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## **SPEAKERS**

### **BUSINESS**

#### **BEACON TRAINING GROUP**

Beacon Training Group also has some programs for those in the business profession. Here is what we have to offer:

- Strategic Plan Facilitation
  - We will show you how to develop an objective-filled agenda and facilitate discussion without bias.
- Magic of Communication
  - This program will cover the differences between communication skills, the diversity of messages, and how to communicate well with a little “magic” thrown in to spell blind your group.

The program can be customized for 45 minutes to 3 hours. Contact: Beacon Training Group, Kearney, NE (308)293-1899. [info@beacontg.com](mailto:info@beacontg.com), [www.beacontg.com](http://www.beacontg.com)

#### **BETTY STREFF**

Nice is *not* a four letter word and nice guys and gals definitely do not finish last. Betty Streff will encourage you to live more joyfully and have better results in your business life by remembering good manners and being kind. Years of extensive research by such powerhouses as the Gallup Organization demonstrate the lasting impression a kind gesture can impart. It lasts forever and has a magical way of growing and being embellished as time goes by. Inspired by over 30 years of reading and studying success, leadership, motivation and spirituality, Betty describes herself an Old War horse in retail, customer service and hospitality. She will deliver a fast paced, humorous and thought-provoking presentation on how you can radically distinguish yourself by simply remembering what she calls the platinum rule. Guaranteed to leave you smiling and enthused. Customized from 30 minutes to 2 hours, fees and travel expenses are negotiable. You can reach Betty at (308) 627-5558 or via email at [bjstreff@hotmail.com](mailto:bjstreff@hotmail.com)

#### **CATALYST COMMUNICATIONS**

*Diane Kaye Walkowiak*

Your employees cannot be at their best if they are not handling stress well. In addition to presentations on managing stress, Diane also speaks on employee motivation and flextime/job sharing issues. Time: 1-2 hours. Contact: Catalyst Communications, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504, (402)466-0416, [wemotive8@aol.com](mailto:wemotive8@aol.com)

#### **CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS**

The staff is knowledgeable in agriculture and rural community issues from school to finance, to livestock and the environment, and healthcare reform. Their programs are current, compelling and sometimes controversial. Time: varies. Contact: Center for Rural Affairs, PO Box 136, Lyons, Nebraska 68038, (402)687-2100 [www.cfra.org](http://www.cfra.org).

### **CENTRAL NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE & FINANCEIAL ADVISORS**

A wide variety of topics are available on any line of insurance, including business, automobile, life disability, and long-term care and Mutual Funds. The "Auto Insurance Made Easy" game is also available and suitable for any age. Time: flexible. Equipment needed: varies by program requested. Contact: Gloria LeDroit, Kearney, NE, (308)234-9812

### **DR. CHRISTINA McCANN CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.**

Dr. Christina McCann Consulting Services, Inc. is a nationwide firm with 20 years experience successfully assisting managers, employees, businesses, private and public boards to improve their productivity, profitability, and moral. Our seminars are tailored to meet specific needs of each group in practical, realistic, and enjoyable ways. Please call with your special request. The following topics are possible: Board Training; Communication; Customer sales, Service and Motivation; Ethics; Leadership; Relationship Building; Self Confidence; and Stress, Anger, and Grief Management. Contact: Dr. Christina McCann Consulting Services, Inc., Casper, Wyoming 82609, (307)265-3436.

### **COMMUNICATION BLEEPS AND BLUNDERS IN BUSINESS**

*Todd Hunt*

Communication is the biggest challenge in business today, because everybody messes it up! Todd Hunt is a business humorist who speaks for organizations that want to add fun to their meetings and send members back to work smiling, with tips to improve communication and success. Sessions may run from 45 to 75 minutes. Contact: Todd Hunt, The Hunt Company, Chicago, IL (773)248-5790, [www.ToddHuntSpeaker.com](http://www.ToddHuntSpeaker.com) [Todd@ToddHuntSpeaker.com](mailto:Todd@ToddHuntSpeaker.com)

### **CORE IMPACT**

Provide personal and professional development presentations and workshops for business, education, organizations, and agencies. Topics include: goal setting, conflict management, leadership, time management, professionalism in the rural workplace, communications and image. Contact us for more information, to build a personalized workshop or presentation, or to price our services. Contact: Mary Ridder, Callaway, NE (308)836-4430, [rddrcall@gpcom.net](mailto:rddrcall@gpcom.net)

### **ETIQUETTE**

"What if proper etiquette dining wasn't about the food? What if it was about something far more important - like your personal brand, your communication style, your perception in the community, and even your career? This highly interactive workshop can be custom-tailored to fit a brief presentation of 15 minutes, a detailed sit-down meal of 2 hours, or anything in between. Contact Brandon Benitz at 308-224-9527 to book your event that will leave you with specific tips on how to always make the best impression."

