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Coming Up in the Corridor

Dear Kathy,

After what seems to have been a very long winter, we can finally celebrate spring's arrival. I have always loved this time of refreshment and renewal, finding it the more appropriate season than winter and New Year's Day for making resolutions and plans in order to gear up for real productivity.

This edition of the *Brush Creek Corridor Chronicle* documents planning and production of many projects and initiatives in the Brush Creek Corridor...from building a house and a world class research center, to staging a play and renewing a garden. We also take the opportunity to recognize the leadership of individuals whose dedication to Brush Creek Corridor institutions and the community have made remarkable differences.

There is a lot going on in the Brush Creek Corridor. We are glad you are a part of it.

Carol Grimaldi
Executive Director

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STUDY FOR CLIMATE SUSTAINABILITY CENTER BEGINS

Work has begun to determine the feasibility of constructing and operating a Climate Sustainability Center along Troost Avenue overlooking Brush Creek. BNIM Architects has been selected to lead a comprehensive team for a feasibility study that will address the creation of such a center.

The center is proposed to include education and job training, research and a botanical garden.

The project team was engaged in a series of community outreach meetings in March in which ideas for the center and its functions were elicited to inform programming and building design decisions. Two open houses were held which also had representatives of several projects occurring in the Brush Creek and Troost Avenue area including: the Troost MAX line, the Troost @ Brush Creek/Troost Bridge replacement, the Cleaver II Streetscape from The Paseo to Oak Street, the University of Missouri Campus Master Plan and the Green Impact Zone.



Work on the project can be followed through the website:
www.climatesustainabilitycenter.wordpress.com.

KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE PRESIDENT TO RETIRE

Kathleen Collins, president of the Kansas City Art Institute since 1996, has announced she will retire as of June 30, 2011. At the time of her retirement, she will have served as President of the college for 15 years, longer than any other President in the art institute's 125-year history.

Gary Gradinger, chairman of KCAI's Board of Trustees, lauded KCAI's many areas of progress under Collins' leadership. He said the board has worked closely with her over the years to move the college from a difficult deficit position to one of financial stability, noting that in 2005, longtime board member Barbara Marshall offered a \$10 million challenge grant to double the value of the endowment. The college met the challenge within two years, which Gradinger said has been critical to the long-term financial health of KCAI.



"President Collins has spearheaded one major master planning process and now is leading a second major master planning process that will provide the blueprint for continuing to renew and expand KCAI's campus well into the future," Gradinger said, adding that in the first twelve years of her presidency, the campus added \$29 million in renovations and new buildings.

Asked which of her many accomplishments give her the greatest pride, Collins mentioned the creation of the H&R Block Artspace, as well as its programming, which has been developed over the last ten years. She noted the Artspace, located at 16 E. 43rd Street, signified a reaching out beyond the main campus at 4415 Warwick Boulevard and was the first important building project undertaken during her tenure. She also cited the development of the Jannes Library and Learning Center, which opened in 2002, as well as the Dodge Painting Building, which opened in 2006.

Gradinger said the Board of Trustees will appoint a search committee comprised of trustees plus representation from the faculty and administration to begin a national search process to identify Collins' replacement.

The Kansas City Art Institute helped start Brush Creek Partners in 1993. Kathleen Collins has been active in the partnership since arriving in Kansas City from New York 14 years ago where she was dean and professor in the School of Art and Design, of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. She has been on the Brush Creek Community Partners Board of Directors since its establishment in 1998.

HUGH J. ZIMMER: 2010 UMKC CHANCELLOR'S MEDAL RECIPIENT

At the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the Chancellor's Medal is the highest non-academic award presented to a volunteer. Hugh Zimmer, chairman of Zimmer Companies, Inc. and chief executive officer of Zimmer Real Estate Services will be honored with the 2010 Chancellor's medal this spring for giving UMKC immeasurable time, and the benefit of his business acumen, leadership and civic clout.

In his roles as a volunteer leader for UMKC, Zimmer has focused on developing positive relationships between the university and community. He is also interested in supporting workforce development and opportunities that make UMKC graduates want to stay in Kansas City.



As Chairman of UMKC's Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2003, Zimmer was instrumental in establishing the Trustees' Scholars Program, which selects and supports the brightest and the best students applying to the program with full four-year scholarships and internship opportunities among the greatest benefits. He continues to serve as an emeriti trustee and recently became a member of the board of the UMKC Foundation for Higher Education. He is also Chairman of the National Advisory Board for the UMKC Institute for Urban Education (IUE). IUE is a four-year program that prepares educators to teach successfully in elementary and middle school urban classrooms.

