



Little Houses, Mighty Legacy: Celebrating 150 Years of Laura Ingalls Wilder

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, MO 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, MO, will feature keynote speeches from Wilder experts William Anderson and John Miller, 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 her for Mary when she talked, the ones that Laura created on the printed page, and the way that Helen Sewell and Garth Williams brought them to life. It also reflects the conference's location in Brookings, Dakota, location and the university's relationship with South Dakota artist (and distant relative of Laura) Harvey Dunn.

"LauraPalooza 2017 is shaping up to be our best conference yet," said Barb Mayes Boustead, 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



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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](#) and [Twitter](#) @LIWLegacy, or at <http://beyondlittlehouse.com>