

COUNTRY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Call for Presentation Proposals!

2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

“Country Schools Re-visited:

Exploring Centuries of a Nation Built on Education”

JUNE 13-16, 2021- Online



Presentation proposals relating to all areas of country school preservation and history are now being solicited by the CSAA for the 2021 VIRTUAL Conference to be offered on-line from June 13-16, 2021. The benefit this year is a wider audience for your program!

- One-room country schools are considered historical educational icons and the CSAA exists to promote their preservation. Our remaining schoolhouses represent treasured American values: sound education, simplicity, national values, and self-reliance.
- Groups and individuals are working across the U.S. and Canada to save these structures, create or maintain programs in them, and produce photographic documentaries about them. Other efforts include working with preservation groups, undertaking historical research, and creating living history.
- The CSAA annual conference is your opportunity to share information relating to country schools past and present.
- **We invite you to submit traditional PowerPoint/Keynote and audio-visual presentations, original YouTube videos, photographic presentations, artistic and antique displays, photo galleries, video re-enactments, and related country school video productions.**
- We encourage presentations designed to support preservation efforts such as: historical research and schoolhouse history, living history, re-enactment, personal narrative, fund raising, grant writing, and website development. Possibilities are endless.

- **If you have served as a presenter in one of our past 20 annual conferences, you no doubt have a program you'd like to reprise for new attendees. We welcome your submissions past and present. Feel free to submit more than one.**
- Presentations should last from 10 to 45 minutes and center on any and all phases of country schooling as it was or still is. We encourage early proposals!
- **We are also seeking short videos highlighting your country school! This will be in lieu of our popular annual bus tour. (see information below)**

Presentation Proposals should be submitted by March 1, 2021 to:

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Please use the following format when submitting your proposal and send it as an email or a WORD document. PDF's cannot be reformatted. We look forward to your submission!

Title of Your Presentation:

Presenter(s) Names:

Address/City/Town/State/Zip

Your contact information: E-mail and Phone #

Formats: (Submission instructions will be emailed to you after March 15th)

- Limited scheduled Zoom opportunities will be available (to be arranged with presenter)
- Narrated Powerpoint/Keynote slide presentations (convert to MP4 or Youtube)
- MP4's
- YouTube videos

Up to a 200-word summary of your presentation:

Short biography of yourself:

**2021 Easy-Chair Tour of One-Room Schools!
10-Minute Videos**

Since we are unable to meet at the conference in person and take our annual coach tour of regional one-room schools, CSAA is seeking 10-minute video tours of your country schoolhouse to share with our virtual conference attendees. Videos are easy to produce and who better to tell the story of your schoolhouse than you?

Turn on your cell phone or your point and shoot camera and tell us about your schoolhouse inside and out. Include things like:

- the name and general location of your school
- who curates and volunteers in the school
- date it was built
- preservation work done
- programming in your school
- how the school is used today
- etc.

Adding Narration to your Powerpoint Program?

Need a lesson on how to add a voiceover to your existing Powerpoint presentation? Here are some helpful YouTube instructional videos!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dxhxvg_zUQ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=selYsj94RQg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoKlrsNpK7s>

Convert Your Powerpoint to a YouTube Video?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=561Xns12Npo>

There are many more to choose from where you access these.

