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From the President's Desk,

Welcome to the Spring Edition of *Prairie Tales*. We welcome Spring after such a cold and snowy February. There seems to be a feeling of hope in the air. Hope not only for warm weather and the gifts of nature that Spring brings but hope for the future after this time of "pandemic uncertainty". Over the past months, I have experienced growth in myself and others as Questers has persisted and chapters have come up with ways to be together even at a distance. We can't discard the masks yet; but I feel soon, we will once again find "fun in searching and joy in finding". On February 22, 2021 I attended a Zoom Questers State Presidents meeting with The Questers International Board. I enjoyed meeting Presidents from all the states/provinces attending. It was such an affirmation for me to report how active our Nebraska Board/Committee Chairs and most chapters have been despite pandemic. Some states have not been able meet in over a year. With your help we have been able to keep this organization together and carry on business.

This will be the last time I have the privilege of writing this President's page. We will welcome new State Officers and install them at the Zoom Spring Council Meeting Saturday April 24, 2021 at 11 AM CDT/10 AM MDT. It is exciting to welcome President-elect Doris Rush Dome Rockers #1427, Secretary Carol Waggoner North Fork #1018, Treasurer Lorraine Jeffus La Belle Vue #933 and Corresponding Secretary Gretchen Deter Scotts Bluff #1420. Nebraska Questers are so fortunate to have members willing to step up to leadership. We wish them congratulations and best wishes.

At Spring Council, we will award P&R grant(s). It was gratifying to know that three grant applications have been received. It fills me with pride knowing chapters actively want to work in P&R during a time when museums and historical sites are so in need of help. I extend thanks to all those who participated in researching and writing the grants. Also, at Spring Council the Budget for 2021-2022 will be presented for approval.

River City Seekers #1331, led by Brenda Summerside, State Day 2021 Chairman, are busy at work planning for State Day. It will be held at the Field Club of Omaha Thursday, October 21, 2021. They will have a pre-program Wednesday evening October 20, 2021 at St. Cecelia's Cathedral Museum and Art Gallery. Information is in this edition of *Prairie Tales*. Start making plans to attend. The theme they have chosen is "Getting to Know You" which I think is perfect since we haven't been able to be together in so long.

As you will see in this issue of *Prairie Tales*, we as Nebraska Questers have much to look forward to and be proud of. Enjoy reading and continued Happy Questing.

Laurel Zielinski  
Nebraska Questers President  
2019-2021



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## THE NEBRASKA QUESTERS

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**North Fork #902** - Nancy Schwertley  
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**Prairie Treasures #1018** - Barbara Gibbs  
North Platte, NE  
**River City Seekers #1331**- Brenda Summerside  
Omaha, NE  
**Scott's Bluff #1346** - Gretchen Deter  
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### Nebraska Questers Website

[www.nebraskaquesters.org](http://www.nebraskaquesters.org)

Contact your Chapter President for  
Members' passwords.

## State Board & Chair Members News

### State President

Laurel Zielinski



### First Vice President

Lorraine Jeffus



Since this is my last time to write in *Prairie Tales* as your President, let me take this space to tell all of you thank you. I appreciate having been given the opportunity to work with Nebraska Questers. I read once that “when you start a new job or a particular journey, you really don’t know what to fully expect”. I did not expect to lead Nebraska Questers during a time of unexpected fears, hardships and disappointments but what I found is that Nebraska Questers are folks who “when times are tough the tough get going”. Even in the Pandemic, I want you to know how much I’ve enjoyed my time as your President. It has instilled in me a renewed spirit of courage, tolerance, and patience. To the 2019-2020 Board Officers, the 2020-21 Board Officers, and the 2019-2021 Committee Chairs, I express my sincere gratitude, for I have learned so much from your experience, advice and guidance over the past two years. These two groups have been such a valuable part of my journey in leadership of Nebraska Questers. They “always had my back”. To the chapter presidents and chapter officers who do the hard, unseen and sometimes unrecognized jobs in Questers, thanks for your willingness to step up to leadership. You provide the structure this organization needs. To all of our members, even though I did not get to travel and meet you all, please know that you are the success of Questers. You are the ones who support the education, preservation, restoration, fun and joy we have as Questers. To the Past State Presidents who are still active in Questers, your many kindnesses and unwavering support to our organization and to me are acknowledged with respect.

