



“Preserving an American Icon”

The Country School Association of America

Annual Conference

June 17-20, 2012

Faith Baptist College, Ankeny, Iowa

Conference Call for Proposals

The one-room country school has become an American icon. Country schoolhouses represent treasured American values such as simplicity, quality, and self-reliance. Groups and individuals are working in various ways to preserve these structures, create programs in them, and produce photographic documentaries about them. Other efforts taking place across America and around the world are the formation of discussion groups, undertaking research, and creating reenactments.

Conference proposals relating to all the areas involving country school preservation are now being solicited by the CSAA. Proposals can take the form of traditional presentation, poster sessions, panel discussions, photographic presentations, artistic and antique displays, reenactments, as well as video and Internet presentations.

Ideas to support preservation efforts such as fund raising, grant writing, and website development are also encouraged. Presentations should last about 20-30 minutes to present. Topics may be combined to increase the number and variety of ideas that can be shared. Most forms of technology can be provided to support your presentation.

Proposals should be submitted by March 12, 2012 to William Sherman, CSAA Conference Coordinator at wsherman41@gmail.com or through the U.S. mail to:

Bill Sherman, 3928 Twana Drive, Des Moines, IA 50310.

Please use the following format when submitting your proposal:

Title
Presenter(s) names
Address/Location/Organization (Identification)
Proposed media needs
200-word abstract/summary

Contact: Bill & Faith Sherman (515) 278-2242 PHONE (515) 278-1083 FAX

Wish to Publish Your Presentation or Paper On-line?

Consider submitting your paper or presentation for publication in the newly established Country School Journal. The work of students and independent scholars is especially welcome. If you need help with style and documentation, ask for it from the journal editors. Submit by April 1, 2012 to be considered for the inaugural journal volume. Papers and presentations previously presented at a CSAA conference but unpublished are also welcome. Visit: www.countryschooljournal.com for details.