

“EXPLORE POST ROCK LIMESTONE” ALL-DAY EDUCATIONAL TOUR APRIL 21

A driving tour of Post Rock Country structures and culture is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st leaving from the Grassroots Art Center in Lucas, KS.

Post rock limestone is a unique layer of stone exposed near hill tops in north central Kansas. Early settlers used the stone layer for buildings and fence posts, hence the name “Post Rock Country” for the region where it occurs. The layer extends from the Nebraska border southwest-ward in Kansas into Hodgeman County.

The event, a driving tour of limestone quarry, structures of various kinds, will be April 21st, 8:45 to 4:45, with a rain date of May 5th.

Participants will meet in Lucas then take private vehicles to tour stops in the Lucas/Sylvan Grove area, west to Paradise and then south to Russell where members of the Russell County Historical Society will host several stops and where the tour ends.

Stops will showcase structures both abandoned and still in use, including houses, a barn, root cellar, jail, water tower, well and pump house, stone posts, farm buildings. Owners/experts will be at each stop to share stories and knowledge about the historic site, use and maintenance of Post rock limestone. The tour will also visit a quarry where the stone is extracted.

Lunch will be provided as well as water. This is a “dare to do dirt” event, traveling un-paved roads at times. Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for sun, wind and cold.

The cost of the tour is \$35 per person. For more information call 785-525-6118 or email grassroots@wtciweb.com. To reserve a place on the tour send checks by April 18th to:

Grassroots Art Center
213 S. Main St.
Lucas, KS 67648

Or use the art center web site www.grassrootsart.net and go to the “Donate” icon and simply state that you are reserving a place by sending the fee for on the Explore Post Rock County tour and for how many people.

Lodging is available in Lucas. Visit www.grassrootsart.net

The Grassroots Art Center has received partial grant funding from the Russell County Area Community Foundation and the Kansas Creative Arts Industry Commission for this “Limestone Heritage Renewal” program, to foster and maintain interest in the culture and architecture of this stone.