I am looking forward to my new role on the Board as Immediate Past State President and chairman of the Nominating Committee. (Yes, you will still hear from me so get ready to say yes to leadership). I am looking forward to this new phase in my membership in Nebraska Questers

Even though our time of working together is coming to a close, I will look forward to meeting all of you in the future and wish each of you success in all your future endeavors. “Share Questers Everywhere, Keep Our History Alive”.

BESS BARDENS, our founder is quoted as saying, “My first hobby will always be the collecting of Questers...” “Jessie Elizabeth Bardens was a wife,



mother, and grandmother when she brought together like-minded women...to become the first Questers...” as stated in the “Founder’s Column” of *The Questers* in March 1959. Let us follow Mrs. Bardens as extraordinary collectors of Questers. Adding to our membership not only helps us preserve history but pre-

serves our organization. Membership must be a priority, but Mrs. Bardens also would want us to have fun as we search for new Questers.

How do our members bring “together like-minded” individuals with COVID still threatening us, prohibiting in-person meetings or limiting attendance, and changing how we gather dramatically?

Chapters in Nebraska are using Zoom to bring members together. Some acquiring special help to present interesting programs, but more often the Zoom meetings involve only business and socializing.

Use services like Free Conference Call to provide unlimited access for a large group to have conference calls. Individuals use their mobile minutes or pay for long distance charges.

Request assistance when presenting a program for your Zoom meeting. A husband, a grandchild or friend may be helpful and develop an interest in learning more about THE QUESTERS.

Do not keep THE QUESTERS a secret!!! Create the news in papers, social media sharing what THE QUESTERS is doing to help preserve history. Be bold and ask for the publicity your chapter deserves about P&R projects. Friends and neighbors will congratulate you and you have an opportunity to educate them. Email the NE Questers website address to them and follow up with them.

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Do you have an “engagement card” or THE QUESTERS trifold brochure to send or give to folks? Provide chapter members with the tools they can hand to individuals engaged in conversations about THE QUESTERS. Tools directing them to the internet to explore the NE Questers and THE QUESTERS websites.

Ask newly retired people to participate in a meeting (in-person or Zoom). Retiring schoolteachers are great prospects. They retire at an earlier age than most, they are accustomed to speaking in front of groups, and their educational skills provide good programs. Ask former teachers in your chapter if they know who are retiring soon and encourage them to share information about Questers.

Retirement communities are excellent sources for new members. If a chapter member moves to one, ask if the chapter may meet in the community facilities as soon as COVID restrictions allow it. Meeting rooms may be available if residents are invited to see the programs. Creating interest results in new members or even organizing a new chapter.

Invite husbands, other male friends, and couples to experience the chapter meetings. A new energy emerges. Evenings may become preferred meeting time for a group with both genders.

Focus on chapter P&R projects and programs on history, single antique or vintage items vs collections, and activities which benefit the community’s museums and historical sites.

May you strive to become extraordinary collectors of Questers!!!



*The sweet scent of Spring*

## My Home Town North Platte



William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody was born Feb. 26, 1846, in Iowa. At age 7, his family moved to Kansas, where they were among the first settlers. At age 9, Cody started working for Russell, Majors and Waddell, a freighting firm out of Kansas that also started the Pony Express. He later served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Following the war, Cody earned his nickname “Buffalo Bill” while supplying buffalo meat for the Kansas Pacific Railway. By the mid-1880s, Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show was in full swing, touring the United States and Europe.



