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- ◇ *Spring Conference* - an annual scholarly examination of topics of Neihardt interest (held the last Saturday in April)
- ◇ *Neihardt Day* - State Legislated celebration of Nebraska's Poet Laureate in Perpetuity (held the first Sunday in August)
- ◇ *Beer, Wine, and Limerick Festival* - special summer event for tastings of local brews and vintages with recognitions for best choices by attendees. A fundraiser for the Neihardt Site.
- ◇ *Sunday at the Museum* - historical, literary, musical presentations throughout the year.
- ◇ *Laureate's Feast* - annual dinner and auction fundraiser with special recognitions and presentations.
- ◇ *Word Sender* - newsletter reviewing experiences and announcing events and projects.
- ◇ 10% *discount* - on books and other items in the museum gift store.



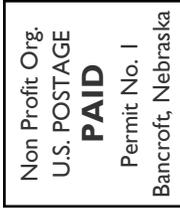
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HUMANITIES NEBRASKA



WOUNDED KNEE 1890: AFTERMATH OF A PEOPLE'S DREAM



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37TH ANNUAL
NEIHARDT SPRING CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

Dr. Jerome Greene - Our Keynote speaker, is a retired historian formerly with the National Park Service and author of seventeen books and numerous articles concerning both the native Americans of the Great Plains as well as American army soldiers' stories. Dr. Greene will address the overall topic of what led up to the Wounded Knee Massacre, how the event played out, and the immediate aftermath; bringing in both the Native and non-Native perspectives on the Ghost Dance movement, non-Indian reaction to it, and the government and military response.

Dr. Joseph Starita is well known in Nebraska as an award winning journalist, teacher, and author, and is instrumental in relating the plight of chief Standing Bear and the Ponca people, as well as his new work on Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte, an Omaha woman who became the first Native American medical doctor. His first book was on the Dull Knife family of Pine Ridge where he tirelessly researched other eye witnesses and participants, and the stories told by descendants for over 100 years since.

Joseph Green, has taught from Neihardt's *A Cycle of the West* and *Black Elk Speaks* for over 30 years. He will explain the writing techniques in both the life story of Black Elk and the epic poetry style of the Cycle. His presentation will bring an understanding of Neihardt's dedication to getting the history right while putting it into what was seen as archaic literary styles.

Dr. Jeanne Tiehen is Professor of Theater Arts at Wayne State College. Using excerpted materials prepared by Joseph Green, Dr. Tiehen has coached members of the Drama Club in a dramatic reading of Neihardt's *The Song of the Messiah*. Epic poetry (such as Homer's *Iliad* or *Odyssey*) was meant to be oral presentations. The Wayne State students will present it the way Neihardt intended it to sound.

Walter Duda serves as our moderator. He is on the Neihardt Board and served as its president for many years. He is also a member of Westerners, a group whose Omaha chapter was founded by Neihardt specifically for the study of the history of the Plains and its cultures. He has also served on the Nebraska State Historical Society board.

37th Annual Neihardt Spring Conference Schedule

April 28, 2018

- 8:30** Coffee and Registration
- 9:00** Welcome, Introductions and Instructions
- 9:30-10:30** Dr. Jerome Greene - Keynote Address
"American Carnage: Wounded Knee 1890"
- 10:30 - 10:45** Break
- 10:45 - 11:45** Dr. Joseph Starita - "Another Eyewitness:
The Dull Knives of Pine Ridge"
- 11:45 - 1:00** Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:15** Award and Acknowledgements
- 1:15 - 2:15** Wayne State College Drama Club -
Dramatic Reading of "Song of the Messiah"
under direction of Dr. Jeanne Tiehen
- 2:15 - 2:30** Break
- 2:30 - 3:30** Joseph Green - "The Meaning of Neihardt's 'Messiah'
and Sitanka's Message"

Featured art exhibits include works by Impact! Nebraska Artists on "Skyscapes" in the book sales room and a collection of historical photographs taken before and after the Wounded Knee tragedy in the Memorial Room displayed between the Neihardt exhibit cases.

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Registration (\$25 per person/\$18 Student)

Luncheon Registration (\$10 per plate)

Annual Neihardt Foundation Membership
(Individual \$25; Family \$30)

THANK YOU! Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Advanced Conference registration is \$25 (\$30 at the door) Student \$10
Luncheon tickets are \$10 each; please make lunch reservations by April 23

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