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A Tribute to Women

Although Sarah Joslyn was born into a time of sheltered Victorian women, she demonstrated a strong moral core; she was a woman of the world, out in the world, and aspired to understand and develop viable solutions to the difficult issues facing women. In her honor, the 2017 Joslyn Castle Arts and Literary Festival will celebrate Nebraska Women.

Read about it inside this issue and celebrate with us!



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In preparation for Omaha Gives 2017, we decided to offer free tours as a “Thank You” to the community and to encourage on-site donations at “donation stations” that were set-up in the foyer.

We offered four tour times throughout the day and each had a great attendance rate, with the final tour alone attracting 54 people! In all, we had 133 people come through for a free tour, including a class from Northwest High, a family reunion, and a group from a home for disabled teens.

Our giving totals were impressive. In total, we raised \$5,306 (up from \$4,380 in 2016) and hit our goal of 20 new donors! In addition, the free tours were a great way to engage first-time visitors and promote our upcoming summer programming.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT, MARY JEWELL



The Board of the Joslyn Castle Trust is charged and challenged with making a gorgeous, historical home into something that is relevant today. It is a task of Modernizing History. Who would know better than anyone? None other than the staff that is there on a daily basis. I had a chance to talk with them about events at the Castle that are making the Castle relevant today.

We all know what a beautiful venue the Castle is for weddings. Just picture a horse and carriage picking up a stunning bride from the porte cochere and taking a ride on the brick streets surrounding the Castle. A groom recently put together this special surprise for his lucky bride.

A note to future Brides and Grooms—weddings are booking up for 2018. Don't wait too long to call!

What you may not think of is the variety of other events that are possible. George and Sarah Joslyn loved to entertain and have parties. Holiday Season 2017 is booking up with dinner and dancing parties with catered dinners and live music. The annually sold-out Murder Mystery at the beginning of the year inspired event planners to host their own mystery dinners and other teambuilding events.

If your business is looking for a unique venue for a holiday party, offsite meeting, or teambuilding event, consider Joslyn Castle as a way to share the rich history of the Joslyns in the Omaha community. You won't be disappointed.

Thank you for your ongoing support—see you soon at the Castle.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GUILD BOARD PRESIDENT, LAURA WORICK



From kitchen appliances to bathroom fixtures to paint and plaster, the Castle Guild has been busy making noticeable improvements to our local gem. There isn't a level of the building nor an area of the grounds that hasn't been touched by the generosity of our members. But now we are undertaking one of our biggest challenges yet... and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Over the past several weeks, a number of windows in the Castle have been receiving some TLC in the form of wood conditioning and minor trim-work repair. Unfortunately, this is only a temporary measure to improve the look of the wood and hopefully inhibit further deterioration. Most of the windows receiving treatment had fallen victim to water and/or sun damage. However, several others are in need of attention as well.

Because the Castle is a designated historic structure, the windows must be restored following specific criteria. To this end, the Castle Guild is initiating an **Adopt-A-Window Campaign**.

The cost to properly restore an individual window to its original beauty and functionality is approximately \$700. While the Guild is able to begin the process, we simply cannot do it alone. We need the support of charitable individuals and generous groups coming together to join us in this effort. You need not contribute the full cost of a window. Smaller donations are welcome and will be combined to help reach our goal of restoring all windows. And donating is easy!

We have three ways to participate in the **Adopt-A-Window Campaign**: Check through the mail, cash or check in person at the Castle, or Online. Checks sent through the mail should state "Adopt-a-Window" in the Memo section. If you're visiting the Castle, envelopes for campaign donations are available in the Gift Shop and staff offices. Prefer to donate online? No problem! Just click the Donate Now button in the upper right corner of the Joslyn Castle homepage and type **Adopt-A-Window** in the "notes to seller" field that will appear after you have entered your credit card information.

I hope you will join us in this exciting restoration project. Thank you in advance for being a part of the Joslyn Castle Guild's **Adopt-A-Window Campaign**!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



John Dechant is a partner in Legacy Preservation, a specialty publishing firm which has been a tenant on the grounds of the Joslyn Castle for seven years. It's that day-to-day relationship with the grounds that inspired John's desire to get involved at the board level. In 2016, the University of Nebraska Press published Dechant's first commercial book, *Scoreless*, a story about Nebraska's greatest high school football game.

