Seeking Utopia:
A Look on How Innovations and Traditions Help Some Utopias Thrive

Join us at the Utopia on the Prairie as we look at the ways that technology advances, combined with traditional crafts, help utopias and other historic sites survive and prosper. Investigate the various ways these places have evolved over the decades. For this particular conference, we will emphasize hands-on workshops, where participants will learn about traditional handicrafts.

The conference organizers seek speakers, sessions, and workshop proposals relevant to this broad theme. Sessions and workshop topics may include, but are not limited to:

- How traditions and technological innovations combined help living history museums thrive
- Historic crafts, trades, and classes
- Topics related to the successful operations of living history museums
- Programming in the Present and Future in our new social climate
- Staffing and volunteer issues
- Working with Schools and Students
- Working with boards, administrations, staff and community
- Marketing in a changing digital world
- Exhibit design
- Managing collections
- Disaster Planning and Preparedness
- Private/Public Partnerships
- Fundraising

Session proposals should be submitted not later than August 1, 2023
Submit to Todd DeDecker, Program Chair, PO Box 92, Bishop Hill, IL 61419
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Call for Workshops, Sessions, Panels, and Presentations

The Midwest Open Air Museums Coordinating Council seeks proposals for workshops, sessions, and presentations for the 2024 Spring Conference in Bishop Hill IL. Half and full day workshops will be held March 21-23 and sessions on March 22-23. To submit a proposal, please fill out this form attaching additional pages, if necessary. (E-mail is the preferred submission method.) All presenters must register for the full conference or for the day upon which they present.

Proposal Deadline: August 1, 2023

Title of Session:

Description: (overview of content, goals, application)

Format (mark one):

___ Presentation ___ Panel/Roundtable Discussion ___ Performance/Demonstration
___ Workshop ___ Other (please explain) ___________________

Length: ___ 75 min session ___ 150 Min. double session ___ 3 hour workshop ___ 6 hour workshop

Workshops Only
Cost Per Person ______ minimum /maximum participants: ____________________
Indoor or Outdoor: ____________________ Space Size needed ____________________
A/V Needs: ____________________ Will You Be Using a PowerPoint? Y ___ N ___
Special/ Additional Needs:

Session Leader Name and Position:
Affiliation:
Address:
Email Address:
Phone:

Additional Participants: (please provide same information as session leader for each additional participant, attach additional sheets as needed): __________________________________________

Contact a Board member or the planning committee if you need assistance in finding suitable presenters.

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