

Weaving a Nation

Nebraska Chautauqua | Hastings 2026

Explore the lesser-known stories from our country's rich tapestry of backgrounds in commemoration of this year's 250th anniversary of the United States! Presented by Humanities Nebraska.

All events are free, family-friendly, and open to the public. Schedule subject to change.

PRE-CHAUTAUQUA EVENTS

June 6 at 2:00 pm	Bed Turning: An American Quilt Show	at Hastings Museum
June 12 - August 27	Sorting Out Race Exhibit <i>Regular museum admission applies.</i>	at Hastings Museum
June 13 at 2:00 pm	Col. Thomas Doane: From Massachusetts Engineer to Nebraska Civic and Educational Leader	at Hastings Public Library
June 14 at 2:00 pm	Germans from Russia in Hastings <i>Presented by Adams County Historical Society</i>	at Hastings Museum
June 16 at 9:00 am	History on Foot: Germans from Russia	meet at T'Dance
June 21 at 12:00 noon	Family Picnic with Conversations and Activities	at Chautauqua Park

NEBRASKA CHAUTAUQUA EVENTS: JUNE 26 & 27

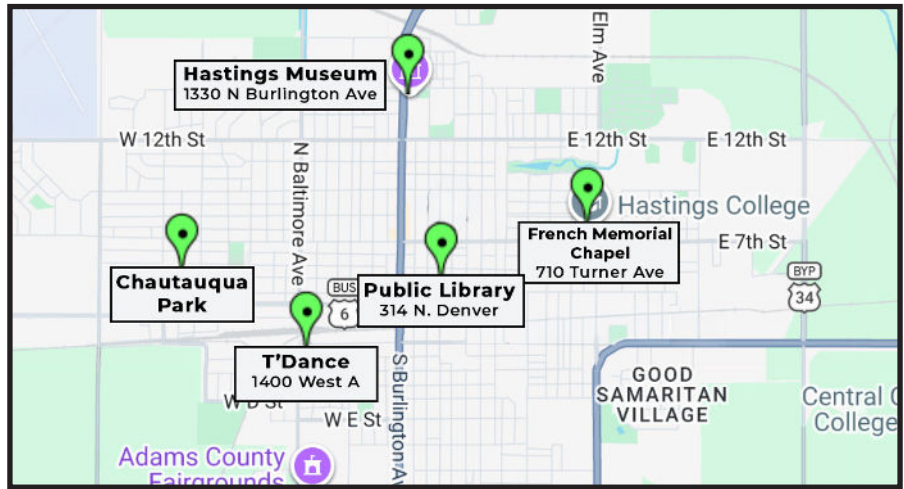
June 26 at 10:15 am	Weaving a Nation Children's Storytime	at Hastings Public Library
June 26 at 1:00 pm	Black Homesteaders in the Great Plains of America	at Hastings Public Library
June 26 at 2:00 pm	Giving Voice to the Silenced Stories	at Hastings Public Library
June 26 at 3:00 pm	A Chicano Ancestral Perspective of 485 Years of Great Plains History	at Hastings Public Library
June 26 at 6:30 pm	An Evening with El Vaquero <i>(plus Raíces de mi Pueblo)</i>	at French Memorial Chapel, Hastings College
June 27 at 9:00 am	Women's Rights and the Saucy Mrs. Adams	at Hastings Public Library
June 27 at 10:00 am	Picture Cave: Finding the Divine Within	at Hastings Public Library
June 27 at 11:00 am	The Origins of American Cowboy Culture	at Hastings Public Library
June 27 at 1:00 pm	"Do Good Women Want This Kind of Freedom?" Nebraska and the Fight for Women's Suffrage -and- Early Japanese Settlers in Nebraska	at Hastings Public Library
June 27 at 2:00 pm	But, Who Lived Here in 1491? Indigenous Archaeology in Nebraska -and- Lewis and Clark: What Was Their Value Worth? – Seaman, York, Sacagawea, and Pomp Stories	at Hastings Public Library
June 27 at 3:00 pm	"We ought to go back to the place we came from in the end": Nebraska's Literary History -and- Nebraska: Weaving a State	at Hastings Public Library
June 27 at 6:30 pm	An Evening with Abigail Adams and Chief Big Elk	at French Memorial Chapel, Hastings College

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POST-CHAUTAUQUA EVENTS

July 31 7:00 pm	Problematic Legacy: Examining Race and Stereotypes in the Hastings Museum Collection	at Hastings Museum
Through August 27	Sorting Out Race Exhibit continues; <i>museum admission applies.</i>	at Hastings Museum



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