A director with 12 years of program management experience, **Matthew Henkes** relocated to the Omaha/Council Bluffs area in 2014 to work with the Iowa West Foundation. In his current role as senior director of grants programs, he is responsible for the foundation's place-making strategic focus area. This includes overseeing grants and initiatives in the areas of community development, beautification, recreation, arts/culture, and housing. Additionally, Matthew leads the effort to rethink how the foundation is doing its evaluation work, build a nonprofit capacity development program for grantees, and support the economic growth portfolio of the foundation. In his spare time, Matthew volunteers as a career coach for young professionals. Through this he has explored his own passion for helping others discover their path.



Linda Andersen is back on the Castle board after two other tours - one several years ago, and one that ended two years ago. Linda says, "I love this old place and want to see it remain. In my real life - I sell real estate for CBSHOME and have for 33 years - houses are my thing. I'm so proud of everyone who has worked so hard and has put so much time and money and effort into keeping the old girl going. It's been a wonderful work in progress." In addition to her board duties she helps organize the Castle's trips in the fall. This year Deb Covert Travel has planned a lovely three-day two-night trip to Savannah and Charleston. It's described elsewhere in this issue. Should be a lot of fun - besides seeing some beautiful homes it is also a fund raiser for the Castle.



RENT THE CASTLE!

It's been a busy few months on the Castle grounds. We've hosted several area non-profits, architectural firms, and corporate businesses. The unique setting, catered meals, and private parking make for a hassle free way to enjoy an offsite workshop, team building day, or office celebration.

Invite your guests to Omaha's beautiful Scottish Baronial Castle where you will leave lasting impressions. The Castle is also ideal for tented company picnics, exhibitions, release parties, PR-events, or entertaining clients; a venue where you can host 5 to 125 guests in an unbeatable event location overlooking over five acres of lush grounds.

The Joslyn Castle provides an unmatched venue for your next corporate event. Contact Janice Pickering, Rental Coordinator, for details: jpickering@joslyncastle.com or 402.595.3209. We look forward to working with you to make your next event unforgettable!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT JOSLYN CASTLE

The summer is here, which signals the return of programs specifically aimed at children.

KIEWIT KIDS SUMMER FUN PROGRAM - SPEND A DAY AT THE CASTLE

It is a pleasure once again to work with our many partners in the non-profit community by providing educational and fun summer day activities for thousands of inner-city youngsters in the metro area. For the months of June, July, and August, this Peter Kiewit Foundation-sponsored program invites excited youngsters to the Joslyn Castle every Tuesday and Thursday where they have the ability to visit and learn more about the architectural interior and landscape design of the Castle, as well as the history and lives of the Joslyns.

The adventure-filled day begins with a specially designed tour, guiding kids throughout the three floors of the Castle by our seasoned docents, and includes a visit to our "Discovery Trunk" which presents them with items commonly used in the early 1900s. An outdoor scavenger hunt sends them around the gardens and grounds of the 5.57 acre estate searching for items that Mother Nature has generously provided. At the end of the day, it's safe to say that the Castle has been covered inside and out!

DISCOVERING VIOLET'S WORLD

Now in its seventh year, Joslyn Castle is also presenting tours geared toward our younger visitors ranging from 8-11 years old. We extend an invitation to discover what life was like for children growing up not only in the 1900s, but also in a Castle. Last spring, the Castle hosted over 500 children from Omaha area schools, churches, and home school groups providing them the opportunity to tour the Castle and learn its history.

The intention of this program is to enhance the curriculum for students by providing an opportunity to experience what life was like in the early 1900s from a child's perspective. You can schedule your Violet's World tour today and help bring the past back into the present for your kids, restore their minds of a bygone era and help them preserve the Joslyns' legacy.



These programs are very rewarding and make a positive impact on so many young lives. That impact, along with our partnerships in the non-profit community, helps fulfill the wishes of Sarah Joslyn by using her home for cultural and/or educational purposes.

