Why Architect Thomas R. Kimball Belongs in the Nebraska Hall of Fame

Despite his high regard among architects and fans of historic

The short answers: Kimball's mastery of the classically-influenced
buildings, Thomas Rogers Kimball (1862-1934) isn't exactly a household name. His recent election to the Nebraska Hall of Fame, and forthcoming induction in 2019, raises the question: Why is this guy such a big deal?

Here is a sampling of Kimball’s buildings, including several that still remain more-or-less as he designed them. Keep reading
NSHS has digitized 262 of these six- to ten-minute "junket" interviews and posted them on our YouTube channel.

Is the NSHS Even Older Than We Thought?

Recently a sharp-eyed researcher discovered something about the Nebraska State Historical Society that escaped everyone here for nearly 150 years. It reveals Nebraska pioneers' consciousness of their role in history. Keep Reading
The NSHS recently returned its last ancestral Ponca remains to the tribe for reburial. The objects include skeletal remains and funerary objects mostly from the 1700s and 1800s. All were discovered inadvertently during road and bridge construction projects starting in the 1960s. The repatriation received coverage in the *Omaha World-Herald* and *Lincoln Journal Star*. Keep Reading

No Holiday Open House at Kennard House?

Nope. Not this year. We’re forgoing our holiday tradition at the Thomas P. Kennard State Historic Site in Lincoln in favor of some much-needed repairs.

The grand old house is one of the first built in Lincoln. After the soon-to-be-renamed village of Lancaster was named the new state capital, Secretary of State Thomas P. Kennard and a few other state officials agreed to build fine homes as a way of expressing confidence in the village’s future as a city.

We’re in the process of rebuilding the back porch and renovating the exterior. Deteriorating soffit will be replaced, storm windows repaired, and new EPDM rubber...
roofing added to the flat areas above the porch and windows. We’ll also repair the cupola roof and finish the whole thing off with a fresh coat of paint!

Upcoming events

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