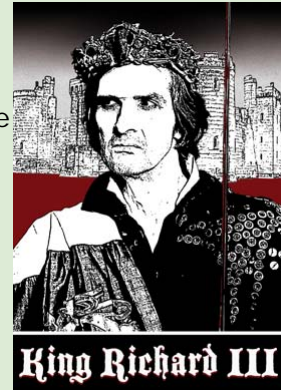
WOMEN TO BUILD HABITAT HOUSE IN GREEN IMPACT ZONE/BRUSH CREEK CORRIDOR

Habitat for Humanity is calling on women to support the construction of a home in the Town Fork Creek Neighborhood of the Brush Creek Corridor, which is also in the Green Impact Zone. Construction of the home for a low income family is part of Habitat's "Women in Advocacy" project, empowering women to work on poverty housing issues. In addition to women being involved on the construction site, they are being asked to provide other resources to raise the \$100,000 needed to build the home and sustain the initiative. Construction is anticipated to begin this summer. Kansas City City Councilwoman Cindy Circo and Jackson County Legislator Theresa Garza Ruiz are co-chairs of Habitat for Humanity KC's 2010 Women Build committee. For more information, visit www.habitatkc.org.



SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL ENTERS SEASON 18; OUTREACH AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GROW

The Heart of America Shakespeare Festival is preparing for its 18th season by presenting *King Richard III*, June 15 - July 3, 2010 in Southmoreland Park. The free professional production features Bruce Roach in the title role. The performances will be Tuesday through Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m. and Monday, June 28. The festival keeps Shakespeare alive year round and builds up to the summer performances in the park through a variety of educational and outreach activities including:



- *A Midsummer Night's Dream* meets *Macbeth*-and four other plays-when five actors portray 17 roles in a 50 minute, fast-paced presentation of Great Scenes from Six of Shakespeare's Greatest Plays in *Shakespeare to Go!* This pared-down production by the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival brings work of the Bard to life in classrooms or to civic groups. *Shakespeare to Go!* utilizes a small traveling stage with olio curtain, a few hand props and minimal costume pieces. A ten-minute question and answer session follows every performance.
- The festival sponsors an annual Poster and Sonnet Contest. This year's winning youth poster artists and youth and adult sonnet writers will be recognized and celebrated at the Poster Prowl and Sonnet Slam at the Plaza Branch of the Kansas City Public Library, 4801 Main Street, on Monday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about Heart of America Shakespeare Festival and its activities, visit www.kcshakes.org.

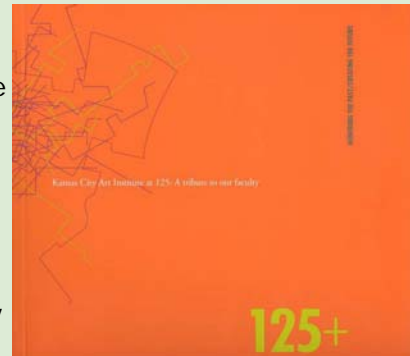
KCAI BRUSH CREEK RAINGARDEN TO GET EARTHWALK CLEANUP

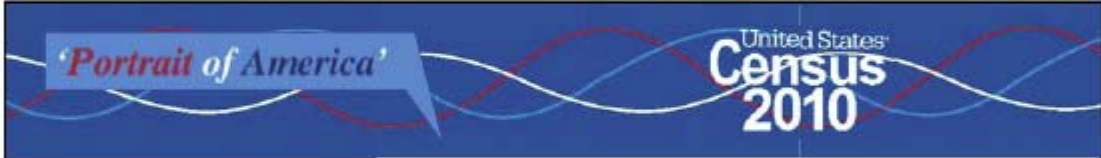
The KCAI Brush Creek Community Raingarden in Theis Park (Volker Boulevard and Oak Street) will be four years old in April, and its spring cleaning is part of Keep Kansas City Beautiful's (KKCB) April 11 EarthWalk activities. At 10 a.m., KKCB is hosting an educational walk along Brush Creek focused on Kansas City's storm water system and the creek's role in it. After the walk, volunteers can return to the rain garden to help get it cleaned up and ready to flourish. Supplies will be provided. All proceeds from the walk will fund KKCB's Sustainable Beautification program to work with communities educating residents on sustainable gardening. To participate in this event or find out about other EarthWalk activities in Theis Park that day, visit www.earthdaykc.org.



125th ANNIVERSARY BOOK SALUTES KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE FACULTY

Celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, the Kansas City Art Institute has published a book that showcases work by members of the college's full-time faculty. Each of 46 two-page spreads features two works by an individual faculty member, along with a brief biography and photograph. *Kansas City Art Institute at 125: A tribute to our faculty*, is available for \$19.95 at the college's Art Supply Store, 4415 Warwick Boulevard; in the Museum Store at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 4525 Oak Street; or by contacting info@kcai.edu. For more information, to view videos or to see a schedule of 125th anniversary exhibitions, visit KCAI on the Web at www.kcai.edu.