Please contact Sherri Moore, Director of Tours & Events, at smoore@joslyncastle.com or 402.595.1415 for more information on either of these programs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHERINE DEMES-MAYDEW

Catherine Demes-Maydew has assumed a new venture with Children's Respite Care Center. Catherine served as Interim Executive Director of the Joslyn Castle for a year and is now joining the leadership team of Children's Respite Care Center in a new position as Vice President of Development and Engagement. Children's Respite Care Center provides comprehensive services and family support for children with special medical, developmental, cognitive, and impairment impacted children by providing services that evoke maximum potential and foster the development of intellectual and social competence. Since 1990 CRCC, a local, independent, non-profit organization, has been focusing on the holistic development of children with special needs. We thank Catherine for her service to Joslyn Castle, first as a Board Member, and then as Interim Executive Director.

CASTLE GROUNDS AND BUILDING REPORT SPRING CLEANING INSIDE AND OUT!

We are pleased to see the return of our hard working Grounds Committee members and volunteers extraordinaire – Ron Crampton, Sharon McGill, Diane Harder, Jenny Duncan, and Cleone Sebek! These fine gardeners have returned from their well-deserved “winter break” and are back at full speed. As if on cue, beautiful tulips and peonies welcomed springtime to our Castle guests.

A team of master gardeners descended upon the Castle early in the spring to assist with a much needed “spring cleaning” of the grounds. Julie Zachmeyer and Jan Herzog graciously donated their time to help spread mulch, donated by Ron Crampton, VP of Grounds, around the plentiful flower beds that beautifully frame the property.



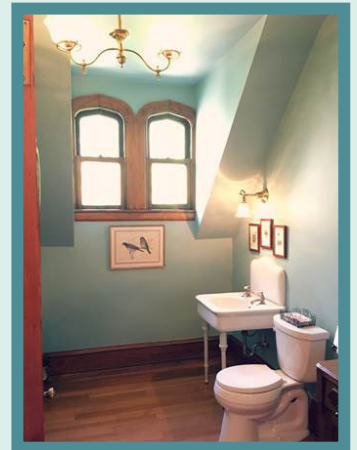
A new addition is a fruit orchard located on the northeast corner of the property. Castle arborist, Phil Pierce, has planted plum and pear trees to add to the Joslyn Castle landscape. Before the Castle was completed the Joslyns planted over one hundred fruit trees near the eastern boundary. The fruits were used to create butters, jams, jellies, confits, and fruit curds for the estate’s preserve

closet (located in the basement of the Castle). The descendant of one of those trees, a wild plum, survives today on the corner of the drive.

The inside of the Castle is just as busy. The Castle Guild is funding the seemingly never-ending projects to enhance the charm of the Castle.

First, Debbie Nelson, of Nelson & Nelson Painting and Papering, has finished repainting the third floor bathroom. Along with the new paint, a new chandelier has been installed and the original sink replaced. Debbie has also accepted the challenge of painting the servants’ stairwell located on the southwest side of the third floor and extending the painting down to the second floor.

In addition to the painting, four brass radiator shrouds are being re-polished. Though the radiators, originally installed in 1903 no longer heat the Castle, they are still a focal point of times remembered. Mark Williamsen of the Woodmark Group has been reconditioning the wood trim around the windows, rehydrating the deep cracks in the sills, and stabilizing and re-attaching loose molding where needed.



Finally, we have officially moved our staff offices to the newly remodeled second floor of the Carriage House. Originally called the “Porter’s Lodge,” the second floor of the carriage house contained quarters for the coachman and a hayloft (the opening for which can still be seen on the back of the building). The former staff office space, now called the Greenhouse, is the headquarters for our new tenants, the Midtown 2050 Corporation. This new development corporation has been formed to coordinate and accelerate the next phase of midtown Omaha’s revitalization and progression into a dynamic, transit-oriented urban community. We are proud to welcome them to the Joslyn estate!

