

The Riley County Historical Society and Museum

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Discovery Center Forces Exhibit

RCHS Member Reception Sept. 9

Please RSVP at 785-565-6490

The new exhibit "FORCES: The Shaping of Manhattan, Fort Riley and Kansas State University" will open at the Flint Hills Discovery Center **Sept. 7, 2012** and will run until Jan. 13, 2013. This exhibit explores some of the ideas, events and issues that influenced these three places: a military post, a town, and a college from each of their beginnings about 150 years ago to the advent of World War I.

This exhibit was developed in partnership by the Riley County Historical Museum; U.S. Cavalry Museum, Fort Riley; Environmental Division, DPW, Fort Riley; Historic Costume and Textile Museum, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University; Morse Dept. of Special Collections, Kansas State University Libraries; and the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

The Kansas Humanities Council (KHC) provided the principal funding. The KHC is a nonprofit cultural organization promoting understanding of the history, traditions and ideas that shape our lives and build community.



The exhibit will be available for viewing in the temporary gallery of the Flint Hills Discovery Center, 315 S. Third Street, Manhattan, Mondays – Wednesdays 10-5, Thursdays 10 – 8, Fridays and Saturdays 10 – 5 and Sundays noon – 5. Admission for Adults is \$9.00; Seniors, Students and Military \$7.00; and Children \$4.00 (under 2 free.)

Members of the Riley County Historical Society are invited to a special Member Reception to see the exhibit Sunday Sept. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. Admission to this special Member's Reception is free. Please RSVP at 565-6490 by September 6 if you would like to attend this special event.

Over 50 objects and 60 photographs from the collection of the Riley County Historical Society are part of this unique and interesting exhibit. A companion website, www.rileycountyks.gov/museum gives more information, photographs, and stories, or use the QR code at right. Please check the website often, as we will add additional material during the run of the exhibit. We also invite you to visit all our exhibit partners through their website links and, if applicable, at their home locations.





“Forces: The Shaping of Manhattan, Fort Riley, and Kansas State University”

A Kansas Humanities Council funded exhibit

Upcoming Related Events (All are Free. Open to the Public, unless noted*)

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| Sunday September 9 | Special Exhibit Opening for RCHS Members* (all RCHS members invited; event is free), Flint Hills Discovery Center, 5 to 7 p.m. R.S.V.P. by September 6 at 565-6490. |
| Tuesday September 11 | Author Day, Manhattan Public Library, Groesbeck Room, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Come hear about the Book Club resources and material available for learning more. |
| Thursday September 13 | Walking Tour of Downtown Manhattan, meet at Courthouse Plaza, 6:00 p.m. Cheryl Collins, Director of the Riley County Historical Museum will lead this tour of our history through our buildings. |
| Saturday September 22 | Flint Hills Discovery Center Family Day 10 – 5, Admission is free courtesy of the Kansas Farm Bureau. |
| Sunday September 30 | Walking Tour of Kansas State University, call 565-6490 for more information. |
| Friday October 12 | Walking Tour of Ft. Riley, meet at the U.S. Cavalry Museum, 1:00 p.m. |
| Sunday October 14 | Walking Tour of Sunset Cemetery, meet at main entrance, 1:30 p.m. Cheryl Collins, Director of the Riley County Historical Museum leads a visit to some of Manhattan’s influential citizens 1853-1917. |
| Sunday October 14 | Discovery Lecture: Marla Day “Calico to Couture: Fashion on the Kansas Prairie, 1850 – 1900” at Flint Hills Discovery Center, 5:30 p.m. |
| Sunday October 28 | Discovery Lecture: Kevin Olson “Frontier Manhattan: Yankee Settlement to Kansas Town, 1854 – 1894” at the Flint Hills Discovery Center, 5:30 p.m. |
| Sunday November 18 | Discovery Lecture: Jane Marshall “Teatime and Tailgates: 150 Years at the K-State Table” at the Flint Hills Discovery Center, 5:30 p.m. |

DAVID DARY TO DELIVER 13TH ANNUAL HUCK BOYD LECTURE

Wednesday Sept. 19

David Dary, a Manhattan native, will deliver the 13th annual Huck Boyd Lecture in Community Media on **Wednesday, Sept. 19**. His lecture, "Community Journalism and Other Stuff in a Changing World," will be at **10:30 a.m. in Forum Hall** of the K-State Student Union. It is sponsored by the Huck Boyd National Center for Community Media, housed in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications at K-State.

In conjunction with the lecture, K-State's Hale Library will open "The Dary Trails: The Library and Papers of David Dary." A **reception** will be held from **2:30-4 p.m. Sept. 19** in the Morse Department of Special Collections Gallery on the library's fifth floor. The Dary collection contains more than 4,000 volumes related to the history of the West, ranching, Kansas, and journalism. Items in the collection date from the 18th century to the present. Everyone is invited to attend these events.

Dary is a noted author, broadcast journalist, historian and educator. He graduated from Manhattan High and KSU. He went on to an illustrious career in television and then as a Professor of Journalism at Kansas University and University of Oklahoma.

He has written 20 books, most of which focus on Western history. He has received numerous awards for his writing and has served as president of Westerners International and Western Writers of America and on the board of directors for the Kansas State Historical Society, the Oklahoma State Historical Society, and the International Radio-Television News Directors Association.

David Dary, a life member of The Riley County Historical Society, is the son of Russell and Ruth Engel Long Dary. His maternal grandfather was Archie Long, founder of the Long Oil Company, and his great grandfather was Carl Engel, who owned an early Manhattan Drug Store. David lived at 206 Houston the first ten years of his life and then at 121 N. 8th Street, in an historic home that is now on the National Register. His father was in real estate and both his parents were very active in the Manhattan community. He has deep roots in Manhattan and Riley County history.

Flint Hills Discovery Center—Thursday Sept. 20 **'Go See It' program: Mt. Mitchell**

Thursday September 20 Michael Stubbs will talk about the Mt. Mitchell Heritage Prairie in Wabaunsee County at **7 p.m.** in the second floor meeting room at the **Flint Hills Discovery Center**. The program is free and everyone is invited. Light refreshments will be served.

Michael Stubbs is President of the Mt. Mitchell Prairie Guards, the group that manages the Mt. Mitchell site for Audubon of Kansas. Mt. Mitchell has a fascinating history, with connections to the underground railroad, the Topeka to Ft. Riley Road, Fremont's 1842 exploration, and more. Everyone is invited to come learn about this fascinating place in the Kansas Flint Hills.

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Upcoming lecture Sunday Sept. 23

Hurrah, Frei Kansas! Germans Struggle Against Slavery in Kansas Territory, 1854—1861

Sunday September 23, the Riley County Historical Society and the Riley County Genealogical Society will co-host the program “Hurrah, Frei Kansas! Germans Struggle Against Slavery in Kansas Territory, 1854-1861,” by William D. Keele at **2:00 p.m.** in the **Manhattan Public Library Auditorium**. Everyone is invited to attend this free program made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council.

William D. Keele is a Professor of German at the University of Kansas. Some of his research interests are in German-American studies and the history of Germans in Kansas. In this program he will discuss how Germans participated in the “Bleeding Kansas” period, their involvement in the territorial constitutional debates, and their participation in the Union Army during the Civil War.

We are grateful to The Kansas Humanities Council for its support. The KHC conducts and supports community-based humanities programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to participate in their communities. For more information about KHC programs contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785-357-0359 or visit online at www.kansashumanities.org.