The success of the show enabled Cody to build “The Mansion on the Prairie,” as the locals called it. The Second Empire-style house was the largest house

in North Platte in the late 19th Century. It was Buffalo Bill’s home from 1886 to 1913. He raised cattle and purebred stallions on his 4,000 acres of land. A large barn was built in 1887 to house Cody’s ranch horses and stallions.

Home of famed showman scout William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody, Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park at North Platte recaptures the life and career of the famed Pony Express rider, Army scout and buffalo hunter-turned-showman. Since it became a state historical park in 1965, the house and barn have been restored and a wealth of Cody memorabilia has been acquired and placed on display. The



mansion is open to the public for self-guided tours from late spring until early fall.

Submitted by  
Barbara Gibbs

## Historian

Darlene Palmer



Having been a former teacher, I found the following rules quite interesting:

### 1872 Rules for Teachers

- Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
- Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
- Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
- Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
- After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
- Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
- Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
- Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
- The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.
- You may ride in a buggy with a man, if the man is your father or your brother.

Teachers have come a long way since 1872.

Teachers can look back when they have a hard day and appreciate that we do not live in 1872.

So many changes in rules and technology.

Who would have thought in 1872 that students would be able to stay home and learn by remote learning with a computer!

We can only wonder what the future holds for teachers and education.

## Website Manager/ Prairie Tales Editor

Barbara Gibbs



I have received reports that some members are having difficulty getting a copy of Prairie Tales from the Nebraska Questers website. If you talk to anyone who needs help, direct them to Members Only, the President's Corner page on the website. The first selection on the President's Corner page is a January 9th letter from Laurel which contains a 5-item set of directions for getting onto the website and downloading Prairie Tales.

There is also a file straight across the page from Laurel's letter that, when downloaded, shows the pages with instructions you will open to view, read, and save the complete newsletter to your personal computer.

The Prairie Tales Newsletter file is a .pdf file, so you will need to have the free Acrobat Reader program installed on your computer.

If you are still having problems, please call me at 308-532-5465. If I do not answer please leave a message and your phone number. I will call back as soon as possible.

## Immediate Past President

Sandy Strey



Congratulations to our incoming Nebraska Questers officers – President Doris Rush - Dome Rockers #1487, Secretary Carol Waggoner, North Fork #902, Treasurer Lorraine Jeffus La Belle Vue #933, and Corresponding Secretary Gretchen Deter Scotts Bluff #1427! They will be installed on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Council meeting via Zoom. You will get the pleasure of "Getting to Know Them" at State Day hosted by the River City Seekers #1331 in Omaha on Thursday, October 21, 2021!

Thank you to my trusty nominating partners Millie Miller Corps of Discovery #1504 and Jan Van Newkirk Scotts Bluff #1427. I could not have done it without you!

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Thank you to the many Quester members that I have met in Nebraska. In my seven years that I have served on the Board, you have enriched my life! A special thank you to my chapter Dome Rockers #1487, I really could not have done it without you! I also want to thank the Questers from St. Petersburg, Florida to Kansas City, Missouri to Windsor, Ontario for the great International Conventions that I was able to attend. I learned so much history and met so many interesting and intelligent people. I also saw so many beautiful sites I never would have seen. The bell rang both times when I told them about our great state of Nebraska, so you need to remember to talk faster!

Hope to see you in October! Thanks for the memories!

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## Preservation & Restoration

Ruth McMaster



Three 2021 Nebraska Questers Preservation & Restoration grant proposals were received by the February 1st deadline. In mid-February, copies of the proposals and a ballot were sent to each chapter president and to each of the six elected state officers. Every chapter member casts one vote with the state officers getting an additional second vote. The results of this balloting are taken into consideration to determine which grants are chosen to be funded, in full or part. The winners will be announced at the Spring Council meeting in April.

Corps of Discovery #1504 is asking for \$1500 to restore a "Polyphon" 19th century music box which has been donated to the Sarpy County Museum by the Krebs family. When restored to working condition, it will play large metal discs of music.