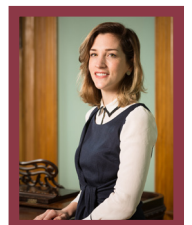
WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The Joslyn Castle is thrilled to welcome two new staff members!



Janice Pickering recently joined the Castle Staff as the Rental Coordinator. Janice is a graduate of Hastings College with a bachelor’s degree in English Composition and Theatre. Having worked for more than ten years in Omaha’s nonprofit sector, her deep ties to the arts and non-profit community have been a great asset, and she believes those connections will turn into lasting relationships with the Castle; thus helping with our mission of enriching the community. In her new role Janice will be responsible for all rental activities, which will include communicating with rental clients, program guests, caterers, and rental vendors. In addition, she will be managing the print and electronic marketing for all Castle rentals. She is proud to share the Joslyns’ story with people and to be a part of this small but mighty staff.

Kelli Bello has joined the staff as the Communications Coordinator. A graduate of San Diego State University with a bachelor’s degree in Journalism, her excellent time-management and stellar writing skills are a complement to the tasks at hand. Kelli will be managing our organizational presence on the web and through social media networks. She will also participate in development of campaign strategy and strategic communications plans. Kelli loves that her job provides her opportunities to research the Castle and the Joslyns. She is excited for the groundwork we are laying to elevate the Castle’s standing in the community with our marketing efforts and feels fortunate to step into this important role of telling the Joslyns’ great story.



We are very excited to welcome Janice and Kelli to the Joslyn Castle Team!

THOUGHTS FROM OUR TENANTS – LEGACY PRESERVATION

Another in a series of profiles of Joslyn Castle tenants, written by James D. Fogarty, Founding Member of



My earliest and strongest memories of the Joslyn Castle property stem from years of efforts to access the grounds to walk dogs, play football, and basically horse around.

Standing in the way of those 1950s efforts were the gardeners of the Omaha Public School district whose duties seemed to double as policemen when it came to visiting neighborhood youngsters. Because there were about seven of them – some tall, some short, some fast, some slow, we youngsters referred to them as the seven dwarfs – Doc, Sleepy, Dopey etc.

The lower East parking lot was the neighborhood's finest football field in the 1950s – thick grass instead of flaky hard surface of today. And occasionally it was the last place gardeners could be found. Thus, an occasional 60- or 90-minute football game could be accomplished before the usual ejection.

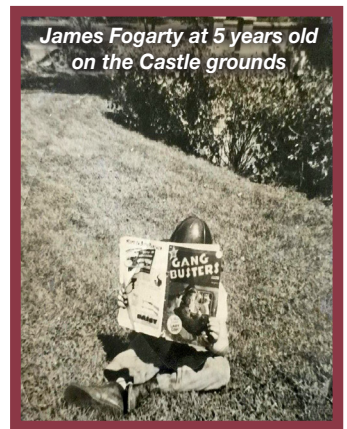
One of my life's earliest desires was to tour the castle buildings which I never accomplished until five decades later when I joined the Joslyn Castle Trust board. I was not disappointed in my first walk around of the gold room, music room, Conservatory, upper floors, and towers.

George and Sarah Joslyn have given Omaha one of its finest treasures and its use by diverse groups in the new century is most comforting. Sarah designated the use of her home for education and every visitor here today gets a fine education in architecture, the arts, and all-around visual beauty.

My early life also included growing up in the home that castle architect John McDonald built at 515 North 38th Street, one door north of his son's home – then occupied by Helen Scobie McDonald, widow of Alan McDonald. She told stories about corn fields west of 38th Street, north of the castle and a creek that ran downhill, east of the castle along what now is 38th Avenue.

She also talked of spending hours a week in the castle itself – hired as a paid playmate of George and Sarah's adopted daughter Violet. Not an unusual custom in those days, but her pay went directly to her Scobie father; she never saw a dime. That was okay, she got to have tea parties with the friendly Violet.

Not once, 50-some years ago, did I imagine that one day my professional office would be located at ground level of the Joslyn Carriage House, an edifice matching the castle itself in grandeur. It's appropriate, too, that my partners and I write books of history.



