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“SUNDAYS ON THE PORCH” AT WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

EMPORIA, KS— The Kansas Historical Society and William Allen White Community Partnership announced their 2009 “Sundays on the Porch” series of programs at William Allen White House State Historic Site, 927 Exchange. Each program will be held at 2 p.m. Sundays September 21, 28, and October 5. The programs were designed as a tribute to William Allen and Sallie Lindsay White, whose hospitality was legendary. The Whites welcomed anyone, from passersby to presidents, as a guest in their home, particularly on the front porch. This year’s program lineup follows:

- September 21 - Dr. Kevin Rabas, assistant professor of creative writing in the Department of English at Emporia State University has invited local poets to read their work. Poetry was a part of William Allen White’s life as his first published work was a book of poetry called *Rhyme of Two Friends*. It was co-authored by Albert Bigelow Paine, literary agent to Mark Twain.
- September 28 - Max McCoy, journalism instructor in the Department of English at Emporia State University will talk about investigative journalism. William Allen White’s career began during the era of yellow journalism. He was a forerunner of modern journalistic standards which clearly separated news from editorials.
- October 5 –Nick Gronseth, historian and site administrator of the William Allen White House State Historic Site will talk about the politics of the William Allen White era, examining the political climate during the time when White was writing his Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial.

Tours of the White home will be available at the regular admission price (\$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students), which includes the program. A contribution is suggested in support of the site from those who want to enjoy the program but do not wish to tour the home. The William Allen White House State Historic Site is one of 16 state-owned sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society. For more information, visit www.kshs.org.

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