



# Homestead National Monument of America

## 2012 Special Events and Programs



### Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Homestead Act of 1862

Admission to all events, exhibits and displays is free

#### JANUARY

Sat. & Sun., Jan. 7 & 8, 2 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Jan. 14 & 15, 2 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Jan. 21 & 22, 2 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Jan. 28 & 29, 2 p.m.

“Hollywood and Homesteading” Film Festival - *Far and Away*

“Hollywood and Homesteading” Film Festival - *An American Tail*

“Hollywood and Homesteading” Film Festival - *Tumbleweeds*

“Hollywood and Homesteading” Film Festival - *Day of the Outlaw*

#### FEBRUARY

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 4 & 5, 2 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 11 & 12, 2 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 18 & 19, 2 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 25 & 26, 2 p.m.

“Hollywood and Homesteading” Film Festival - *Shane*

“Hollywood and Homesteading” Film Festival - *The Unforgiven*

“Hollywood and Homesteading” Film Festival - *Big River Rescue*

“Hollywood and Homesteading” Film Festival - *Abilene Town*

#### MARCH

Wed. - Fri. March 28-30

Saturday, March 31

*From Longships to Spaceships: A Thousand Years of Exploration*

“1862 and The Making of the Great Plains” Symposium (at UNL)

James A. Rawley Graduate Conference in the Humanities

#### APRIL

*Special Exhibition*

Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25

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*Original Homestead Act of 1862 on display, beginning April 25*

*From Longships to Spaceships: A Thousand Years of Exploration*

Remembering the Oklahoma Land Rush

Welcome the *Homestead Act of 1862*

U.S. Immigration Naturalization Ceremony – *Welcome Homestead Act*

#### MAY

*Special Exhibition*

Sunday, May 20, 6 - 9 p.m.

Mon. - Fri., May 21 - 25

Sat., May 26, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

*Original Homestead Act of 1862 on display, until May 28*

*From Longships to Spaceships: A Thousand Years of Exploration*

“Beginning of the Dream, Homestead Act Made Law”

Commemoration of Homestead Act’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

“Free Land?, 1862 and the Shaping of Modern America” Chautauqua

Monumental Fiddling Championship, featuring John McCutcheon

#### JUNE

*Special Exhibition*

Fri. - Sun., June 15 - 17

*From Longships to Spaceships: A Thousand Years of Exploration*

Homestead Days 2012 - “150 years of Pursuing the American Dream”

#### JULY

*Special Exhibition*

Sun., July 1, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 4, 7 p.m.

Sat., July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7 p.m.

*From Longships to Spaceships: A Thousand Years of Exploration*

Laws that Build America - Homestead, Morrill & Pacific Railway Acts

Campfire Program - 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Homestead Act

July Campfire Programs - America of the Homestead Act

**AUGUST**

*Special Exhibition*

Sat., August 4, 11, & 18, 7 p.m.

*From Longships to Spaceships: A Thousand Years of Exploration*  
**August Campfire Programs - America of the Homestead Act**

**SEPTEMBER**

*Special Exhibition*

Sat. – Mon., September 1 – 3

Sat. - Sun. September 1 - 2

*From Longships to Spaceships: A Thousand Years of Exploration*  
**Special Historical Demonstrations and Crafts**  
**Living Homesteader Reunion Weekend**

**OCTOBER**

*Special Exhibition*

Sat. - Sun., October 13 & 14

*Judy Thompson: Homestead Paintings Series*  
**Family History Weekend - Finding Your Homesteading Ancestors**

**NOVEMBER**

*Special Exhibition*

Sunday, November 11, 2 p.m.

*Judy Thompson: Homestead Paintings Series*  
**Honoring American Indian Heritage Month**

**DECEMBER**

*Special Exhibition*

*Judy Thompson: Homestead Paintings Series*