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**Nebraska City's Public Art Project to be featured at
Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN) Meeting
"Nebraska City's Public Art Project"
Morton James Public Library in the Kimmel Gallery
March 20, 2013**

The Nebraska City Area Economic Development Corporation (NCAEDC) will host the Quarterly Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN) Meeting on March 20, 2013. Community and business stakeholders are invited to attend the SERN Business meeting, lunch, and a Feature Presentation in Nebraska City that day. After lunch, the Feature Presentation will outline the details of Nebraska City's Public Art Project.

The goal of most public art projects is to create an open space where the general public can enjoy and be inspired by art. It is an inclusive and enriching experience for both the artists and communities involved. For the past few months, Nebraska City's public art project, An Enchanted Arboretum, has done something extraordinary within this realm. In addition to commissioning 21 life-sized stylized trees for regional artists to design, An Enchanted Arboretum has touched more than 1,000 local school children.

Liz Shea-McCoy with the Nebraska Arts Council and Rebecca Turner, Executive Director of the Nebraska City Tourism and Commerce will present details of the project. Participants will learn how every student in Nebraska City has worked on their own special part of An Enchanted Arboretum as well as the collaborative partnerships that have worked together to implement this successful community endeavor.

The SERN business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. An agenda is located online at: <http://sendd.org/sern-quadrants/>. SERN is a group of development resource and service providers interested in the betterment of Southeast Nebraska. Community and Business stakeholders are encouraged to attend the SERN business meeting to connect with resource and service providers in the region.

A catered lunch provided by Parkers Smokehouse will be served at 12:15 p.m. Lunch is available for \$11 per person at each attendees own cost (payment due at time of arrival). RSVP is required as seating is limited and lunches must be ordered in advance.

The Feature Presentation, "Nebraska City's Public Art Project" will take place at 1:15 p.m. The event follows the regular SERN business meeting and lunch. There is no cost to attend the presentation however a RSVP is required as seating is limited.

Please send RSVP to director@nebraskacityareaedc.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2013. RSVP to include attendance independently for each event: Business Meeting, Lunch, and/or Feature Presentation. Lunch cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to the event. No-Shows will be billed.

To learn more about SERN and how to attend SERN meetings or receive SERN notices, email Jen Olds, SERN Chair at jolds@sendd.org. SERN Meeting minutes and information are online at: <http://sendd.org/southeast-nebraska-resource-network/>. SERN includes the following Nebraska Counties and their communities: Butler, Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer, and York.