### **JOHN IRVIN, C.S.P.**

John Irvin is a Certified Speaking Professional, trainer, wellness educator and author. He holds a degree from the University of Tulsa and has been active in creating opportunities for professional and personal growth for over 25 years. John shares from his work in corporate

training, mental health, leisure sciences and health and wellness. Contact: Lifestyle Enhancement Services, Inc, Tulsa, OK 74159-0397, 888-997-7486, 918-524-1424.  
[www.johnirvin.com](http://www.johnirvin.com), [john@hohnirvin.com](mailto:john@hohnirvin.com)

**MICHAEL J. MEYER, Managing Partner**

The Alliance Group is an outsourcing option for small- to middle-size organizations. We help remove the burden of employer-related issues from your shoulders by forming a professional, cost-effective co-employer relationship. Our services include human resources, risk management, employee benefits and payroll services. Think of us as your shield...your protection against many unwelcome liabilities. Contact: Michael J. Meyer, Work (402)882-0564, Cell (308)293-0632, E-mail [meyerm@alliance-peo.com](mailto:meyerm@alliance-peo.com).

**PATRICK H. MCGAUGHEY CPF, IOM**

Patrick McGaughey's 30+ successful years in management and sales qualifies him to bring effective and stimulating information to your organization or company. Patrick McGaughey is recognized as one of the TOP-5 ENTER-TRAINERS in the United States! Therefore the information is pragmatic, inspiring and effective while the training style allows the audience to laugh a little and learn a lot! Pat is a terrific conference kick-off speaker especially if the agenda includes other dynamic and exceptional speakers. In other words, his enthusiasm, humor and style of delivery are a tough act to follow. Successful meeting planners will consider Pat as the closing keynote speaker or hold his seminars until the end so everyone leaves on a very positive note. Contact: Patrick H. McGaughey, (208) 765-5494, E-mail: [pat@activatingpeople.com](mailto:pat@activatingpeople.com).

**\*RON HEQUET**

Considered one of Americas Leading Authorities on Small Business, Ron uses a functional content, enlightening new approach to achievement! The audience will laugh, be involved and inspired to act! Ron has successfully founded, owned and operated businesses in distribution, sales, retail, and manufacturing. Ron has worked with clients across the United States in as many as 20 different industries. He has presented over 100 seminars within his client companies and industry associations. And now his coming out and availability is a fresh new voice to audiences, where Ron inspires attendees to take action, presenting Strategies and Tactics for Achievement in work and life to management and team leaders, as well as the entire workforce. Contact: Ron Hequest, (817) 599-4410, Website: [www.TheStrategistSite.com](http://www.TheStrategistSite.com).

**SANDLER TRAINING**

Sandler Training is a world leader in innovative sales and sales management training. For more than 40 years, Sandler has taught distinctive, non-traditional selling system and highly effective sales training methodology, which has helped salespeople and sales managers take charge of the process. Contact us at: 603 S. Washington St. Ste 10, Omaha, NE 68128, (402)593-7655 or visit us at [www.davearch.sandler.com](http://www.davearch.sandler.com)

**SCORR MARKETING**

Scorr Marketing offers you a curriculum of marketing and training tools to enhance the productivity and effectiveness of your marketing strategy and your leadership team. SCORR brings together leaders in the field of marketing and training to provide provocative and

motivating programs in marketing and leadership development. Contact: Cinda Orr at (308)237-5567, [cinda@scormarketing.com](mailto:cinda@scormarketing.com)

## **HUMORISTS**

### **“BEA FUNNY”**

Bea is a humorous entertainer who likes working with various groups and organizations. Bea tries to take everyday situations and turn it into something to laugh about. She can accommodate any group or organization and tailor to the needs of your program. Current programs are Comedy, Angels in our Lives, Humor to Reduce Stress in Everyday Life. Contact: Bea Fiala, Grand Island, NE 68803, (308)384-9459, [d\\_bfiala@q.com](mailto:d_bfiala@q.com)

