

PRESS RELEASE – for immediate release

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From: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum
204 S Main St; Wichita, KS 67202

PRESENTATION: REA WOODMAN (THE WSU PLAZA OF HEROINES)

October 6, 2024 @ 2-5pm

Admission FREE

Open to the public

Join us on October 6, 2024 for a presentation on the life and times of Rea Woodman and a celebration of her addition into the Plaza of Heroines at Wichita State University.

The presentation will begin at 2pm at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum. Following the presentation, at 4pm, there will be a gathering at the Wichita State University's Plaza of Heroines for the dedication of Rea Woodman's addition.

The inscription in the Plaza was paid for with contributions received through, and by, members of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum and the efforts of Jim Mason.

About Rea Woodman:

Hannah Rea Woodman was born on 10 February 1870 in Jacksonville, Illinois to Mr. and Mrs. William Clayton (W.C.) Woodman. The family moved to Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas soon after, and at the age of three Rea Woodman was abducted by Arapaho Indians. She was returned to her parents, however, with the help of William "Buffalo Bill" Mathewson.

Rea attended Garfield (later Friends) University, finished her BA at Drake University, received her MA at the University of Kansas, and did graduate work at the University of Nebraska and the University of Minnesota. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and taught English and English Literature at many universities and schools, including where she studied; as well as writing.

In 1927, Woodman returned to Wichita and finished her life writing and teaching private classes. She died in Wichita at the age of 81 in 1951.

Rea Woodman's book "Wichitana" can be viewed and read online at

<https://archive.org/details/wichitana-rea-woodman>

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

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OUR VISION: To provide a world class museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.