

2025 Annual Conference:

(Scottsbluff and Gering, Nebraska)

July 9-12, 2025





Our 2025 NSFWA Conference was held in Gering, Nebraska, on July 9–12, at the Legacy of the Plains Museum. David Wolf, Executive Director of the Legacy of the Plains Museum and a member of the NSFWA, played a significant role in the professional success of the Conference. This Museum is located at the foot of the Scotts Bluff National Monument. We were also blessed with an exceptional job done by several NSFWA Members and their families, along with all Members of the NSFWA Board of Directors, working together to make this Annual Conference successful. We appreciate being awarded a grant for the first time by the Scotts Bluff County Tourism Board. This helped defray costs and, by advertising, to interest our members and others in Scotts Bluff County's event, called "Oregon Trail Days," and the NSFWA Conference. Through our scheduled events, we raised awareness about the trials and tribulations of Wagon travel on the Oregon Trail.



Doug Hansen speaking on the Oregon Trail and the Prairie Schooner Wagon





We want to extend a Special Thank You to Brenda Leisy & The Scotts Bluff County Tourism Board. I wish to give a Special Thank You to John Ewing, Rick Henderson & Family, Troy Peterson, David Wolf & his Museum Staff, Tina at The Gering Civic Center, Gene Marshall, Lee Jannsen, Bill Vaughn, Doug Hansen, Rawhide Johnson, Eric Grunwald, Jerry Lucas, Kevin Sandberg, Julie & Jason Williams, Jerry & Linda Palmer, Frank & Peg Burkdoll, Adam & Jasmine Hanger, Patrick Goodknight & Gigi White, Ricky & Judy Day, Todd Johnson & family, and to all that attended and to the other good people, who helped make the total event run smooth and to my dear wife Barb McManus.



Jeff McManus



































































