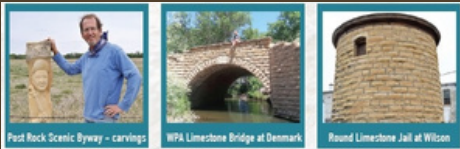


Newsletter

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Big Kansas Road Trip May 2-5, 2024

Join us for the Big Kansas Road Trip (BKRT) in Ellsworth and Lincoln counties, plus the community of Lucas on May 2-5, 2024. On Friday, May 3, see limestone demonstrations at the Vonada Stone Quarry near Sylvan Grove and on Saturday May 4 visit the Blue Stem Quarry in Lucas.



"Big Kansas Roadtrip" Tour Information:
<https://bigkansasroadtrip.com/>

Stone Carving & Dressing June 16, 2024

Join us as we help celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Rush County in Bison, Kansas. Neil Unrein will be demonstrating methods of stone carving and dressing. Other events will include an open house at the Bison Community Museum, and the 1878 Lone Star School, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Also see the 1936 WPA limestone City Hall and WPA Grade School. The limestone demonstration will begin at 1:00 pm in the Bison City Park.

"150-Year Rush" Information:
<https://rushcounty.org/celebrate150>

Next Meeting:

Meetings of the Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition are held every two months in locations across the Post Rock region and everyone is welcome. Our next meeting will be March 30, 2024 starting at 10:30 am in Jewell County (location will be announced.) Check our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for meeting venue and details.



We're Including All The Bells & Whistles

Join us for our 2024 Motorcoach Tour, *Bells & Whistles - Industrial & Art Age* on Saturday, June 8, 2024. The tour will begin at 8:00 am departing from Big Creek Crossing in Hays and travel to sites in Ellis, Russell, and Ellsworth counties.



Included will be visits to St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria, Native American Massacre Site in Victoria, George Grant Villa near Hays, Fort Fletcher Stone Arch Bridge, and sites in the towns of Walker and Dorrance.

The tour will travel through historic sites in Wilson followed by an authentic German lunch served in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wilson. After lunch, the bus will travel along the Post Rock Scenic Byway to Lucas where participants will tour the Garden of Eden, Grassroots Art Center, Bowl Plaza and other sites in Lucas.

On the return home, the tour will have drive-bys in Luray and Bunker Hill and fencepost limestone outcroppings along the way. There will also be several points of interest to see and our guides will provide interesting historical narratives. The bus will return to Hays by 5:00 pm.

Tickets are \$75 and a limited number are available. Meal and any admission fees are included in your registration.

Registration is now open and spaces are filling up fast. Register at: kansaspostrocklimestone.org/events.



Sites We've Seen...



The Pospishil Building in Luray, an Italianate style limestone structure, was built in 1899. It is one of a few remaining buildings in the region that features an ornamental metal façade designed by Mesker Brothers Iron Works.



This stately building, constructed in 1899 in the city of Washington, Kansas, was once the Washington County jail and also the home of the Sheriff. The building was the fifth jail for the county. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Quite a contrast to the above picture, the one room jail in Haddam, Kansas is also in Washington County. It was built in 1901 by an all woman Mayor and City Council including the City Clerk, police and judge at a cost of \$325.00.

The Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition Newsletter is distributed about four times per year for members and friends of the Coalition. Bradley Penka, editor.

Pete Felton Stone Gallery Tour



Pete Felton shows one of his latest sculptures that was to be installed in Union Pacific Park in Hays.

Join us on Friday evening, June 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm for a visit to the Pete Felton Stone Gallery in Hays, Kansas. KPRLC Board Member, Jean Stramel will be our host and tell us about Mr. Felton's life work as a sculpture using our native Post Rock limestone. The tour will include the limestone wall, outdoor sculptures, and a visit inside his Stone Gallery. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the event, but donations will be appreciated.

The Stone Gallery is located at 107 1/2 West 6th Street. Parking is available along the street. The event is sponsored by the Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition and the Hays Convention & Visitors Bureau.

KPRLC Membership

Don't forget to renew your membership in the Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition. Your support helps us continue our mission of "promoting, preserving, and protecting the history, art, and architecture of the Kansas Post Rock Limestone region through education and tourism."

By being a member, you will help us to fulfill our mission, plus you and/or your business will have the opportunity to be featured in promotional materials and special events.

To join or renew, visit our website www.kansaspostrocklimestone.org/ and select membership. To pay by check, download and print an application, then mail to: Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition, PO Box 44, Lucas, KS 67648.

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