



KANSAS ORIGINALS MARKET NEWSLETTER

For Members of the Post Rock Opportunities Foundation

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NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED

Three new directors were elected to the Board at the annual meeting on February 5th. They are Judy Rogers Donley, Lincoln; Debra Carlson Ohlde, Palmer; and Dale Weinhold, Ellsworth. Marilyn Helmer, Lincoln, was re-elected to the board. Still serving on the board are Wanda Haney, Claflin; Duane Vonada, Sylvan Grove; Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen, Denmark; Twila Mitchell, Ellsworth; and Eva Grauer, Wilson. Prior to the meeting, members and guests toured the Wilson Opera House and Museum. As members became acquainted with each other, Roger Dowell played background music on his accordian. Following the meeting everyone enjoyed touring Kansas Originals Market and watching Kepka Belton as she demonstrated the art of Kraslice or Czech egg painting. The meeting was chaired by Wanda Haney and Marge Lawson gave the manager's report.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At the February Board Meeting, officers for 1994 were elected. They are as follows: Wanda Haney, Chairman; Eva Grauer, Treasurer and Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen, Secretary. Marge Lawson was appointed Chief Executive Officer to manage the corporation's affairs. Marge will also continue as Manager of the Market.

FINANCIAL REPORT ENCLOSED

A copy of the financial report for 1993 is enclosed with this newsletter. The report was prepared by Drake, Morris and Associates, Russell. The excess revenue over expenditures was used to pay short term liabilities, the debt principal as payments were due, and as many of the expenses of the building addition as possible.

ZERO INTEREST LOAN

In February, The Post Rock Opportunities Foundation received a check for the zero interest loan which was received from the Smoky Hill Rural Electric Association. This money was included in the business plan for the new addition. A short term loan was secured from the Citizen's State Bank in Ellsworth to pay the expenses of the addition until the money was received from the Rural Electric Association. This loan is a ten year loan with zero interest and will save PROF a considerable amount of interest money.

KANSAS GUIDE BOOK

Kansas Originals Market was featured in the new 1994 Kansas Guide Book. A picture of the Market can be found on page 18 of the book. The Market is promoted with a display ad on page 29 in addition to the regular listing. Because the Kansas Secrets program with the free coleman cooler is available to Kansas residents this year, we expect the ad and publicity to bring more visitors to the Market. Already in February, we had an increase in sales of 60 % over last February. We sincerely hope this will be a good year for all of our artists and craftsmen.