### **CRAZY NORWEIGNS**

Ole, Sven, and beautiful Olga bring their Scandinavian humor to life by sharing experiences and jokes. They have a unique way of including their audiences in the show. Ya sure, ya betcha. Call Gene at (308)236-5322 or e-mail [gbeerbohm@charter.net](mailto:gbeerbohm@charter.net)

### **JACK OSTERGARD**

Jack Ostergard, 4<sup>th</sup> generation rancher/cowboy poet/humorist. Jack has presented his poetry and humor all across Nebraska and in several neighboring states as well, and would welcome the opportunity to address your group. Contact: Jack Ostergard, 412 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Gothenburg, NE 69138, (308) 537-3256

### **LAUGHTER AN INSTANT VACATION**

*Dana E. Snyder*

Dana uses real life experiences with which everyone can identify. Your group will enjoy a relaxed, amusing message with pertinent applications. Presentations are tailored for each group, with information about individual members gleaned from an “informant.” Dana incorporates these anecdotes throughout this presentation. No one is safe, but everyone is respected. Contact: Dana E. Snyder, Seward, NE 68434

### **LIFE IS KIND OF FUNNY.....**

*Diana Luscher*

Real life experiences from travel mishaps, parenting, aging, weight loss, work or just plain life, Diana will make you smile. Presentations may be tailored for each group so you can be entertained during your meetings. Diana can be reached at: [dllusch@yahoo.com](mailto:dllusch@yahoo.com) or (308) 627-6738.

## **MOTIVATIONAL**

### **AARON DAVIS**

Speaker/Author/Motivator. Contact: Aaron Davis, Lincoln, NE. (800) 474-8755, [www.aarondavisspeaks.com](http://www.aarondavisspeaks.com)

### **BARRY CARLSON**

His speeches are effective in transforming attitudes, creating positive outlooks, motivating action and improving performance. As a businessman himself, Carlson's presentations get to the hearts and minds of his audiences, and become the talk of every event.

Contact: Carlson & Associates, Inc., 1620 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Central City, NE 68826, (308) 946-3236, [www.barrycarlsonspeaks.com](http://www.barrycarlsonspeaks.com)

### **BEACON TRAINING GROUP**

Beacon Training Group has a variety of programs that are available that range from team development to personal motivation. A list is provided to see what programs may fit your needs.

- Team Development
  - This shows your group how to lead a team or be a great team member.
- Creating Fit Leaders
  - Tips for strengthening our mind, body, and spirit to keep you at the peak of your leadership ability.
- Personal Motivation
  - This shows you and your group the four steps to personal development.
- Mentors Wanted...Needed
  - This teaches you how to add value quickly when you create a mentor program in your company or community.

The program can be customized for 45 minutes to 3 hours. Contact: Beacon Training Group, Kearney, NE (308)293-1899. [info@beacontg.com](mailto:info@beacontg.com), [www.beacontg.com](http://www.beacontg.com)

### **DR. BILL PODRAZA**

Bill offers unique approaches to organizational effectiveness in the areas of supervisor development training, supervisor coaching, and motivational speaking. Contact: Dr. Bill Podraza, 3175 Prairie Lane, Columbus, NE 68601. (402)564-2010.

### **BRANDON BENITZ**

Leadership 101 - Leadership is such a varied concept that people can't always define it but they know it when they see it. Or do they? This interactive presentation not only draws from the latest research but also on timeless traits. Contact Brandon Benitz at 308-224-9527 to book your event that will leave you with both general ideas as well as specific actions you can take to become a better leader in all your leadership roles.

### **DAVE ZIMMER**

Dave is a motivational speaker with a proven track record of successful leadership. Dave had been a teacher, coach, and a high school principal. His message focuses on being a person of character and leading a significant life. His message isn't limited to an age, or occupation or gender. His message is for everyone because we can all become better people. Contact: Dave

Zimmer, Kearney NE 68845, (308)237-0316, (402)841-8102, [www.davezimmerspeak.com](http://www.davezimmerspeak.com),  
[drzimmer@frontiernet.net](mailto:drzimmer@frontiernet.net)

### **DAVID OKERLUND**

From communications training to keynote speaking. [www.davidokerlund.com](http://www.davidokerlund.com)

