WORD ON THE STREETER

BESS STREETER ALDRICH FOUNDATION
Elmwood, Nebraska

SEPTEMBER 2026

Become a Volunteer at the Bess Streeter Aldrich House & Museum

The Bess Streeter Aldrich House & Museum is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help preserve the legacy of one of America's beloved authors and share her story with visitors from near and far. Your time makes her story come alive!

Volunteers can serve in a variety of roles, making it easy to find an opportunity that fits your interests and talents.

*Tour Guides
*Greeters (at Aldrich House and at the new Museum at the Learning Center)
*Garden Assistants
*Decorators
*Exhibit Contributors
*Exhibit Creators
*Archivists
*Event Assistants
*Board Members (two needed this winter for 2-year terms)

Tour volunteers can lead visitors through the beautifully preserved 1922 Aldrich home, sharing stories about Bess Streeter Aldrich, her family, her life, and the 24 years she lived in the home. Volunteers may also highlight unique artifacts, including Mrs. Aldrich's special writing desk with its pop-up typewriter mechanism.

For special events and pre-arranged bookings, volunteers may participate in specialized portrayals, sometimes dressing in period costume as Mrs. Aldrich herself. Volunteers can also provide local context by directing visitors to walking tours of Elmwood, pointing out historic landmarks, and sharing information about the Aldrich family gravesite at the local cemetery.

There are also opportunities to provide facility support. Volunteers can welcome guests, collect admission fees, and help visitors discover all that the house, gardens, and nearby museum have to offer. Gift shop volunteers can sell souvenirs, localized information, and books written by Bess Streeter Aldrich.

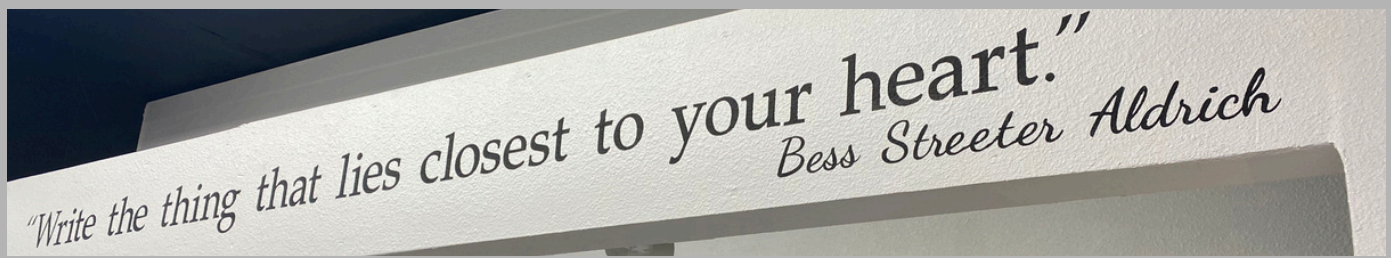
Volunteers can assist with accessibility, helping accommodate visitors in the first-floor, walker-accessible areas or operating video tours of the upper level for guests who are unable to climb stairs. Other volunteers may help maintain the grounds and exhibits through light upkeep, tidying the historic interior, and preparing spaces for seasonal changes and special community events.

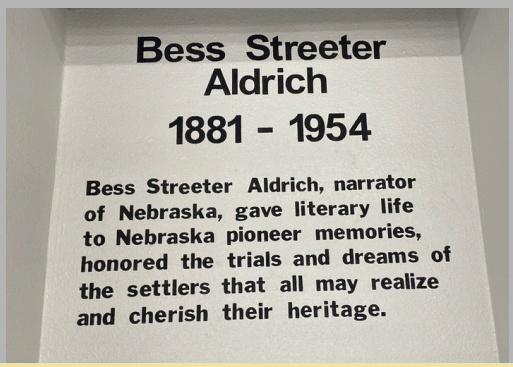
GUIDE Training
Training for new guides will take place on Friday, October 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Bess Streeter Aldrich House, 204 East F Street, Elmwood, Nebraska.

Whether you love history, enjoy meeting people, have a passion for Bess Streeter Aldrich, or simply want to give back to your community, there is a place for you on the volunteer team.Share your passion and make a lasting impact. Join our volunteer team today!

