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KANSAS ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND FOODS CENTRAL TO HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE KANSAS MUSEUM OF HISTORY

December 4, 5, & 6, 2008, at Kansas Museum of History

TOPEKA, KS— Landscape artists, gourd gurus, and classic cowboy crooners are part of this year's lineup for the holiday open house at the Kansas Historical Society's Museum Store. Special artists demonstrations, live music, and a sampling of Kansas foods are planned December 4-6 at the Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW 6th Avenue.

The open house begins 6 p.m. Thursday with a demonstration by clay artist Joyce Furney, owner of the Clay Cellar in Manhattan, and a performance by Anthony DeLallo, a young tenor from St. Mary's who will perform Irish music.

Activities continue 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday with food tastings. Furney will do another clay demonstration Friday. On Saturday, Judy Coder will perform classic cowboy music, artist Lou Harris will demonstrate gourd painting, and artist Cally Krallman will paint a Kansas landscape.

Visitors can register to win a free Kansas food gift basket. Books and gifts created by local authors, artists, and musicians will be for sale. Samples of Kansas-made specialty foods, such as brownies, soups and snacks, will be available free of charge.

New this year is the opportunity to fill out your very own "holiday wish list." Shoppers can make gift-giving easy for friends and family by creating a custom list of gift suggestions from the Museum Store. Free gift wrapping will be offered during the event.

Proceeds from retail sales benefit the Kansas State Historical Society, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency, whose mission is to identify, collect, preserve, interpret, and disseminate materials and information pertaining to Kansas history. KSHS, Inc., provides program support through fund-raising, membership and retail activities.

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