

OUR
AMERICAN
STORIES:
CELEBRATING 250 YEARS!

Join the Legacy of the Plains in celebrating the United States' history through a series of presentations Saturday, June 6, 2026.

All events are free and open to the public.



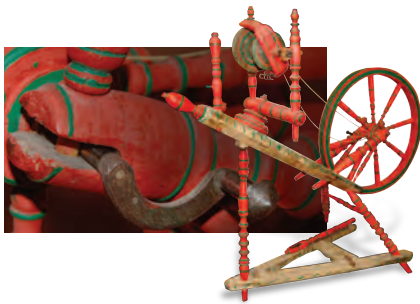
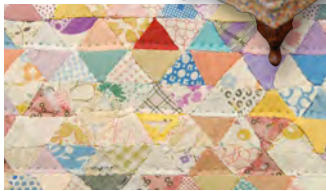
10:00 **"Abraham Lincoln, America's Greatest Political Orator"** Using humor, lawyer-like reason or biblically inspired prose, Lincoln saved our country with his words and defined the meaning of the American Revolution for future generations. ***Presented by Fred Nielsen***

11:00 **"Death, Poverty, and Bread: How German Russians found Success in Nebraska."** *Karen Keehr, Germans from Russia Museum*

1:30 **Japanese American Quilt Panel Discussion:** Created in 1995 by Japanese American women from the High Plains, these quilts reflect the journeys of their families, sometimes through extreme hardship with Gaman (Perseverance), one stitch at a time.

2:30 **"The Mexican People of the Panhandle."** *Presented by Jackie Cervantes Guzman*

3:30 **Quilts of Valor:** Honoring veterans and active-duty personnel for their service and sacrifice in serving our nation. Hear how the organization works by awarding handmade quilts in a ceremony that manifests "Thank you." *Presented by Peggy Maunier*



Special Exhibits will be available from the museum's collection, including a camel hair quilt and a driftwood spinning wheel from our Germans from Russia collection. The Rotating gallery will include a 42-star flag from the 1800s, several military uniforms and Quilts of Valor and a Lakota Star Quilt.

Quilts made in the Japanese American community, a special quilted chair, and quilts dedicated to those who perished during 9/11 on loan from the International Quilt Museum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be displayed from June 6, through July 19.



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