For more information or to sign up, contact the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation at aldrichfoundation@gmail.com or visit www.bessstreeteraldrich.org and see flyer for more details.

NEW Bess Streeter Aldrich display at the Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center is under construction.





VOLUNTEERS WANTED

FOR THE

BESS STREETER ALDRICH HOUSE & MUSEUM

Help preserve the legacy of America's beloved author and share her story with visitors from near and far.

Your time makes her story come alive!

TOUR GUIDE DUTIES:

- **Lead House Tours:** Walk guests through the preserved 1922 home, sharing details about Bess Streeter Aldrich's life, family, and the 24 years she lived there.
- **Highlight Key Artifacts:** Show visitors unique items like her special writing desk with its pop-up typewriter mechanism.
- **Offer Specialized Portrayals:** Some special events or pre-arranged bookings feature "character guides."
- **Provide Local Context:** Direct visitors on local walking tours of Elmwood, point out historic town landmarks, or share directions to the Aldrich family gravesite at the local cemetery.

FACILITY SUPPORT:

- **Welcome Guests:** Greet the public warmly, collect admission fees, and orient visitors to what the house, gardens, and nearby museum have to offer.
- **Operate the Gift Shop:** Sell souvenirs, localized information, and in-print books written by Bess Streeter Aldrich.
- **Assist with Accessibility:** Help accommodate visitors on the first-floor walker-accessible home spaces or operate video tours of the upper level for guests unable to climb stairs.
- **Maintain Grounds & Exhibits:** Assist with light upkeep, tidying the historic interior, or preparing spaces for seasonal changes and special community events.

GUIDE TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 16, 2026
9:00 A.M.

THE ALDRICH HOUSE
204 EAST F STREET,
ELMWOOD, NE 68349

SHARE YOUR PASSION AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.
JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM TODAY!
CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE OR TO SIGN UP.

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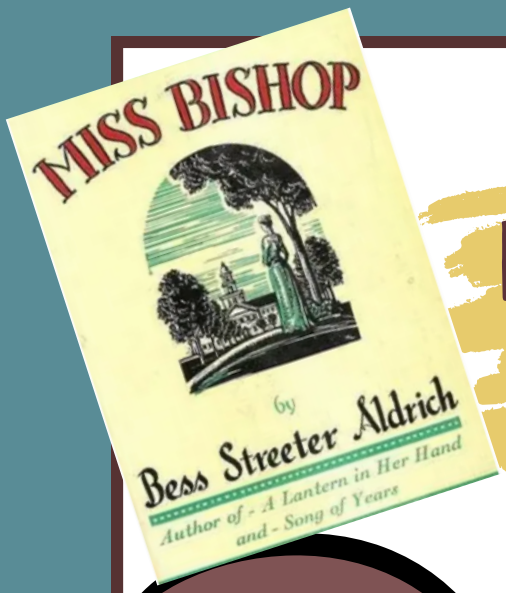

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BOOK COVER DESIGN COMPETITION

Open to amateur artists of all ages.

Picture the story. Design the cover. Start the adventure.

The Aldrich Foundation intends to reprint the book Miss Bishop and is seeking designs for the new dust jacket/cover.

EVENT RULES

- Open to all amatuer artists of all ages.
- Must follow the technology aspects when submitting. See website for details.
- Dust jacket/cover design(s) should be submitted by midnight April 15, 2027 by uploading your entry to the link on the bessstreeteraldrich.org site.

PRIZES

1st PLACE
$150
Winner may be utilized in the reprint of the book.

2nd PLACE
$100

3rd PLACE
$75

How to Enter?

Scan Me

Enter your artwork by uploading your entry to the link on the bessstreeteraldrich.org site.

For moreinformation Contact: aldrichfoundation@gmail.com

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MURAL PLAQUE ORDER FORM

Bess Streeter Aldrich Mural

Please complete this form and return to
Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation
Attention: **MURAL PLAQUES**
Box 167
Elmwood, NE 68349

PLAQUE INFORMATION: COST $250

Please complete this form.