### **DR. DECLUTTER**—Kim Wolinski, MSW

Stress, change, clutter (inner and outer) is all around us. Learning how to cope with it effectively- and with a lot of humor- is what Kim Wolinski, aka “Dr. DeClutter” teaches her audiences around the world. With a Masters degree in Social Work and over 30 years as an educator, speaker , professional organizer, and author, Kim brings practical solutions, easy-to-follow steps for change and plenty of story-telling to make sometimes hard choices and decisions a bit easier. Keynotes to day-long programs. Kim is a native Nebraskan with a farming background. Visit [www.drdeclutter.com](http://www.drdeclutter.com) Contact: (303)485-5280, Longmont, CO.  
[kim@drdeclutter.com](mailto:kim@drdeclutter.com)

### **DIANE RUTH ARMOUR BARTELS**

Aviation Historian. Diane will deliver an inspirational presentation of Evelyn Sharp. Contact: (402) 489-3059, Lincoln, NE.

### **FINDING YOUR RAINBOWS EACH DAY-** *-Sally Hauff*

Inspirational Humorist Sally entertains with hilarious stories relating her own experiences with children and adults with charm and humor. “You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, and you’ll share Sally’s joy and enthusiasm as you hear her stories of love and laughter concerning her days spent working with children in the Kearney Public Schools. These are true stories you will hear with only the names changed to protect the innocent little people whom Sally enjoys so much”...Elda Heckenlively. Sally has been a guest speaker at many banquets delivering a dose of life at its best! Contact: Sally Hauff, Kearney, NE, (308)237-5090, [shauff@gmail.com](mailto:shauff@gmail.com)

### **FRIENDS OF THE FRANK HOUSE**

The Frank House, on UNK’s West Campus, is Kearney’s last surviving Victorian age treasure with access for the public. Speaker can recount history of structure and the reflection of Kearney’s life & times since 1889; speaker can also explain on-going restoration efforts and Friend’s projects, such as the annual Bridge Party, the Titanic Dinner, the Garden Walk and the Edible Flowers Tea (yes they really do eat flowers!). Contact: KrisAnn Sullivan, Director, University of Nebraska at Kearney, (308)865-8284. [sullivankw@unk.edu](mailto:sullivankw@unk.edu)

### **JEFF BEALS**

Jeff’s *Self Marketing Power* Presentation shows you how to stand out and develop a well respected and widely recognized name in today’s crowded and noisy marketplace. As a real estate executive, radio talk show host, television personality and part-time college professor,

Jeff has a unique perspective on the art of self marketing. Contact: Jennifer Goaley at [jgoaley@worldgroupllc.com](mailto:jgoaley@worldgroupllc.com) or (402)637-9300.

### **JENNI REILING**

An inspirational author and speaker. Contact: Jenni Reiling, [www.jennireiling.com](http://www.jennireiling.com)

### **MAU-LEMKE, Speaking and Consulting**

Clint Maun, CSP is a high- energy motivator who will inspire you with his enthusiasm, passion, and humor. Contact: Clint Maun, (800)356-2233 / (402)391-5540 Omaha, Nebraska 68124

### **NEBARAKS ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION**

The Nebraska Governor's office has awarded Admiralship to deserving Nebraskans since 1931; the Nebraska Admirals Association has given them a way to make use of the award. The organization, first formed in 1986, hosts sailors from the submarine USS Nebraska when they visit the namesake state. The Association also has provided an annual scholarship for a senior in the 4-year Travel & Tourism degree program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney since 1992 and the Tourism and Hospitality degree program at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Education about the state of Nebraska is their goal. Speaker can address a variety of topics and can tie Nebraska's uniqueness into you organization's focus. Group games available, including "The County Game". Contact: Chief of Staff Gloria LeDroit, Kearney, NE 68848, (308)234-9812 weekdays.

### **KAREL MURRAY**

Karel Murray is a master storyteller and a motivational humorist who has the business acumen to deliver a knock-your-socks-off message you couldn't wait to start applying right away. She teaches skills and strategies to improve communication in all of your relationships, up-to-date, information-rich presentations customized to your specifications, laugh out loud funny moments as only Karel can deliver, and a highly interactive learning with sticking power. Contact: Karel Murray, 2731 Ragley Drive, Waterloo, IA 50701, office: (319)296-9379 or cell: (319)239-1464, [www.karel.com](http://www.karel.com), [karel@karel.com](mailto:karel@karel.com)

### **THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE**

*Diana Luscher*

Straight forward, humorous and motivational talks for your group that will inspire them to keep on reaching for greatness. Talks may be tailored to different age groups. Diana can be contacted by emailing [dllusch@yahoo.com](mailto:dllusch@yahoo.com) or calling (308) 627-6738.

