



Friends of Ash Hollow

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Friends of Ash Hollow is thrilled to announce that they have received the Signature Designation from the Governor's 150th Commission! The Commission members voted unanimously in approval of Friends of Ash Hollow's event as it meets all of the Commission's objectives. These events have the following aims:

- 1) Build a connection with every citizen in the Nebraska 150 celebration and the state,
- 2) instill in every Nebraskan a greater sense of pride in our state,
- 3) encourage connection to Nebraska's history and heritage,
- 4) celebrate Nebraska's cultural and ethnic diversity,
- 5) foster a spirit of community involvement and enrichment; and
- 6) and create an engaging educational opportunity.

DeAnn Beard, President of Friends of Ash Hollow expressed the sentiment of what this opportunity means for Western Nebraska and the state as a whole. "We feel strongly that we need to take this opportunity to be good to one another, build positive relationships, and share our good will," she said. A valuable team of volunteers stand with Beard. Together they have a wealth of experience in organizational management, community engagement and event planning. Already, they have hosted successful activities and events for the entire community to enjoy, and there will be a number of exciting announcements as they continue planning for Nebraska's Sesquicentennial celebrations.

For more information, please visit: <https://friendsofashhollow.wordpress.com>. For media inquiries, please contact Ms DeAnn Beard at deannb@embarqmail.com.



Photograph: **Back Row:** Michael Smith - Director, Nebraska Historical Society; Sara Cook, Chairman of the Commission; Frank LaMere - Vice Chairman of The Commission; DeAnn Beard - President of Friends of Ash Hollow; Shelie Hartman - Friends Steering Committee Member; Sue Miller -Friends Steering Committee Member; **Front Row:** Kay Kimberley - Nebraska Foundation Member; Dana Hartman, Chairman of Friends Steering Committee