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204 S Main St; Wichita, KS 67202

2024 MCILWAINE SPEAKER SERIES AT THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Quarterly 2024 (March 16, May 18 & 19, August 10, November 9)

Presentations start at 2:00pm

Admission FREE

Open to the public, All ages

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum invites you to learn about a range of local history-related topics during its Charles & Joanne McIlwaine Quarterly Speaker Series. Once each quarter, the museum welcomes engaging presenters who will speak on the people, places, and events that influenced our community.

Saturday, March 16th – "Beyond the Veil: A History of Spiritualism" by Katie Keckisen, Humanities Kansas

This presentation examines the emergence of the Spiritualism religious phenomena, its connections to both the Civil War and World War I, and how it led to a battle of words between the creator of Sherlock Holmes and the greatest magician of all time. Funding for this program was provided by Humanities Kansas.

Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19 - "Six Wichita Stories of Aviation" presented by Edward Phillips

Over two days, Edward Phillips will discuss aviation stories set right here in the Air Capital including- E.M. Laird, the Saga of PK_SAM, Beechcraft's Bullish A17 Biplanes, the Women's Air Derby of 1939, Walter H. Beech, and the Cessna CR-Series Racers.

Saturday, August 10 - "The Woman of Brown" presented by Donna Rea Pearson, Humanities Kansas

This presentation will shine a light on the stories of Twelve Black women who were at the forefront of the civil rights movement as plaintiffs in the landmark Brown v Board of Education case.

Saturday, November 9 - "Researching Your Home and the People Who Lived There" presented by Diana Staresinic-Deane, Humanities Kansas

This talk shares creative ways to study documents and assemble relevant narratives from maps, deeds, newspapers, and often unsought or unknown resources.

Doors open at 1:00pm; program starts at 2pm in the DeVore Auditorium (2nd Floor)

Open to the public. Free admission.

This quarterly speaker series is made possible through a generous grant from the Charles and Joanne McIlwaine Foundation.

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Regular Admission: \$5 Adults (13+); \$2 Children

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OUR VISION: To provide a world class museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.