James Fogarty at 5 years old on the Castle grounds

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OPS LADIES LUNCH

Honoring a longstanding tradition, former Omaha Public Schools administrators reunited at the Castle for their annual luncheon. These women worked in the Castle when it housed the OPS administrative offices from 1944-1989 and have many great stories from these years. They have already secured their date for the 2018 reunion of this treasured tradition. They are photographed holding the "This Place Matters" marker, in celebration of National Preservation Month.



120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE *Summer* Fete

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PARTY LIKE A JOSLYN

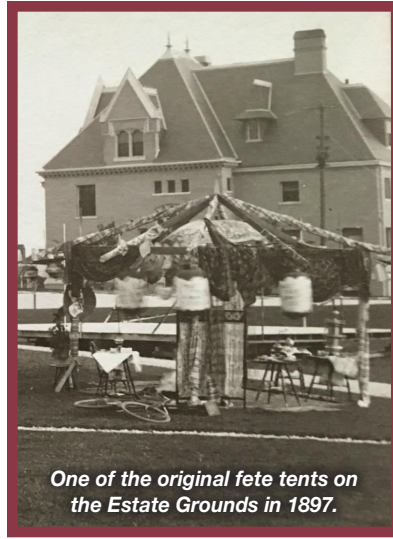
While supporting the preservation of their historic home

This year marks the 120th anniversary of a “most elaborate lawn fete” on the estate grounds of George and Sarah Joslyn. Before they built the Castle, the Joslyns allowed the use of their lawn for a fundraising event for the Visiting Nurses Association. The Joslyn Castle Trust is excited to host our own Summer Fete on the same date the Joslyns hosted the original event, August 24th!

The original event included a Russian tea room, Gypsy fortunetellers, lawn games, a refreshments and candy booth, and music from the Twenty-Second Infantry band on loan from Fort Crook. The spectacle was illuminated by multi-colored electric lights strung from the trees and trellises. The highlight of the party was George proudly showing off two of his thoroughbred horses to the guests. The horses were extremely well-trained and performed tricks for the crowd.

In keeping with the party's traditions, guests of the 2017 Summer Fete will enjoy live music while they dine under a tent on the Castle grounds. There will be entertainment including traditional lawn games (croquet, badminton, bocce), Gypsy fortunetellers, Russian tea tasting, and dancing under the stars. Guests will also be treated to all-access Castle tours, including George's man-cave basement and the third floor ballroom with turrets. While guests explore the Castle, Dan McCarthy, local ragtime piano player, will play on our restored 1864 Chickering square piano.

Guests are encouraged to embrace the throwback theme and don traditional garden party attire. Think lawn dresses, seersucker, straw hats, and suspenders!



One of the original fete tents on the Estate Grounds in 1897.

This event will be a fundraiser for the preservation, restoration, and operations of the Joslyn Castle and grounds. Help us keep the philanthropic spirit of George and Sarah Joslyn alive by supporting their historic Omaha home.

A hosted patron party prior to the dinner will offer sponsors and patron ticketholders first access to explore the Castle and partake in activities on the grounds while enjoying an open bar.

Reserve your tickets at www.joslyncastle.com or call 402.595.2199.

The event is graciously being chaired by Congressman Brad Ashford and Ann Ferlic Ashford. Corporate sponsors are welcome and table sales have already begun.



Sponsorship Levels

\$5,000 - Orchid Sponsor 

- Table of 8 with priority seating.
- Logo on all materials & special recognition.
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- All-access Castle tour & hosted patron reception.

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- Half-page ad in event program.
- All-access Castle tour & hosted patron reception.

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- All-access Castle tour & hosted patron reception.

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- All-access Castle tour & hosted patron reception.

\$175 - Patron Ticket (Individual)

- All-access Castle tour & hosted patron reception

\$150 - Individual Ticket

Dinner Only



JOSLYN CASTLE CRUISE

CRUISE ON IN!

Mark your calendars as we present a new spin on an old classic! The 'Joslyn Classic Cruise' is revving up to make its debut on Sunday, September 3, 2017. Our wheels have been turning, our brains have gone into overdrive, and we're ready to cruise into a new year and welcome all classes and all years. This year's Cruise has received a "frame-off restoration" and will include original and concourse classic cars, plus high-caliber, high-interest resto-classics, street coupes, roadsters, competition vehicles, resto-mods, supercars, and other one-of-a-kind vehicles.

