

“Farm Fresh: Keeping Museums Fresh in the 21st Century” ALHFAM 2005 Conference – June 12-16, 2005

ALHFAM seeks papers for presentations, panels or workshops for its 2005 Annual Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting’s theme “Farm Fresh: Keeping Museums Fresh in the 21st Century” explores the ways living history museums are able to keep their long standing programs, events, and everyday operating processes meaningful in a new century. Today’s museum audiences demand invigorated approaches to old practices and fresh insights into traditional historical presentation. Innovations in collections, membership development, fundraising and programming offer fresh opportunities for institutions to grow while making significant contributions to their communities. In this era of modernization, museums must decide what aspects of their own past are worth keeping and which need to be refreshed. We are seeking sessions exploring the latest trends in all areas of the living history museum field, especially those addressing how to evaluate traditional programs and routines in the light of those trends.

Proposals should include a one-page summary of each presentation and a resume for each presenter, along with the completed Proposal Submission Form. Presenters will be expected to submit their presentation in a written form at the conference. Selected papers will be published in the *2005 Conference Proceedings*.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS IS DECEMBER 6, 2004.

(Please use the “Proposal Submission Form”.)

If you have questions, contact Janet Clair Dennis, ALHFAM Program Committee Chair by email ALHFAM@lhf.org or call 515-278-5286.

ALHFAM Mission:

ALHFAM is an organization of people who bring history to life. ALHFAM enables its members to make history a valuable part of the lives of museum visitors. It achieves this purpose through the exchange and sharing of ideas, information, tools and experiences centered on accurate, active participatory, object-based historical interpretation. ALHFAM, through its membership, is committed to leading museum interpreters, educators, researchers, administrators, curators and volunteers in these fields: historical agriculture, historical trades and manufacturing, historical clothing and foodways, living history programming, historic site administration, care of collections, and program delivery with the above specialties.

ALHFAM is an affiliate member organization of the American Association of Museums, with a membership international in scope.

Proposal Submission Form:

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Please complete this form and submit it along with a one-page summary of each presentation and a brief resume for each presenter.

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION (Content, goals, applications, relation to ALHFAM’s purpose—see the statement on the reverse of this form) – attach additional sheets as necessary: _____

Presenter, Chair, and other participants Attach a brief resume for each presenter that includes their name, complete mailing address (note whether it is an institution’s address or not), telephone, and FAX numbers, and e-mail for each presenter.

Format (Circle the type of presentation format):

One paper presentation	Roundtable/Chatroom	Workshop
Panel presentation	Performance	Other (Please explain)

Length (Circle the length of the presentation):

Workshop: Half Day	Partial Session (30 minutes or less)
Workshop: Whole Day	Full Session (75-90 minutes)

A.V. Needs (List the types of equipment you will need to present your visual/tactile/audio information): _____

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Submit to:

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