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ST CHARLES, MO – Missouri Humanities (MH) is thrilled to announce that nominations are open for their Small Town Showcase initiative. Communities interested in nominating themselves to be one of the “Featured Five” communities should visit mohumanities.org/small-town-showcase, or contact Program Director Caitlin Yager at caitlin@mohumanities.org. Nominations will close on April 1. *Please note: to be eligible for participation, communities must be located within the state of Missouri and have a town population of 10,000 people or fewer.*

MH’s Small Town Showcase program strives to highlight the uniqueness of Missouri’s small towns and showcase the bigger picture of what small town America really is, and why it should not be overlooked, overshadowed, or underappreciated. Once all nominations are collected, MH will put out a call for votes, and the five communities with the most votes will be the Featured Five for the upcoming year.

Each community will work with MH on the following:

- A short video about their community
- An hour long podcast
- A feature in MH’s publications, such as their magazine and e-newsletter
- A highlight reel, featuring each community, to be shown during their annual gala.

Once completed, these will be featured on MH’s social media and website, and also given to the community for marketing and engagement purposes. This initiative requires no fiscal responsibility from the Featured Five communities.

“This initiative is one of the MH’s most exciting programs to date,” says Caitlin Yager, Program Director for the Small Town Showcase program, “I’m lucky to have the opportunity to explore Missouri’s small towns, and it’s truly inspiring to see how proud people are of their communities.” For the last several months, Missouri Humanities has been working with a handful of pilot communities. So far, MH has completed videos and podcasts with Marble Hill in Bollinger County and Chillicothe in Livingston County. **QUOTE FROM Marble Hill and Chillicothe.**

If you feel your community deserves to be showcased, collaborate with your community leaders and nominate your town!



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