North Fork #902 is asking for \$2000 toward the cost of a set of architecturally accurate wooden fire-rated doors to preserve the integrity of a 1913 former church. This structure (on the National Historic Register) is now home to The Madison Arts Center located in Madison.

Scotts Bluff #1346 (supported by Dome Rockers #1487) is asking for \$2500 toward restoring the facade of this former Scottsbluff Carnegie Library (on the National Historic Register and now home of the Western Nebraska Arts Center). Replacement materials are to be fabricated to preserve the historic nature of the facade. There is also a need for re-tucking.

P & R grants are funded from the yearly \$10 donations (voluntary) from chapter members, from miscellaneous donations, and from occasional fund-raisers such as the sale of items at State Day. Also, if there is any money remaining from registration fees after expenses have been paid for State Day, it is deposited into the P & R fund. Thanks for supporting this Nebraska Questers grant program that occurs every odd-numbered year.

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## Treasurer

Laurel Wheeler



With Spring comes one of the busiest times of the year for our Chapter Treasurers.

If you have not yet forwarded your voluntary donations for P & R and President's Travel; please do so as soon as possible. P & R donations are used to fund the projects which chapters have identified. The President's travel fund is utilized to offset the President's cost for visiting the chapters.

All Chapters should have received their packet from International; please pay particular attention to the directions on the first page of your packet – Items 1-8.

Each chapter must forward the following items to the State Treasurer not later than April 1, 2021.

--Updated membership Listing

--Identify your new or continuing President and Treasurer on your membership List

--Identify Honorary Life Members on your list. These members are past National/International Presidents who do not pay International dues, only state dues.

--Complete and forward your New Officer Form—and Complete and forward your completed IRS 990

--Write one check for all your chapter members - \$28.00 per member. This includes \$21.00 for International and \$7.00 for State dues.

--Feel free to contact me if you have any questions on any Treasurer related issues.

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## News of Quester Chapters

### Dome Rockers #1487

Scottsbluff/Gering

These sentiments are excerpts from each member of Dome Rockers Chapter "chain of cards" that were passed from one member to another as the holidays began. I guess they say it all on how we have spent most of the year 2020. Our thanks go out to our chapter secretary, Mary Temple, for her inspirational idea!

What a way to spend a day in this year of 2020...

There have been blessings a plenty...

Spring is in sight...

I wish for all of you gifts of love, friendship, and good health...

The new normal is not always as fun as the past...

It has been enjoyable thinking of each of you as I write this note...

I look forward to when we can meet again...

Change seems to be one of the hardest things we must deal with as we get older...

Since March I have stayed home and trying to do the safe thing...

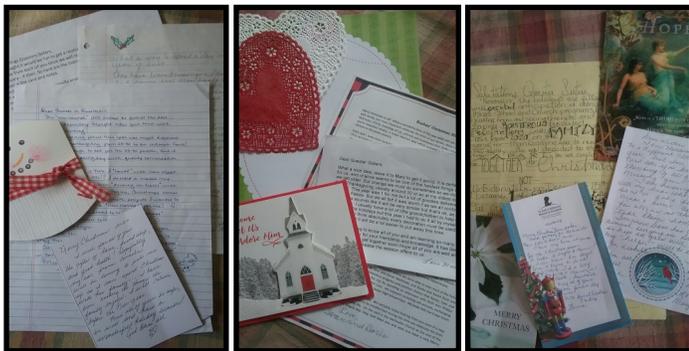
Jim and I had a very quiet Thanksgiving, but we were thankful...

I am hoping this card lets you know I am thinking of all of you and missing you...

I have enjoyed sleeping later, no meetings and finishing a book in one setting, but I miss seeing everyone...

Unfortunately, on December 15<sup>th</sup> I became 1 of the 6,948 people in Scotts Bluff County testing COVID positive... Our priority changed!