### **RON HEQUIT**

Ron is a small business Entrepreneur and has the history to match. Ron founded his first company during his second year of grad school and since then has founded/owned/operated eight different businesses in six different industries. He is a contributing author to the American Management Association among others, and has presented over 100 Seminars within his client companies and industry associations. Ron inspires attendees to take action, presenting

Strategies and Tactics for Achievement in work and life to managers, team leaders, and the entire workforce. Contact: [info@ActumConsulting.com](mailto:info@ActumConsulting.com) or (817)599-4410.

### **TOM BASSETT, CAE**

Be Unique! Host your very own “Antique Roadshow.”

Tom is a former auctioneer and has 30 years’ experience appraising all types of antiques. Plus he has a great sense of humor that makes his version of the Roadshow a real crowd pleaser. Just ask attendees to bring an item or two that they would like to have evaluated and Tom will do the rest. Most audiences want Tom back again. No two presentations are remotely alike – except all are loaded with learning and laughter!!

About Tom – Thirty-year member of the New England Appraisers Association. In 1983 he conducted the largest antique appraisal in the history of Nebraska when he appraised Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska. In 2002, the Governor appointed Tom to serve on Nebraska’s Quarter Design Committee. Tom is a past president of the state and local coin societies. Tom lives in Lincoln, and his website is [www.ctomrun.com](http://www.ctomrun.com). (402)484-8143.

### **MISC.**

#### **MIDAMERICA SPEAKERS BUREAU (MSB)**

MSB was established right in the Midwest. This organization has provided speakers to several associations who cover a variety of topics which include humor, inspiration/motivation, leadership, customer service, setting goals, marketing, social media, and everything in between. Their speakers have a rather wide range of fees, thus they generally match up a speaker with the associations needs and budget. They pride themselves on providing quality, simplicity, and saving the association time. Contact Barry Carlson at (308) 946-3236 or (308) 940-0430. 1620 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Central City, NE 68826. [www.midamericaspeakersbureau.com](http://www.midamericaspeakersbureau.com).

## **PROGRAMS**

### **BREATHE YOGA**

Need stress relief, feel tight and out of shape? Yoga is the answer. Anyone can practice yoga. Yoga exercises every part of the body from muscles and joints to internal organs. She will teach yoga, pilates or tai chi classes for a group of any size. Contact: Trudy Flaherty, Breathe Yoga (308)237-5362.

### **BUFFALO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE-UNL**

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension has numerous programs available to community groups and conventions throughout the state. We offer a variety of educational programs for all ages. Listed below is a partial list of available programs.

- MyPyramid- for Healthy Lifestyle
- Choc-o-late
- Flowers that are Edible
- Add a Little Spice (and Herbs) to Your Life
- Whole Grains for Fiber Fitness
- Calcium-for Health Bones

- Food Safety for Seniors
- Fall Prevention in the Home
- Turf Management
- Weed Control
- Ornamental Trees and Flowers for Nebraska
- Container Gardening
- Portion Disorder
- Color Your Plate with Fruits and Veggies

The above programs vary in length and cost. Contact: Carol Schwarz, Extension Educator, Buffalo County Extension Office, 1400 East 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308)236-1235

#### **FT. KEARNEY CHAPTER OF THE AMREICAN RED CROSS**

Representatives from the Red Cross are available to present programs on the following:

- Disaster Education/Preparedness
- Services to Armed Forces
- Blood Services-donation blood
- Health & Safety Services: CPR, First Aid, HIV/AIDS, Education, Water Safety and others
- International Red Cross Services
- Language Bank

The above programs may be presented individually or in combination. Volunteers are also available to give presentation on items such as Disaster Response. Contact: American Red Cross, Ft. Kearney Chapter, 520 West 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308)234-2770.

#### **GEALY'S and COMPANY**

With over 40 years of experience, we will share our knowledge with your groups through a common program choice and food. We welcome groups of a minimum of 10 to 30 or more to choose the category that best fits your schedule. Presentations are available on perennials, annuals, vegetable gardening, container gardens, basic floral designs, houseplants, and a vignette of 3 combined topics. Also take part in coffee & dessert program/tour or brunch, lunch or supper. Our program tours are March, April, October or November. Contact: Jill Gealy, 911 West Talmadge, Kearney, NE, (308)234-5556 or (308)233-2529.

