

DOWNNS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Keeping the Downs Historical Society operating and maintaining the Historical Downs Missouri Pacific Depot, the beautiful Railroad Park with Gazebo, nice sidewalks, and benches is important as it shows the pride we take in Downs and is welcoming to visitors. Today, the depot is available for meetings and functions for a small fee of \$40 per day. It is fully air conditioned with ADA entries and rest room facilities. It has been rented out for several unique occasions through the years including class reunions, family celebrations, graduations, weddings, Downs Arts Council and Kansas Storytelling Festival events. Community groups such as churches, Chamber, sororities, businesses, and the school have used it to hold their activities as well.

A few small donations and memorials have been the only real source of income since the Depot restoration was completed. Volunteers' complete maintenance and cleaning. Currently, members are working to raise membership by reaching out to current and former citizens for their help in supporting the continued operation of the Downs Historical Society projects. Open membership is available to anyone and attending meetings is not a requirement although we would love to have you. Yearly dues of \$15.00 are requested for each person. Funds are used throughout the year to help with costs associated with utilities and maintaining the Historical Depot, Railroad Park, Gazebo, Engine and Downs Archives. Memberships are accepted anytime throughout the year. In addition, memorials and monetary donations are welcome anytime and are tax deductible. Memorial bricks are once again being offered to help raise funds for new projects which include continuing the organization of the archives that have been overwhelmed by family donations through the years and helping to replace the Sod and Stubble Country Tour signs as they are weathered and in disrepair.

Over the past several years, the group has not been operating as many of the members moved or passed away. A re-organization meeting was held last fall and the small group is working to get things in order under the new leadership of President Randy Dubbert. Other offices are held by Doug Brush as Vice President, Priscilla Brillhart, Secretary, Donald Miller, Treasurer and Board Members Kathy Tucker, Sherry Knouf, Gerry Yost, and Kelly Meyer. Monthly meetings are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at the Downs Depot at 2pm. The public is encouraged to attend. You can follow us on our Facebook page 'Downs Historical Society.' Contact Kathy Tucker at 785-545-7044 for Depot rental. Memorial Brick order forms are available at the Downs Carnegie Library, Downs City Office or can be found on the City of Downs website at <https://www.downsks.net> under the Organizations tab.

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2023 Downs Historical Society Fundraising

Membership Dues (\$15.00 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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