Event: Kansas City Road Tour- National Census Day
Tour Date: April 1, 2010
Time: 11:00am- 2:00 pm
Location: Bruce R. Watkin's Cultural Heritage Center
3700 Blue Parkway Kansas City, MO 64130

Attendees will be able to:

- See a sample 2010 Census questionnaire
- Record your voice, pictures and videos at the Road Tour interactive kiosks.
- Learn about the 2010 Census impact on local communities.

View "Portrait of America" stories on the 2010 Census YouTube and Flickr channels. Track the Road Tour on the website's interactive map. Follow the tour on Twitter @10Decennial and Facebook.

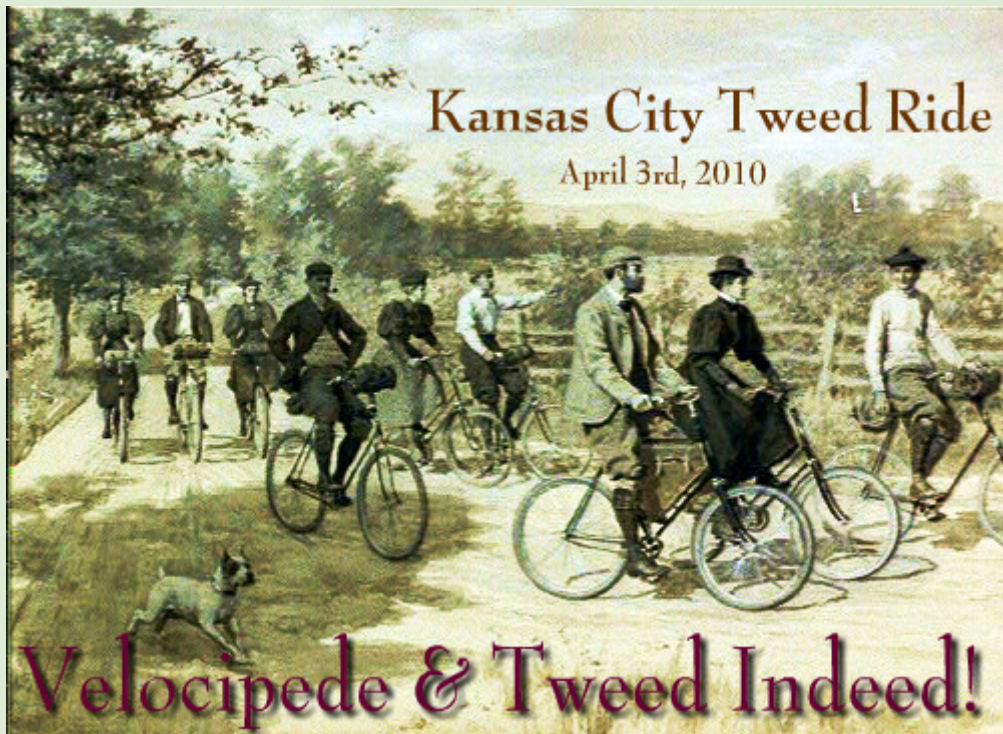
This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Road Tour Team- Eddie Hall 816-518-7303, Tham Vo 816-582-1641 or visit www.2010Census.gov

1ST ANNUAL KANSAS CITY TWEED RIDE

Saturday, April 3
12:00 noon

Loose Park Rose Garden

For more information, visit <http://kctweedindeed.wordpress.com>



CRACKING THE GLASS CEILING
 "A LOOK AT THOSE WHO BLAZED THE PATH"

2010 ROBERT F. KENNEDY SYMPOSIUM
 41ST ANNIVERSARY

APRIL 8TH- SOLEDAD O' BRIEN
DIVERSITY: ON TV, BEHIND THE SCENES,
AND IN OUR LIVES

Soledad O'Brien is an anchor and special correspondent for CNN: Special Investigations Unit including hour-long documentaries, Black in America and Latino in America. She also covers political news as part of CNN's "Best Political Team on Television."

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APRIL 7TH- CRACKING THE GLASS CEILING
 PANEL DISCUSSION
 7-8:30 PM: UMKC UNIVERSITY CENTER
 ROOM 106, 5000 HOLMES ST.

APRIL 6TH- OPENING RECEPTION
 COMMEMORATING PAST AND PRESENT SGA LEADERSHIP
 6:30-8:30 PM: UMKC DISASTOLE HOUSE
 2501 HOLMES ST.

For more information, go to
www.umkc.edu/sga or
 email umkcsga@umkc.edu

All events are free and open to all UMKC students and the community



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visit

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