Join us from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. and stroll amongst the various types of cars, trucks, and motorcycles which will be displayed on the Castle's picturesque grounds. Enjoy stories and conversation with our vehicle owners and appreciate their very special

vehicles. This is guaranteed to be a family fun event with a kid's area, food trucks, and Castle tours. Admission to the Joslyn Castle Cruise is FREE for both vehicle owners and visitors. The admission for a Castle tour is \$10 per person, \$8 for seniors, students, and military personnel, and children under 5 are FREE. The Joslyn Castle will be open during the duration of the Cruise from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. We encourage you to step inside and learn about the early car enthusiast, George Joslyn, who might have been raised as a horseman but loved his automobiles.

Register now! The Joslyn Castle Cruise will be here before you know it! Information on the Joslyn Castle Cruise, including registration and parking, is available on our website at www.joslyncastle.com, or by calling the office at 402.595.2199.

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JOSLYN CASTLE TRUST PRESENTS SAVANNAH, GA AND CHARLESTON, SC



Each year the Joslyn Castle hosts a tour with the assistance of Deb Covert Travel to historic areas in the United States. This year it is a tour to Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. We will be flying into Savannah for a half day of touring as well as dinner on the coast. We will then drive to Charleston where we will arrive at our hotel for two nights. We will tour the Charleston area October 11th and 12th before flying home to Omaha on October 12th.

Much of Savannah's charm lies in meandering through the Historic District's verdant squares — all 22 of them. Along the way, there are numerous historic homes like the Mercer Williams House, popularized by *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, and the Juliette Gordon Low home. There's the famous Bonaventure Cemetery for a Spanish moss-

canopied stroll, and there's the City Market, which is an ideal place to pick up a few souvenirs.

Charleston, the South Carolina port city founded in 1670, is defined by its cobblestone streets, horse-drawn carriages, and pastel antebellum houses, particularly in the elegant French Quarter and Battery districts. The Battery promenade and Waterfront Park both overlook Charleston Harbor, while Fort Sumter, a federal stronghold where the first shots of the Civil War rang out, lies across the water. There will be visits to the Aiken-Rhett House Museum, Drayton Hall, Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, and The Battery.

These trips always sell out, but at printing we still have a few slots left. If you have an interest in joining the group please call Joslyn Castle at 402.595.2199 for further information.

MASQUERADE AT THE CASTLE



You are cordially invited to our "Masquerade at the Castle" on Saturday, October 28. Join us for an enchanted evening of music, dancing, and entertainment, dressed in your most inspired costume. Wander around the Castle and enjoy tarot card readings and pictures in our photo booth while you celebrate this fantastic festivity. There will be a costume contest at the end of the night so make sure you wear your masquerade best. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and your evening sojourn will terminate at 11:00 p.m. All of the delightful details are available on our website www.joslyncastle.com or by calling the staff at 402.595.2199... if you dare!

2017 Joslyn Castle Arts & Literary Festival

CELEBRATING WOMEN OF NEBRASKA

Now in its seventh year, the Joslyn Castle Literary Festival returns this fall celebrating women of Nebraska. As Nebraska celebrates its sesquicentennial, marking 150 years of statehood, the Joslyn Castle is proud to focus on the artist and authors of our state. For this festival, our primary goal is to create an awareness and appreciation for women artists who have, and still are, significantly contributing to the cultural fabric of Nebraska. We are currently hard at work lining up a spectacular array of guests for your literary enjoyment, and here is a “sneak peek” of what we have lined up so far.

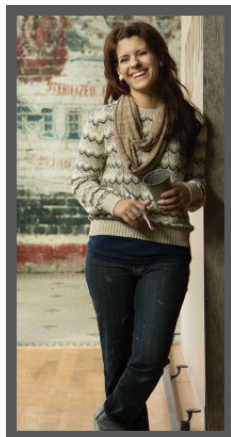
Here are a few highlights of our festival:

- For our art enthusiasts, we are pleased to welcome the **Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA)** back to the Joslyn Castle. We were so happy to have them participate for last year’s festival. They will be tailoring their exhibit this year to female Nebraska artists which will be open for public viewing during the entire length of the Festival.

