wolf Kahn, and Nebraska artists Paul Swan and Elizabeth Dolan. He also treated painted theater curtains and several murals, and consulted at museums in the region regarding their paintings conservation needs.
- The objects and the paintings labs collaborated on the treatment of Paul Powis's "Peter and Pavel" painting and frame from Willa Cather's childhood home.

Public Outreach and Professional Development:

- Gave tours to the Midwest Archeological Center, Kent Bellows Studio, Metro Community College, Nebraska Library Commission, Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, and other institutions and individuals.
- Provided lab-based educational opportunities for volunteer interns from the University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Participated in professional activities such as the Mountain Plains Museums Association conference. Technician Megan Griffiths lectured at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge on the conservation of metal artifacts from the steamboat *Bertrand*.

NSHS Volunteers

Sharing their passion for history, [volunteers](#) with a wide range of skills are vital to our continued work. Students, retirees, and working adults contributed 6,424 recorded hours of service this past year.

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NHM – Nebraska History Museum on the Move



Victorian Holidays at the Thomas P. Kennard House in Lincoln.



Kids' classes at the Nebraska History Museum.



The archeology division has been in temporary office space this year; it will move to a new permanent location in late 2015.

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Bryan Zimmer*



The Nebraska History Museum's last school group tour before closing for renovation, August 2014.



Paintings conservator Kenneth Bé at the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center in Omaha.

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