Prayers, blessings and stay safe. I miss you all! Hope we can get together again soon. Viva la Vaccine!!!



Submitted by Vickie Schmidt

## Corp of Discovery #1504

Bellevue

The January 26th Meeting was hosted by Ben Justman and Jeannette Gabriel via Zoom. An excellent program about the history of candy in the United States was researched by Ben and Jeannette and presented by Ben. They deserve special kudos for delivering samples of the subject candy to each home before the program - Questers like real, not virtual, when it comes to food!

Submitted by

Don Wheeler

*Happy*



*Spring!*

## Forget-Me-Nots #620

Omaha

Forget-Me-Nots met for the first time this year in January at Vincenzo's restaurant. We had a short business meeting and a great luncheon. There were seven members and one guest in attendance, and we caught up on what was going on in everyone's life since the pandemic began.

In February, we met at Dolce Restaurant. There were five members in attendance due to the cold weather (well below zero). We talked about where we want our club to go in the future and different things we can do to keep it interesting. We had a very delightful lunch.

Hopefully, as the weather gets better, we will have a better turnout. Regretfully, we have lost one of our charter members, Evelyn Barber.

Submitted by  
Toni Green

## North Fork #902

Norfolk

North Fork #902 members braved a cold February evening and gathered at Sherry Stuijbergen's home where she presented a program on Staffordshire Spaniels. Her extensive collection of multiple English clay examples included white and spotted figures in many shapes and sizes. Queen Victoria's pet King Charles Spaniel, Dash, was the inspiration for the creation of the spaniels. The British elite displayed their spaniels on a shelf, mantel or hearth. Though not factual, it is believed the black Staffordshire Spaniel was in homage of Queen Victoria's mourning for Prince Albert. Sherry's expertise is equal to that of Antique Roadshow.



We voted to collect extra money for Nebraska P&R and the President's travel funds. All present paid their dues. Names were submitted with Carol Waggoner the recipient of the Tussie Mussie from Forget Me Nots. We congratulated and applauded Carol for her new position of Nebraska Executive Board Recording Secretary.

We enjoy receiving Prairie Tales online and will print copies for those needing hard copies. Thank you, Barbara Gibbs, for bringing news to the chapters.

Some members have safely ventured "into the wild" by questing at the Junk Jaunt, thrift stores, estate sales, garage sales, auctions, and antique stores. Sherry came home from a Junk Jaunt with



a pink Grimware pitcher and bowl. At an Omaha Goodwill LaRae found a 1920's beaded embroidered drawstring mini "necessary" purse with a round mirrored bottom. Nancy purchased a tall floor model hat stand at Harm's Antiques in Wisner, Sandra bought an English tea box at Heartland Mall in Grand Island and Judy acquired doll accessories via

a thrift shop in South Dakota. Ruth obtained a matched glass front set of cabinets from an old house. She plans to refurbish and install on both sides of the fireplace.

Thank you to the outgoing Executive Board members and welcome to the new. Your efforts are appreciated.

Submitted by

Nancy Schwertley

## Keep Going

By Edgar Guest

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must—but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow—  
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late, when the night slipped  
down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit

## Memorials

Evelyn Barber, charter member of Forget-Me-Nots #620 died November 19, 2020.