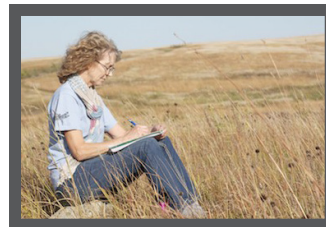


• Along with MONA, we are thrilled to partner with artist **Judith Welk** for the first time. Living in Dundee, Omaha, Nebraska, for over 40 years, she has produced hundreds of paintings and serigraph prints. She will be displaying her beautiful work which is a reflection of the love of family and the people and places in the Dundee neighborhood.

- **Completely Kids** will hold an interactive art experience with **Sharon Davis** from Arbor Street Studios. Completely Kids provides hands-on learning opportunities to foster positive life skills that help break the cycle of poverty. Sharon Davis is a muralist and public artist whose work is widely recognized throughout Omaha. She will be leading students in creating their own artwork using hand-lettering techniques and these pieces will be displayed in the Castle for the duration of the festival.



- **The Union for Contemporary Art, Girls Inc.**, and the Joslyn Castle will collaborate on a large-scale mural to be displayed in the Castle during the festival. They will design floral forms from manipulated words and text, tying together our theme of celebrating female artists and writers. The Girls Inc. artists will be invited to our artists’ reception to be recognized and to share their work with loved ones.



- If poetry is your passion, then Nebraska State Poet **Twyla M. Hansen** should be a familiar name. Raised in northeast Nebraska, and currently living in Lincoln, she is the third Nebraskan and first woman to

hold the position of Nebraska State Poet. Twyla will be busy at the Castle for an entire day engaging in a school-age writing workshop in the afternoon, then returning in the evening for a reading and book signing. Our guests will be delighted to hear passages from three of her books: *Rock * Tree * Bird*, *Dirt Songs: A Plains Duet*, and *Potato Soup*, named as one of Nebraska’s 150 Notable Books.

- To celebrate the Joslyns’ involvement in the newspaper industry, **Eileen Wirth**, professor and chair of the Department of Journalism, Media and Computing at Creighton University will join us to talk about her book, *From Society Page to Front Page: Nebraska Women in Journalism*. As one of the first women reporters at the *Omaha World-Herald*, her experience gave her the apt perspective on the women profiled in her book.



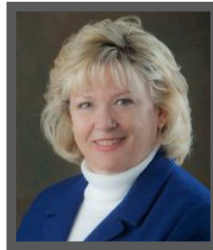
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• **Sally Bisson-Best**, an Omaha attorney and Associate Professor at the College of St. Mary, will be at the Castle on Sunday, September 24, to give a talk about one of the first suffragettes, **Doris Stevens**, who was an Omaha native and rose through the ranks of the National Woman's Party in the early 1900s. You may have seen a recent article in the *Omaha World-Herald* about this remarkable woman.

Like what you see? We are still adding to this great line-up of female Nebraska artists. Stay tuned to our website where we will soon detail the information you need to know about dates, times, and events. The 2017 Literary Festival runs from Thursday, September 21 through Wednesday, September 27. Do not miss your chance to experience this fantastic display of Nebraska artistry!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tour Sundays – First and Third Sundays of each month – 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m.

Weekday Tours – Scheduled by appointment

Summer Mondays – Tours at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Monday, July 17th

TEDTalk Salon@The Castle: “Virtual Choirs: Songs Connecting Our World” – 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 24th

Summer Fete – 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, September 3rd

Joslyn Castle Car Cruise - 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, September 21st –
Wednesday, September 27th

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Saturday, October 28th

Masquerade at the Castle - 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday, November 10th –
Sunday, November 12th

Historic Home Tour & Boutique

Thursday, November 23rd

Turkey Trot - 5k Run/Walk – 9 a.m. at Midtown Crossing

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