

The Kansas Sampler Foundation, with its mission to preserve and sustain rural culture, has launched a new rural awareness series called "Bring Your Own Marci Penner, foundation executive director.

"Four Kansas communities will present an up close and person perspective of the issues, realities, and opportunities in small cities,' she said.

In the 2008 series, the public is invited to bring their lawn chairs to Glasco in Cloud County, at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 7, to hear about a proposed re-use for three deteriorating buildings.

This first meeting is designed to help the community dream and scheme about a proposed re-use for three buildings that are part of a downtown national historic district, Penner said.

"Joan Nothern and friends will help the lawn chair audience understand what it would mean to the community to convert the buildings into the National Highway 24 Museum."

Nothern said, "we have to try." Public attendance will provide a dose of support and encouragement to Glasco's plans.

The conversation will last until 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to eat at the Pepper Pot Restaurant before or after the meeting, visit the local museum and Corner Store, and shop at the Hodge Podge Variety Store with oldfashioned soda fountain.

Murphy's Mercantile in Stark - Neosho County - will present the case for sustaining a grocery store in a small town on at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 30.

"Set up your lawn chair in front of Murphy's Mercantile in downtown Stark and have a conversation with Portia Murphy," Penner said. "Hear about how she made her dream come true to open an old-time general store in a small town. She'll tell us about the extreme challenges of buying merchandise for small stores. The locals will chime in, too, about important of having such a store in their town."

As an added bonus to the lawn chair segment, Penner encourages visitors to "come early or stay late to buy groceries to give this store 150th birthday.

Today's puzzle answer

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> Marci Penner, Kansas Sampler Foundation

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an added income boost and then eat lunch in the grocery store coffee shop or the next door Cherokee Café.'

On your way to Stark, she said, drive through other small towns to discover how many towns do or don't have grocery stores.

"If you find one that does, stop and shop," she said.

Morland in Graham County, she said, will help the public understand the importance of a restaurant in a small town at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13.

Visitors will want to set up their lawn chair across the street from Prairie Junction in downtown Morland.

"Owners Faye and Charley Minium will tell us about how made-from-scratch cooking, homemade ice cream, and a restored building can be turned into a successful restaurant in a small town," Penner said.

"What are the issues and rewards of running a restaurant in a small town and hear about this determined town's plan to re-open the local grocery store, too."

Then at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, lawn chair sitters will watch artist Kerry Unrein paint the first sunflower sesquicentennial sunflower on a barn one half-mile north of Dexter in Cowley Coun-

Visitors, she said, will want to put their lawn chair at the Stone Barn Mercantile, on Kansas Highway 15.

"Have a conversation with the Kansas Barn Alliance about their efforts to support re-use and the saving of barns, as artist Kerry Unrein paints a sesquicentennial sunflower on the first barn in this sunflower series," Penner said.

The sunflower-on-barns project is designed to draw awareness of barns and help celebrate Kansas'

"While Kerry paints, barn owners Shannon and Grady Martin will tell about their agri-business.'

The presentations feature four of the foundation's eight rural culture elements: architecture, art, commerce, and cuisine.

Everyone is invited to attend any or all of these meetings.

For questions about the foundation, Penner encourages people to visit: kansassampler.org or call (620) 585-2374.

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