**Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy and Research Association Announces LauraPalooza 2017: Little Houses, Mighty Legacy: Celebrating 150 Years of Laura Ingalls Wilder**

*Unique academic and fan conference will take place July 12-14 at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Missouri and feature bestselling editor of ‘Pioneer Girl’ Pamela Smith Hill*

**Mansfield, TX**—The Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy and Research Association (LIWLRA) today announced registration for LauraPalooza 2017: Little Houses, Mighty Legacy, the only academic and fan gathering celebrating the literary, historical, and cultural impact of Laura Ingalls Wilder and her Little House books. The conference, which will take place at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Missouri, will feature speeches from Wilder experts William Anderson and Pamela Smith Hill, and panels, activities, and presentations on a variety of topics related to Wilder and the Little House books.

The theme for 2017’s LauraPalooza conference is *Little Houses, Mighty Legacy: Celebrating 150 Years of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, capturing the 150th anniversary of Laura's birth - a sesquicentennial to celebrate. This conference celebrates the legacy of the "Little House" series written at Rocky Ridge Farm, the Mansfield residence of Laura and Almanzo Wilder. Another conference highlight includes an exclusive tour of the recently opened Laura Ingalls Wilder museum.

“We are excited to bring LauraPalooza 2017 to the Show Me state and it's going to be our best conference yet,” said Barb Mayes Boustead, vice president of the LIWLRA and co-chair of the event. Boustead notes that with its unique mix of academic and fan offerings, LauraPalooza is a truly singular event—a uniqueness embodied by its cheeky name and welcoming atmosphere.

More information about registration and details about the conference will continue to be posted at <http://laurapalooza.com>

**About the Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy & Research Association**

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy & Research Association (LIWLRA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the legacy of Laura Ingalls Wilder through research, events, awareness, and unwavering support for the museums and sites across the country that honor her, her family, and her series of Little House books. Visit the LIWLRA on [Facebook](http://facebook.com/liwlegacy) and [Twitter](http://twitter.com/liwlegacy) @LIWLegacy, or at <http://beyondlittlehouse.com>