

- MARCH 2011 -

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## *Our History Is Our Strength*

### **YOU ARE SEPARATED BY SIX DEGREES FROM THE GREATEST AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILTERS**

#### **Lecture, Musical Entertainment and Hors D'oeuvres Buffet**

Krya Hicks, self-taught like those who inspired her, has shown her work in the Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y.; the American Craft Museum in New York City, N.Y.; the Smithsonian Institute's Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C.; the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Ill.; and the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Conn., and is included in the Permanent Collection of the Museum of Arts & Design in New York City. Her work has been featured in more than a dozen books, newspapers and magazines, including *Essence*, *Folk Art*, the *Washington Post* and the *Los Angeles Times*. In her own quilting, Hicks uses cotton to explore political, religious, family and romantic themes. Her original story quilts document her experiences as a young, Black, single woman.

**Thursday, March 10**

**6–8 p.m.**

**Fort Omaha Campus**

**The Institute for the Culinary Arts**

**Room 201**

### **PROMISE IN A NEW LAND**

#### **Sponsored by Nebraska Humanities Council**

Playing Mariah Monahan, with Irish brogue and period costume, Cherrie Beam-Clarke depicts a Nebraska settler between 1847 and 1870. Based on historical fact, Beam-Clarke captivates the audience in a first-person presentation. Through spellbinding rendition, viewers are transported in time to sail the ocean, walk the wagon trail, live in a dug out, feel the loneliness and fight prairie fires.

**Thursday, March 17**

**12:15–1:30 p.m.**

**Sarpy Center**

**Room 138**



### **PASSIONATELY PINK FOR THE CURE**

Susan G. Komen fought breast cancer with her heart, body and soul. Throughout her diagnosis, treatments and endless days in the hospital, she spent her time thinking of ways to make life better for other women battling breast cancer instead of worrying about her own situation. Learn more about the woman who inspired the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, the global leader of the breast cancer movement, and how you can participate in the cause to save lives, ensure quality care for all, empower people and energize science to identify cures.

**Wednesday, March 23**

**11 a.m.–noon**

**Fort Omaha Campus,**

**Bldg. 10, Rooms 136B-D**



### **WOMEN IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

Join women athletes, coaches and administrators to learn about their experiences before and after Title IX with athletic programs and issues of equity.

**Tuesday, March 29**

**Noon–1:15 p.m.**

**Fort Omaha Campus**

**Bldg. 10, Room 136B-D**

### **50 YEARS OF SERVICE: WOMEN IN THE PEACE CORPS**

In 2011, the Peace Corps is commemorating 50 years of promoting peace and friendship around the world. Join MCC in supporting the agency's mission and legacy of service by honoring a panel of women who have served overseas.

**Wednesday, March 30**

**10:30–11:45 a.m.**

**Elkhorn Valley Campus**

**Room 114**

### **REFLECTIONS ON *FOR COLORED GIRLS*: WOMEN, WORK LIFE BALANCE, COMMUNICATION AND MENTAL HEALTH**

Nikita Y. Harris, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, Columbus State University in Columbus, Ga., leads a panel of women to discuss the themes of Tyler Perry's screenplay *For Colored Girls* (adapted from Ntozake Shange's 1975 award-winning play *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Unuf*). This panel will examine the complexities of gender and the many struggles and obstacles women face in the 21st century. Topics to include images of women in the media, work/life balance, mental health and new models/strategies for living today. The panel moderator is Dr. Cynthia K. Gooch.

**Thursday, March 31**

**6:15–7:45 p.m.**

**South Omaha Campus**

**Conference Center**

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