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THE INTERNATIONAL WIZARD OF OZ CLUB presents:

- **Hamilton Meserve**, son of Margaret Hamilton, speaking for the first time at an Oz Club event
- **Grant Hayter-Menzies** author of *Mrs. Ziegfeld: The Public and Private Lives of Billie Burke*
- **Paul Miles Schneider**, author of *Silver Shoes*, and childhood pen pal to Margaret Hamilton
- **Kurt Raymond** in character as the unforgettable Wicked Witch of the West

Join us at 5 p.m. Friday Oct. 2 at The Oz Museum in Wamego, Kansas, for our opening reception.

Our dinner and evening program follows on the ground level of Wamego's historic Columbian Theatre—as *The Wizard of Oz* is performed upstairs.



RECREATING OZ: AN ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY hosts a series of panel presentations on “Recreating Oz” through fiction, film, and comics Saturday Oct. 3, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Featured events:

- **Prof. Mark West**, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, speaks on “A Heroine’s Unmaking: The Diminishing Role of Dorothy in Four Tales of Oz”
- **A. Waller Hastings**, Visiting Professor at Rutgers University, joins Mark West in a conference recap
- **David Maxine** presents “Walt Spouse and the ‘Wonderland of Oz’”
- Presentations by twelve Oz experts on the theme “Outside Oz: The Other Works of L. Frank Baum,” an exhibit drawn from Hale Library’s 600-volume Oz and Baum Collection.

A dinner reception for convention registrants at the Beach Museum, showcasing “Recreating Oz in Comics,” an exhibition of original Oz art.

Evening presentation by **Eric Shanower** and **Skottie Young**, creators of the Marvel comic *Wizard of Oz*.

Access to all events included with full registration fee. For program details and panel times, see www.ksu.edu/english/programs/childlit/oz.



THE OZ MUSEUM offers activities for the whole family Oct. 2-4 with presentations and signings by:

- Munchkins from the MGM classic **Jerry Marren**, **Margaret Pellegrini** and **Karl Slover** meet fans
- **Robert and Clare Baum** appear in character as author Frank Baum and his wife Maud
- **Roger and Charlene Baum** signs his own Oz novels
- **John Fricke** Oz & Garland author/speaker/producer, past IWOC President, past *Baum Bugle* editor and more
- **Jonathan Shirshekan** co-author (with Fricke) of the lavish new 70th anniversary book *The Wizard of Oz: Illustrated Companion to the Timeless Movie Classic*
- **Steven Cox** author of *The Munchkins of Oz*, *Cooking in Oz*, and *Short and Sweet*
- **Michael Siewert** collector of Judy Garland original screen-worn costumes
- Oz collector **John Paul Cafiero**—his 24,000-piece collection is showcased in The Oz Museum

Shop for wine at the Oz Winery, down a Ruby Sipper at JavOzo’s coffee shop, and have lunch at Toto’s TacoZ—all Wamego shops built around Oz themes. Enjoy main stage Oz entertainment with IWOC musical guest Anthony Whitaker, costumed characters, vendors, an inflatable kids’ playground, and more.

One Oztoberfest ticket is included in each registration fee. See www.OzMuseum.com for more details.

The community production of *The Wizard of Oz* includes VIP introductions and interviews with the Munchkins, who make a cameo appearance on stage. John Fricke emcees. (Purchase tickets separately.)

Register for \$125

Fee includes weekend admission to Oztoberfest* and K-State's "Recreating Oz" conference; Friday/Saturday receptions/dinners and evening programs. Holiday Inn /shuttle service Wamego Friday evening and Sunday.

Holiday Inn Manhattan at the Campus: 785.539-7531. The Oz event reduced rate is \$123.48 including tax.

Friday Oct. 2: Oz Museum reception (511 Lincoln, Wamego, 1.866.458.TOTO) begins at 5 p.m.; dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Shuttle leaves the Holiday Inn for Wamego at 4:30 and 5:30.

K-State conference program is available at: www.k-state.edu/english/programs/childlit/oz/

Sunday shuttles between the Holiday Inn to Wamego are expected to run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tickets to *The Wizard of Oz* are available from the box office at www.ColumbianTheatre.com. Or call 1.800.899.1893. Sunday's 4 p.m. matinee will not interfere with other events, but could affect your travel plans. *Munchkin autographs are sold separately.

Flying in?

Kansas City International Airport (MCI) is 130 miles east of Manhattan. KCI Road Runner offers public ground transportation; cost is about \$105 round trip. See www.kciroadrunner.com or call 800.747.2524. Check our online forum at www.OzClub.org to find others looking to share rides. Manhattan also has a regional airport with limited service.

Shuttle service for the 16-mile trip between Manhattan and Wamego for Friday and Sunday programming is planned, so private cars aren't necessary.

If you do have a private car, potential Oz stops when driving in from KC include an exhibit at the United Federation of Doll Collector Clubs Museum near the airport; the Yellow Brick Road at Legends; Liberty Hall in Lawrence, Kans., where Baum performed in *The Maid of Arran*; and "All Aboard the Oz Express," in Topeka's Great Overland Station. Details will be included in your registration confirmation packets.

Registration questions? Contact Lynn Beltz at ferrywa@televar.com or 509-779-4670.



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The International Wizard of Oz Club National Convention

Oct. 2-4, 2009
Manhattan & Wamego, Kansas

For an Oz event like none before,
join your fellow Oz fans
in the land Dorothy called home.

IWOC 2009 National Convention in Kansas -- Registration Form

Please register _____ adults @ \$125** each and _____ children @ \$50 each.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Can you help? Contributions of more than your registration fee are tax deductible, sincerely appreciated and will help fund this or future IWOC National Conventions.

Donation: \$ _____

Registration(s): \$ _____

Make check payable to The International Wizard of Oz Club to:
Lynn Beltz, registrar, 18330 N Hwy 21, Curlew, WA 99118

Total enclosed: \$ _____

** Save \$15 now; register by August 15 for just \$110.