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Honoring Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker with "The Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Hward"



SENATOR NANCY KASSEBAUM BAKER is the recipient of the "Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Award" for the 10th annual Gordon Parks Celebration. Nancy Landon was born July 29, 1932, in Topeka, Kansas, to Alfred M. and Theo (Cobb) Landon. Shortly after her birth, her father became the 26th governor of Kansas. Alfred Landon was the 1936 Republican nominee for president. Nancy Landon graduated from the University of Kansas and the University of Michigan with a master's degree in diplomatic history. She married Philip Kassebaum in 1956 and they had four children: John, Linda, Richard, and Bill - and seven grandchildren. Richard Kassebaum died of a Glioma Brain Tumor in 2008.

Kassebaum took a job in Senator James B. Pearson's office in 1975. When he chose not to seek reelection in 1978, Kassebaum entered the race and won a hard fought primary and general election. She was the first woman to represent Kansas in the U.S. Senate. Senator-elect Kassebaum officially took office on December 23, 1978. During

the next 18 years she served as Chair of the Aviation Subcommittee, Commerce Committee, African Subcommittee, Foreign Relations Committee, Budget Committee, and Chairman of the Labor and Human Resources Committee in the 104th Congress (now called the HELP Committee). Kassebaum was known for her work on health care and co-sponsored the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act with Senator Ted Kennedy. She was reelected in 1984 and 1990. Senator Kassebaum chose not to seek reelection in 1996.

On December 7, 1996, shortly before leaving office, she married Howard H. Baker, Jr., U.S. Senator from Tennessee, who retired from the Senate in 1985 after serving 18 years. During 2001-2005, Nancy and Howard lived in Tokyo, Japan, where he served as U.S. Ambassador to Japan. Prior to that time, Nancy served on the Board of Trustees for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Kaiser Family Foundation. Nancy served as Chairman of the George C. Marshall Foundation and was the U.S. member of the Commission for Africa created in 2004 and chaired by Prime Minister Tony Blair. She is a member of the American Philosophical Society.

Her special interests are her grandchildren, her husband, and Kansas. Kassebaum Baker was instrumental in the creation of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, comprising 10,894 acres in the Kansas Flint Hills.



Gordon Parks & Senator Kassebaum

Gordon Parks Celebration of Culture and Diversity Schedule of Activities: October 3-4-5, 2013

25th ANNUAL GORDON PARKS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION on display in the Hedges, Sunderland, and Duboc Meeting Rooms, Danny and Willa Ellis Family Fine Arts Center, FSCC. FREE

Thursday, October 3:

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Ft. Scott Chamber of Commerce Coffee at the Gordon Parks Museum.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – "Pizza for Poets" luncheon for grade school poetry contest winners.

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – REGISTRATION/BOOK AND SOUVENIR TABLE OPEN in the Ken & Charlotte Lunt Lobby of the Ellis Family Fine Arts Center.

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – "The Journey Home-Gordon Parks and Fort Scott." Helen Townsend, a published poet born and raised in Fort Scott, seeks to document the last ten years of Gordon Parks' life when friendships and events in Fort Scott cracked open a space in their shared history for reconciliation. Come hear about her research and plans for this book. Gordon Parks Museum. FREE

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – "Celebrating 10 Years of the Gordon Parks Celebration." See photos of the Celebration's and the Museum's progress from beginning to present. Special guests will include the Parks' family. Gordon Parks Museum. FREE **7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** "Flute Juice in Concert." Join musician Flute Juice for an evening of cool jazz. Galen Abdur-Razzaq is a talented and extraordinary flutist based in Florida who has performed both domestically and internationally for over thirty years. Ellis Family Fine Arts Center. Fee: \$10 which includes refreshments.

Friday, October 4

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – REGISTRATION/BOOK AND SOUVENIR TABLE OPEN in the Ken & Charlotte Lunt Lobby of the Ellis Family Fine Arts Center.

