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Sarpy County Museums Program - Sharpie: Queen of the Air

Join the Sarpy County Museum on Sunday, December 27th at 2:00 p.m. as Diane Bartels presents "Sharpie: Queen of the Air" sponsored by Humanities Nebraska. The program, based on Bartels' book, is about Evelyn Sharp, a pioneering, teenage aviatrix who became a war hero. Sharp taught men to fly and was one of the first women to ferry U.S. Army Air Force fighters during World War II, freeing men for combat. This free event, appropriate for students as well as adults, will be held at the Sarpy County Museum, located at 2402 Clay St. in Bellevue, NE.

Diane Bartels is a lifelong Nebraskan who grew up wanting to fly airplanes. She earned her pilot certificate in 1966 and with that evolved a commitment to aerospace education and the preservation of Nebraska's rich aviation heritage. In 1991, Diane was recognized as Nebraska's Teacher-Scholar by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The award made it possible for her to write and publish "Sharpie: The Life Story of Evelyn Sharp, Nebraska's Aviatrix." Diane belongs to several aviation organizations, has been published in journals and periodicals and has presented at national conferences. She served as principal consultant for the NETV documentary film "Sharpie: Born To Fly."

## **About the Sarpy County Museum**

The Sarpy County Museum, incorporated in 1953, is committed to protecting, preserving and promoting Sarpy County's rich history. It does this by hosting a variety of free programs, archiving local records and assisting with genealogy research. The museum is generously funded by Sarpy County and continues to rely on donations from members, volunteers and community supporters. The museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. For more information, contact the Sarpy County Museum, 402-292-1880 or museum@sarpycountymuseum.org.