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NOTES AND NEWS

CIRCLES OF KNOWLEDGE: PLAINS INDIAN EDUCATION

The 2001 Plains Indian Seminar at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center will be held 28-30 September 2001. The conference will address the theme: Circles of Knowledge: Plains Indian Education. Topics include childhood and rites of passage; traditional teaching of arts and cultural knowledge; oral history; educational roles of elders; effects of missionaries, federal policies and boarding schools; tribal colleges, museums; and innovative language and culture preservation programs. Historians, anthropologists, educators, art historians, folklorists, artists, and educators from tribal communities will be presenting their views on these and other topics related to Indian education. For more information contact: Lillian Turner, Public Programs Director, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY 82414-3428; <<http://www.bbhc.org/pis/2001speakers.html>>.

MARI SANDOZ HERITAGE SOCIETY: CALL FOR PAPERS

The Mari Sandoz Heritage Society invites submissions of papers for the Annual Conference to be held 17-20 April 2002 at Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska. Papers may focus on topics such as: women on the Great Plains, frontier medicine, the depiction

of frontier women in popular culture, etc. Proposals, consisting of a cover letter, one page abstract(s), and vita(e), should be sent by 15 December 2001 to: Prof. Diane Quantic, Program Chair, Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, Department of English, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS 67260-0014. FAX: (316) 978-3548. E-mail: <diane.quantica@wichita.edu>.

MISSOURI VALLEY HISTORY CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS

The 45th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held 7-9 March 2002, in Omaha, Nebraska. Proposals for individual papers or panels in all areas of history, including public history, are welcome. The conference will award a prize of \$250 to the best paper presented by a graduate student. Proposals, consisting of a cover letter, one page abstract(s), and vita(e), should be sent by 15 October 2001 to: Prof. Sharon Wood, Missouri Valley History Conference, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182. Inquiries may be made by e-mail to <mvhc@unomaha.edu>.

INTERNET RESOURCES ON THE GREAT PLAINS

The *Great Plains Quarterly* lists interesting and informative web sites related to the history,

culture, and literature of the Great Plains. If you know of sites that should be included, please forward them to <gpq@unl.edu>.

GREAT PLAINS CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY

<<http://www.gp-chautauqua.org/index.html>>

American heritage comes to life across the Great Plains with first-person characterizations by humanities scholars during five-day residencies in nine communities in six participating states. Chautauqua features historians, philosophers, and other scholars of the humanities eager to enter into earnest discussion with their fellow Americans about who we are, from whence we came, and what our

heritage can tell us about where we should be going.

TRIBAL COLLEGES

<<http://www.collegefund.org/main.shtm>>

Native American colleges have been called “under-funded miracles” and “economic lifelines” for US Indian reservations. There are 32 tribal colleges in the US—all founded by Indians to fight high rates of poverty, educational failure and cultural loss—and serving more than 30,000 students, including non-Indians. Twenty Tribal Colleges are located in the Great Plains, and this web site gives links to all the colleges.