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – "Gordon Parks: Images from the Soul." Join artist Marcia McCoy for a talk about Gordon's last body of artwork, his life as an artist and the creative processes he pioneered for this work. FSCC Ellis Fine Arts Center/Theatre. FREE **10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** – "The Learning Tree Experience with Newt." Kyle Johnson, who played the title character of Newt will highlight favorite scenes from the movie. FSCC Ellis Fine Arts Center/Theatre. FREE

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – "The Hungry Heart Luncheon." Join us in the presentation of High School Poetry/Essay/Photo Contest winners at this event named after Gordon Parks' last autobiography. Sponsored by the Bourbon County Arts Council. FSCC Ellis Fine Arts Center/Lobby. Fee: \$8.00. (Please reserve)

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – "A Conversation with Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker." A discussion with the 2013 "Choice of Weapons Award" honoree. FSCC Ellis Fine Arts Center/Theatre. FREE

3:00 p.m. — "What Makes a Great Photo?" Join Barbara Baker Burrows, Director of Photography for LIFE books, as she judges this year's Gordon Parks Photography Contest. FSCC Ellis Fine Arts Center/Meeting Rooms. FREE

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Trolley Tour of Gordon Parks' Fort Scott. Meet at the entrance of the FSCC Ellis Fine Arts Center. Fee: \$7.00

7:00 p.m. – "Celebration Tribute Dinner." Dinner and evening of tribute; presentation of the 2013 "Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Award" to Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum Baker. Ellis Fine Arts Center Lobby. All seats reserved. Fee: \$25.00. (Reserve by Wed., Oct. 2)

Saturday, October 5

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – REGISTRATION/BOOK AND SOUVENIR TABLE OPEN in the Ken & Charlotte Lunt Lobby of the Ellis Family Fine Arts Center.

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.—"Who is the Next Gordon Parks?—Kids' Creativity Workshop." Workshop for kids ages 8-14. Participants will experience photography & writing in age-level, hands-on sessions. Space is limited to 40-enroll early! Fee: \$12 per child which includes t-shirt and lunch. FSCC Ellis Fine Arts Center.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. — Trolley Tour of Gordon Parks' Fort Scott. Meet at the entrance of the FSCC Ellis Fine Arts Center. Fee: \$7.00.

12:00 p.m. – **1:00 p.m.** – "Lunch with Young Artists." Join the Kids Creativity Workshop members and see their words and images. Fee: \$7.00. FSCC Ellis Fine Arts Center/Lobby.

REGISTRATION for Gordon Parks Celebration ••• Tickets for sale starting September 9

I wish to register for the events checked below, paying a total of \$_____.

Address Name City, State, Zip____ Phone # Email Method of payment: (Circle One) Check/ Visa/Mastercard Card#___ _ 3-digit Security Code on back of card_ Exp. Date: Signature Thursday, October 3 # of Tickets /Amount Saturday, October 6 # of Tickets /Amount "FluteJuice" Concert-\$10.00 Kids' Creativity Workshop/\$12.00 (Includes tee shirt and lunch--Please use separate form to Friday, October 5 officially register your child) "Hungry Heart" Luncheon-\$ 8.00 Trolley Tour @ 10:00 a.m.-\$7.00 Trolley Tour @ 3:00 p.m.-\$7.00 "Lunch with Young Artists"-\$7.00 Celebration Tribute Dinner-\$25.00 Make checks payable and mail to: The Gordon Parks Museum, 2108 S. Horton, Ft. Scott, KS 66701 (Questions? Call 1-800-874-3722, ext. 5850 or email gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu) or check on updates at www.gordonparkscenter.org. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS. LODGING IN FORT SCOTT: 1st Interstate Fort Scott Inn Lyons Mansion B/B Courtland B/B Levine House B/B Heritage Inn 620-768-7000 620-223-0100 620-223-5330 620-223-3644 620-223-0098 620-223-3908

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