## Prairie Treasures #1018

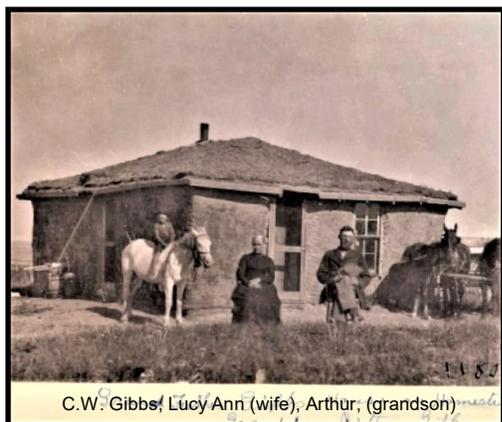
North Platte

Solomon Butcher was a man of big ideas, a man with vision. In 1880, he traveled with his father, brother, and brother-in-law in covered wagons to Custer County, Nebraska to stake claims for farmland via the Homestead Act. They all worked hard to build the required shelters, dirt soddies. It did not take Solomon long to realize that he did not like working so hard, so when his father returned to Illinois to bring his wife and family to Nebraska, Solomon went with him. Solomon had decided to try other methods to gain his fortune.

He went to Minneapolis to attend medical school. His new scheme was to become a doctor. That must have been hard work too because Solomon lasted only a year. But it was not a total loss. He met a lovely nurse, whom he married and with ideas of more adventure in mind, which now included someone to do the work and cooking, Solomon took his wife to Custer County. There, he bought some land and built the first photographic studio in the area and attempted to do studio portraits for the local farmers. It proved to also be a difficult way to make money. He tried many other schemes, all with like amounts of success.

Finally, he had his ultimate bright idea! He would create a photographic history of Custer County, Nebraska, a kind of documentary of prairie life as it was happening. During the next seven years, Solomon took more than 3500 photographs. He also collected stories, biographies, and anecdotes from the pioneers. In 1901, after many starts and stops, Solomon finally finished his book. It was published and called "*Pioneer History of Custer County, Nebraska.*" It contained 400 pages of incredible photos and true stories.

This man's work is especially important to me because he created this photo of my homesteading ancestors:



C.W. Gibbs, Lucy Ann (wife), Arthur, (grandson)

Submitted by  
Barbara Gibbs

## River City Seekers #1331

Omaha

The River City Seekers have been meeting by Zoom. It's been like herding cats but we're becoming more experienced with it and it is so comforting to see faces again. We shared information about our birthstone in one of our meetings. Getting our thoughts and programming ideas together for state day is keeping us busy. As most of us will have our vaccine by April, we will plan an in home meeting then. Everyone save the date..10-21-21... More fun in 21!



Submitted by  
Brenda Summerside

## Be a Prairie Tales Reporter

Occasionally, "filler" articles are needed to fill space in *Prairie Tales*. These "fillers" can be written articles with or without pictures and of various lengths. If you notice something that you think would be of interest to fellow Questers, write it up as a news article and submit it to Barbara Gibbs, *Prairie Tales* Editor, 2021 East 2nd Street, North Platte, NE 69101 or email to: [barbaralg2018@gmail.com](mailto:barbaralg2018@gmail.com).

Your article will be filed until needed. It is nice to have a complete 12 page newsletter. If you agree, submit items of your choice as soon as you can. Thank you.

# Funds Development

Sherry Stuifbergen

We are just a few of the antiques waiting for State Day! Our number has grown and grown while we have been packed in boxes in the basement waiting to go on our road trip. We can't wait to meet all the Questers at State Day in Omaha. We know the River City Seekers will plan an excellent day for us!