#### **KEARNEY FAMILY YMCA**

Various health related programs. Contact: Cindy Mangels, Kearney Family YMCA (308)237-9622.

#### **KEARNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Listed below is what the Kearney Fire Department has to offer:

- Fire Prevention and Safety
  - Fire Prevention and Safety education videos and discussion on topics.
- Fire Station Tours
  - Tour the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department fire station.

- Mobile Fire Safety Trailer
  - And actually unit with a living room/kitchen and bedroom with window, escape ladder and a telephone for practicing calling 911.

Contact: Kearney Volunteer Fire Department, 2211 Avenue A, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, (308)233-3226. Visit our website: [www.kvfd.net](http://www.kvfd.net).

### **LOOK WHAT'S COOKIN**

Look What's Cookin' offers great weekly cooking classes. Contact: 2110 Central Ave., Kearney, Nebraska 68847. (308)234-5544. <http://www.lookwhatscookin.com/>

### **MUDD PIES POTTERY**

Mudd Pies Pottery is a full service contemporary ceramic studio. Walk in painters are welcome during regular hours, and the party room is available by reservation. They also have the Mudd room where you can use raw clay to create your original works of art! Contact: Mudd Pies Pottery, 5617 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West, Kearney, Nebraska 68847. (715)252-6296. Visit website [http://web.me.com/freddysus/mudd\\_pies/Mudd\\_Pies\\_Pottery.html](http://web.me.com/freddysus/mudd_pies/Mudd_Pies_Pottery.html)

### **NEBRASKA FIREFIGHTERS & EDUCATION CENTER, THE**

This statewide museum shares the story of Nebraska's proud firefighter heritage. Featuring equipment and apparatus of days gone by, the facility also serves as an interactive educational center, teaching the value of fire prevention and fire safety. A rotating "Featured Exhibit" will showcase a number of Nebraska's fire departments throughout the year, and a beautiful lakeside Memorial Garden will serve to honor those of the fire service who gave all to protect the living and property of Nebraskans. The Mission of Nebraska's firefighting heritage to foster public understanding of the impact and benefit to firefighting in regard to saving lives and possessions, to educate individuals about fire prevention and fire safety, and to memorialize Nebraska firefighters. A large conference room and party room are available for a variety of gatherings. Contact: Lindsay Schluntz, (308)338-3473.

### **NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER**

Educational presentations on a variety of safety topics. Demonstrations, lectures and discussions are available depending on the size of the group. Times, cost, and equipment vary depending on the presentation given. Contact: Nebraska Safety Center, Sherry Morrow, University of Nebraska West Campus, Kearney, Nebraska 68849, (308)865-8259

### **OUTRAGEOUS CAKES / CUPCAKE SHOPPE**

Every Outrageous Cakes party includes the opportunity for up to 8 participants to learn and practice basic cake decorating techniques such as writing and line work and star boarder work with frosting and fondant cutout work on their own individual single payer pre-frosted cakes for them to take home with them.

Contact: Heather Hascall, 1921 Central Ave., Kearney, Nebraska 68847. (308)440-1677.

Website:

<http://www.outrageous-cakes.com/>

### **PINE NEEDLE CREATIONS**

Contact: Mary Robbins, Kearney, NE (308) 627-4435

### **STRESS MANAGEMENT**

Stress management perspectives and ideas derived from far Eastern sources: Zen meditation and Morita and Naikan psychotherapies. The presentation offers practical strategies to understanding reinterpret stress in modern life. Dr. Yozan Mosig, winner of the 1998 Pratt-Heins Scholarship Award for his work, is a professor of psychology at University of Nebraska at Kearney. Time: 45-60 minutes. Contact; Dr. Yozan Mosig, Department of Psychology, UNK, Kearney, Nebraska 68849, (308)865-8236 or [mosigy@unk.edu](mailto:mosigy@unk.edu)