Name

_____

Address

_____

City, State, Zip

_____

Phone

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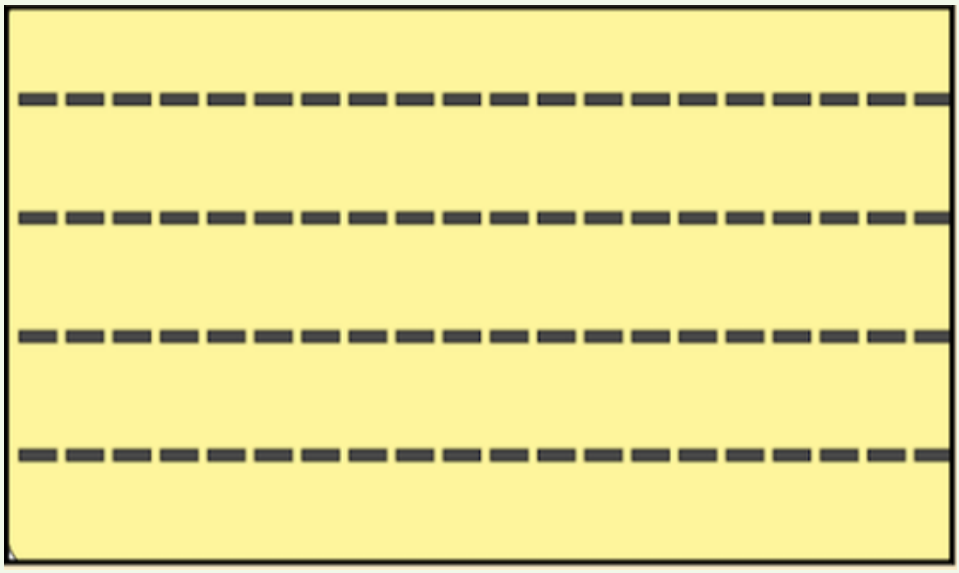
_____I would like to make a donation to help with the maintenance of the Mural Project.

_____Amount enclosed.

_____I would like to recognize the following individual(s) with a 4 x 6 plaque to be placed on the back of the mural. Engraving is limited to 4 lines with 20 characters. Please fill out the yellow form. Cost is $250

Make check to the Aldrich Foundation Mural Project. Thank you.



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Attention: MURAL PLAQUES
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Celebrating Elmwood's 140th Birthday

Elmwood's History Day

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Schedule of Events; Rain Site for Outdoor Events at The Quonset

10-1:00 pm	BreakfastatCommunityCenter,Reservations Required
	Call 402-994-2145 by September 9
11-2:00 pm	Taco Bar, The Quonset
Noon:	FlagRaising(newElmwoodFlagIntroduced/Winner)
	@G.A.R.Hall;Sponsor,CulturalArts&Learning Center
	OtherEntriesonDisplayatElmwoodDance Academy, 12-3 pm
Noon:	Learning Center Open until 6 p.m.
	G.A.R. Hall Open until 6 p.m.
	Cemetery Scavenger Hunt
	Community Scavenger Hunt Begins
1:00	DedicationofNewAldrichMuralfollowedby
	PortrayalofBessStreeterAldrich,Aldrich Gardens
	CelebratingtheFamilyQuiltShow,AldrichHouse, 1 to 6
	PatrioticQuiltShow,UnitedMethodistChurch, 1 to 6
	St. PaulUnitedMethodistChurchHistoryDisplay
1:00-4:00	Bits & Pieces,OldTheaterDisplay
2:00-2:30	LearningCenterDedication/ElmwoodHistory Program
	BirthdayCake,2-4pm,SponsoredbyE-MMerchants' Assn.
2:30-4:30	HistoricHayrackRideAroundElmwood,every half hour
3:00	Genealogy Workshop, Kami Voboril, Aldrich Museum, 124 W. D
4:30 5:00-	ElmwoodDanceAcademyPerformanceatTennis Court, Park
6:30 pm	Food EventatPark,Danny'sStreetEats
	Pie &IceCream@ChristianChurch
	MidwestJazzQuartet,SponsoredbyElmwood Library
	(Gazebo, Bess Streeter Aldrich Park)
	Yard Games&ParkScavengerHunt,sponsored by
	ConservationNebraska&ElmwoodCommunity Assn.
	Petting Zoo, Cass County Creative Cats
6:00pm	Community Scavenger Hunt Entries Due, Learning Center

**AnUpdated SchedulewillbeMaintainedatelmwoodculturalarts.org