Flamingo \$30

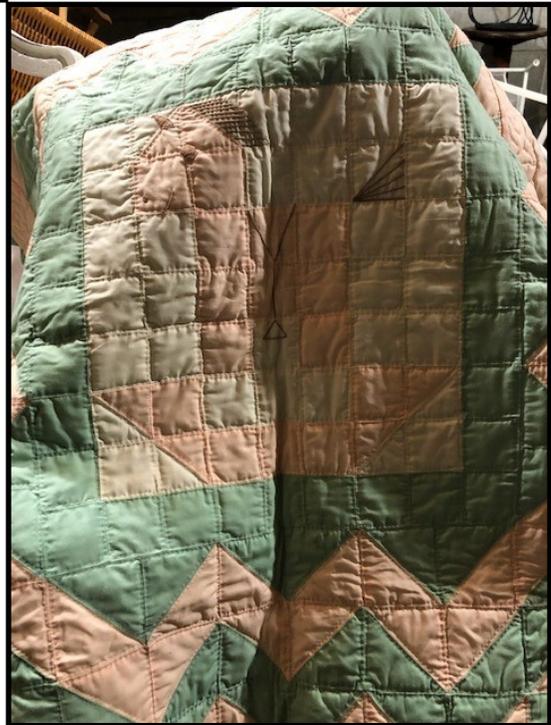
Charcoal Iron \$25

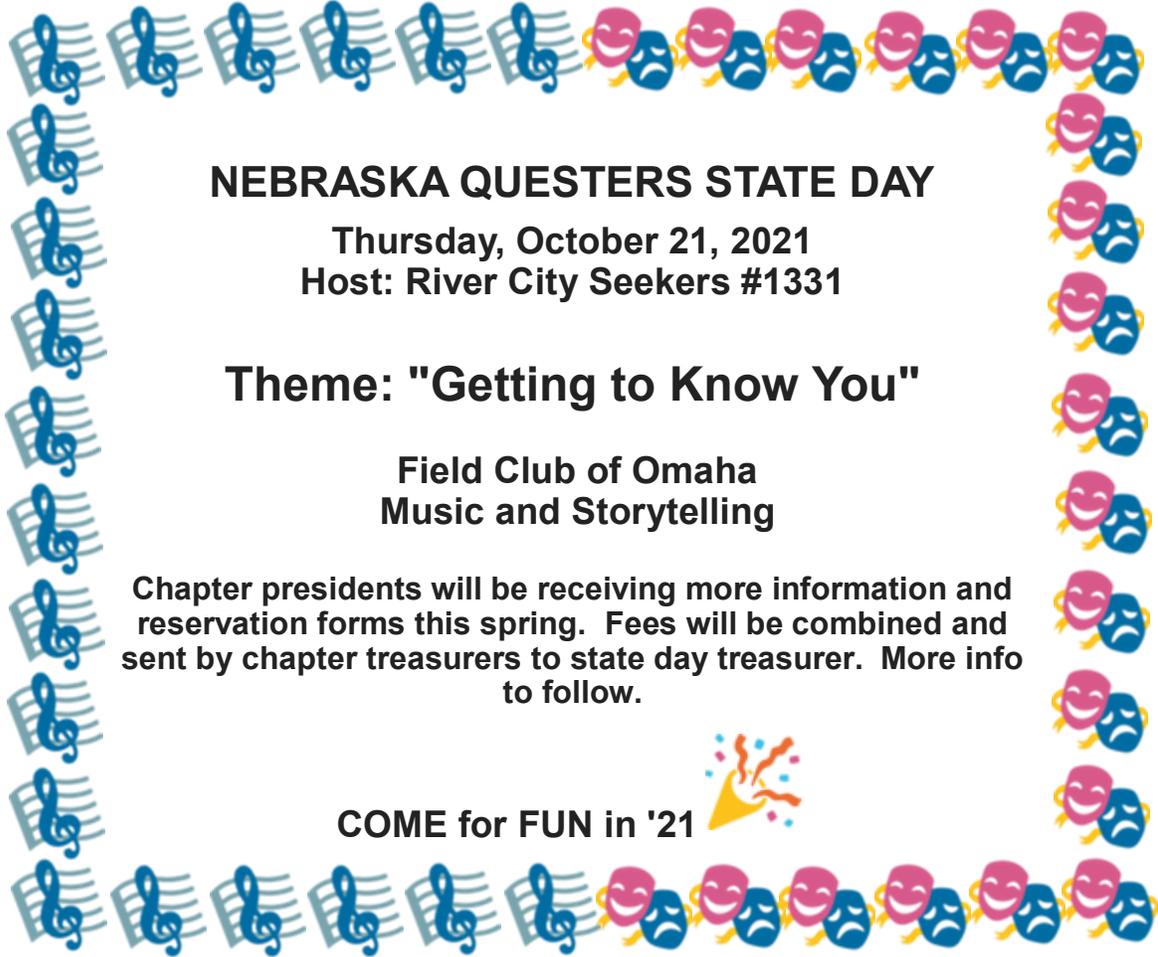
Baby Quilt \$25

Gold Decanter \$10 &  
cookie cutters \$2 each

White Corn box \$15

Freestanding shelf \$25





**NEBRASKA QUESTERS STATE DAY**  
 Thursday, October 21, 2021  
 Host: River City Seekers #1331

**Theme: "Getting to Know You"**

**Field Club of Omaha  
 Music and Storytelling**

Chapter presidents will be receiving more information and reservation forms this spring. Fees will be combined and sent by chapter treasurers to state day treasurer. More info to follow.

COME for FUN in '21 



**THE QUESTERS 71st International Convention  
 COLORADO - "Purple Mountain Majesty"  
 May 13-16, 2021 Virtual  
 Broomfield, CO**

**Founder's Award Topic - 2021  
 "Women of the West"  
 Due March 1, 2021**



## Calendar of Events

| June 2020  | July 2020  | August 2020   |
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| <p>1 Questers Fiscal year start</p> <p>25 NE Executive Board &amp; Committee Chairs meeting</p>  | <p>15 Summer issue of Questers Quarterly mailed, emailed, online</p>   | <p>1 Articles for Summer issue of Prairie Tales Newsletter due</p> <p>28 Chapters verify to Forget-Me-Nots #620 names of State Day attendees.</p>   |
| September 2020   | October 2020   | November 2020   |
| <p>1 Summer Prairie Tales Newsletter on website for download</p>   | <p>22-23 State Day/Fall Council, Field Club of Omaha</p>   | <p>1 Deadline for recommendations for International officers mailed</p> <p>1 Letters to Chapters inviting nominations for NE State Offices</p> <p>2 Articles due for Winter Prairie Tales Newsletter</p>  |