### **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES**

Provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. The Thousand Villages works with artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed. This income helps pay for food, education, health care and housing. The Thousand Villages is a nonprofit program of Mennonite Central Committee. We have an educational program to help people learn about the importance of Fair Trade in the Market place. We bring samples of products and great stories of the artisans that make them and how our store sales have impacted their lives. We especially love it when we can present to groups that want to tour the store while we share our information. It's like a trip around the world. Advance notice is appreciated for large groups and groups with children. Contact: Sandy Randall, Ten Thousand Villages, "The Bricks" in downtown Kearney (308)234-1474

### **STORYTELLERS / PERFORMERS**

#### **BILL MAY AND PAT BOILESEN**

These 2 performers of cowboy poetry and western music have put together an act that covers it all. They take their audience from smiles and laughter straight through to nostalgic memories of days gone by. Their material covers everything from barnyard animals to pickin' corn; from mother's quilts to the perils of growing old. Patriotism and spiritual inspiration give the audience cause to appreciate what is ours today. Contact: Bill May, (308)893-3488, (402)395-6558, [pboiles@cablene.com](mailto:pboiles@cablene.com), Kearney, NE.

#### **BUFFALO BILL**

Bruce Richman, (308)532-0990, North Platte, NE.

#### **CHERRIE BEAM-CLARKE**

Pioneer Storyteller for the Nebraska humanities council and Nature programs for all ages. Cherrie has entertained 85,000 Nebraskans over 20yrs. You'll laugh and cry through dramatic renditions bringing the 1800's to life. The audience transports in time...riding the wagon, fighting prairie fires and grasshoppers, losing loved ones, hard work and becoming and American. Nebraska Nature is fun filled and hands on. Contact: Cherrie Clark, (402)727-2820, [cherrieclarke@hotmail.com](mailto:cherrieclarke@hotmail.com).

### **CODY OF THE PLAINS**

Kirk Shapland portrays the Young William F. Cody—later to become known as Buffalo Bill. Through his Wild West Show was widely known in his later years, his beginnings as a scout and hunter are often overlooked. Watch Cody's early years come to life with his theatrically interpretive show. Cody tells of his life on the plains, hunting buffalo and more through theatrical presentations. Contact: Kirk Shapland, (620)397-5796, [www.codyoftheplains.tripod.com](http://www.codyoftheplains.tripod.com), [ktshapland@yahoo.com](mailto:ktshapland@yahoo.com), Digton, KS.

### **MURDERS R US**

Murders R Us presents original interactive murder mystery performances for all groups nationwide. The company is headquartered in Nebraska. We can provide professional performers, use your group's "stars," or a combination. Every show is written specifically for each client. Please call Paul to discuss your next event in Kearney. (312) 550-7868. [www.murdersrus.com](http://www.murdersrus.com) or [paul@murdersrus.com](mailto:paul@murdersrus.com). Address: 217 N Locust St, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE: CARL SANDBURG'S POEMS AND SONGS**

This interdisciplinary performance depicts Nebraska life through Carl Sandburg's prairie poetry with his collection of American folk music; Sandburg was a truly a great American poet. Mike Adams (musician), Dr. Charles Peek (poet & reader), Dr. Kathryn Benzel (lecturer). This program appears on Nebraska Educational Television and can be adapted to a variety of venues—banquet presentations (30-45 minutes), concert (60-90 minutes). Contact: Dr. Kathryn Benzel, [benzelk@unk.edu](mailto:benzelk@unk.edu) or (308)293-3408.

### **TRAVELING HISTORICAL PROGRAMS, INC.**

Offerings include: Native Americans, Lewis and Clark with a Newfoundland dog, Oregon and Mormon Trail, Nebraska Studies, or a specially design program of your choice. Programs can be designed for any length of time. For fees and schedule contact: Dale Clark, (308)384-2655 [jjdclark@msn.com](mailto:jjdclark@msn.com), Grand Island, NE.

### **WOODY GUTHRIE: HISTORY & HEROES**

This lecture-recital program explores America in the 1930's by looking at Woody Guthrie's songs and writing. The crises of 1930s—the great depression, the dustbowl, development of unions, revision of family values and gender roles, World War II—reshape the democratic vistas. Guthrie became a spokesperson for these cultural changes and helped create his image as legend and myth, as history made large and as a culturally constructed hero. Two options: 1) 45-minutes lecture with visuals and a 30-minute musical performance (75 minutes); 2) 45-minutes combined lecture and music. Contact: Dr. Kathryn Benzel, (308)293-3408, [benzelk@unk.edu](mailto:benzelk@unk.edu).