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'Engaging The Visitor' Workshops

January 4, 2011 - In mid February John Luzader, Co-Principal for Living Museums of the West in Loveland, CO, will lead a training session for Museum interpreters that will be the first of three "Engaging the Visitor in Living History at Shawnee Town's Farmstead" workshops. The workshops are part of a grant awarded by Johnson County Heritage Trust Fund to give volunteer interpreters the skills they need to present historically accurate information in an entertaining, persuasive, hands-on manner to our visitors.

During the first session Luzader will present an overview of interpretation and living history to the education interpreters in addition to training on the basics of effectively presenting the museum's story to our visitors. Future workshops, informational materials and visits to area historic sites will also cover operation of 1920s farm equipment and household appliances as well as everyday work and leisure activities of a farm family living in Shawnee in the 20s.

For more information about becoming a volunteer interpreter contact Susan Tolleson at 913-248-2360 or stolleson@cityofshawnee.org .To learn more about Shawnee Town, call 913-248-2360 or visit www.shawneetown.org

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Shawnee Town is an outdoor museum interpreting small town farm life in the 1920s. Situated on 8 acres, the Museum features a home, barn, school, post office, chapel, fire station, various businesses, and gardens. For information on Shawnee Town call 913-248-2360 or stop by the Visitor's Center at 11501 W. 57th St, Shawnee, KS 66203.