| December 2020  | January 2021   | February 2021   |
| <p>1 Winter issue of Questers Quarterly mailed, emailed, online</p> <p>1 Winter Prairie Tales Newsletter on website for download</p>   | <p>10 Nominations for State Officers due to Nominating Committee with Chapter endorsement</p> <p>15 International Election Ballot mailed to chapters.</p> <p>15 Chapter dues and membership forms mailed from Headquarters</p> | <p>1 Voluntary donations for NE P&amp;R Fund &amp; President's Travel fund due to NE Treasurer</p> <p>1 Postmark deadline for NE P&amp;R Grant applications to State Chair</p> <p>1 NE State Officers Election Ballot mailed to Nebraska State Council members.</p> <p>11 NE Executive Board &amp; Committee chairs meeting</p> <p>15 NE P&amp;R grant ballot mailed to chapters</p> <p>1-28 Chapters start to collect dues</p> |
| March 2021   | April 2021   | May 2021  |
| <p>1 Postmark deadline for entries for "Founders Award"</p> <p>1 Articles due for Spring Prairie Tales Newsletter</p> <p>15 Postmark deadline for International Ballot</p> <p>10 Postmark deadline for NE Questers Election Ballot</p> <p>15 Spring issue of Questers Quarterly mailed, emailed, online</p> <p>28 Postmark deadline for P&amp;R ballot mailed to P&amp;R chair</p> <p>1-31 Chapters collect dues</p> | <p>1 Deadline for dues for 2021-2022 paid by all members to their chapter treasurer</p> <p>1 Spring Prairie Tales Newsletter on website for download</p> <p>24 NE Questers Spring Council meeting</p>                          | <p>1 Deadline for dues, 990's and membership reports to Headquarters</p> <p>13-16 International Convention, Broomfield CO</p> <p>31 End of Fiscal Year</p>  |