



SARPY COUNTY M • U • S • E • U • M

EXPLORE NEBRASKA'S BIRTHPLACE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Home of: Bellevue,
Gretna, La Vista,
Offutt AFB, Papillion,
Springfield

www.sarpymuseum.org

**Sarpy County
Historical Museum**
2402 Clay Street
Bellevue, NE 68005
(402) 292-1880

Director:
Ben Justman

Board of Directors:

President
Brenda Carlisle

Treasurer
Alan Colson

Secretary
Linda Iske

Board Members
Becky Cox
Paul Hartnett
Kay Holst
Ben Mathewson
David Reyes
Tess Sykes
Barb Vaughn
Cornelia Vremes
Wayne Woodard

Local Contact: Melissa Nelson, 402-292-1880; museum@sarpymuseum.org
Smithsonian Contact: Jennifer Schommer, 202.633.3121; schommerj@si.edu

20 November 2015

Smithsonian Exhibition Exploring the American Workforce Coming to Sarpy County Museum

What would life be like without teachers, doctors or firefighters? Every day Americans are hard at work on farms, factories, in homes or at desks keeping our communities thriving. The Sarpy County Museum in cooperation with Humanities Nebraska will explore the professions and the people that sustain American society when it hosts “The Way We Worked,” a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition.

The Sarpy County Museum and the surrounding community have been expressly chosen by Humanities Nebraska to host “The Way We Worked” as part of the Museum on Main Street project—a national/state/local partnership to bring exhibitions and programs to rural cultural organizations. The exhibition will be on view Dec 9th through January 7th and is the only location east of Lincoln to be selected.

“The Way We Worked,” adapted from an original exhibition developed by the National Archives and Records Administration, explores how work has become a central element in American culture. It traces the many changes that have affected the workforce and work environments over the past 150 years, including the growth of manufacturing and increasing use of technology. The exhibition draws from the Archives’ rich collections, including historical photographs, archival accounts of workers, film, audio and interactives, to tell the compelling story of how work impacts our individual lives and the historical and cultural fabric of our communities. This exhibit will feature a local component that highlights Sarpy County's shift from a rural to metropolitan community, the impact of the Martin Bomber plant, and historic downtown Papillion. Over 10 FREE weekly programs will complement the exhibit. Further details about these programs can be found on the museum website or by contacting the museum.

“The Way We Worked” is part of Museum on Main Street, a unique collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), state humanities councils across the nation and local host institutions.



EXPLORE NEBRASKA'S BIRTHPLACE

To learn more about “The Way We Worked” and other Museum on Main Street exhibitions, visit www.museumonmainstreet.org. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress. Local sponsors include Nebraska State AFL-CIO, the R. Joe Dennis Foundation, and the Shopko Foundation.

The Sarpy County Museum serves the local community by protecting, preserving and promoting Sarpy County’s rich history. To learn more, visit www.sites.si.edu, www.humanitiesnebraska.org and www.sarpymuseum.org

Admission to the museum is free. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, email museum@sarpymuseum.org or call (402) 292-1880.

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.

###