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Authors on-hand at Second Annual Books in the Bottoms Event

First Festival Weekend February 3-5

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, January 26, 2017 – Benjamin Franklin’s truism, “Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing” has a special meaning for First Festival Weekend, February 3-5. Not only will the event host sixteen local authors at the Second Annual Books in the Bottoms coinciding with First Festival Weekend, but it will draw on those looking for extraordinary experiences worth writing about and sharing socially.

Participating authors will represent a range of fiction genre from science fiction, fantasy and the supernatural, to children’s books, thrillers, and history-based fiction. Fiction authors include David Pederson, Duane Porter, Jennifer Frontera, Claire Ashgrove, Ted Nowak, Kevin Dilmore, Dayton Ward, Aaron Hollingsworth, Dennis Young, Robin Wayne Bailey, and Anita Young.

Books in the Bottoms will also have five non-fiction authors, including Kansas City crime writer Phil LeVota, poet and prose writer Carol Estes, beer recipe author Pete Dulin, military analyst author James Young and Kansas City historian Pat O’Neill.

The free, three-day West Bottoms First Festival Weekend averages around 20,000 people looking for vintage, antique and one-of-a-kind statement pieces for their wardrobe and décor and enjoying the many cafés, drinks and food truck options. The area’s six-blocks of multistory buildings makes it the largest indoor, year-round antique and vintage district in the country.

“The creativity in Kansas City is over-flowing, so it is no surprise we are able to gather so many talented authors,” said Amber Arnett-Bequeaith, VP of the West Bottoms Business District. “People are looking for unique experiences that are worth writing about and sharing with others. The West Bottoms’ First Festival offers a fun place to shop and the rare chance to actually meet and interact with authors.”

☑ **[West Bottom’s First Festival Weekend](#)**

Opens Friday through Sunday - Shops Open around 9 A.M.

☑ **Food Truck Wine & Dine**

Available Friday, Saturday and Sunday, off the 12th St. Bridge

About the West Bottoms Historic Entertainment District:

The West Bottoms Historic Entertainment District has more than thirty-five stores in a six block area. Many of the large, multi-story buildings off the 12th Street Bridge offer several floors of vintage and antique finds. The District is the destination for interior decorators and designers, collectors and consumers seeking stylish décor and gift options that have a history and patina that cannot be duplicated. westbottoms.com

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BOOKS IN THE BOTTOMS SCHEDULE IN THE WEST BOTTOMS BUSINESS DISTRICT INCLUDES:

BUSINESS	ADDRESS	FRIDAY AM	FRIDAY PM	SATURDAY AM	SATURDAY PM
Bella Petina	1324 W. 12th St		David Pedersen	Duane Porter	
Bottoms Up Antiques	1300 W. 13th St	Jennifer Frontera / Kristin Helling		Phil LaVota	Claire Ashgrove
Garmet Factory Homegrown Boutique	1300 W. 13th St		Pete Dulin	David Pedersen	
Good JuJu	1420 W. 13th Terr			Kevin Dilmore / Dayton Ward	Pat O'Neill
Le Fou Flea	1300 W. 12th St			Aaron Hollingsworth	
Nook & Cranny	1400 W. 13th St	Claire Ashgrove (10:00 am)			
The Painted Sofa	1101 Mulberry St		Dennis Young		Aaron Hollingsworth
The Pink Daisy	1413 W. 11th St	David Pedersen			Duane Porter
The Red Shed	1405 W. 12th St	Dennis Young			Carol Estes
Rustic Vintage Rose	1405 W. 13th St		Ted Nowak	Anita & James Young	
Serendipity	1401 W. 13th	Ted Nowak		Robin Wayne Bailey	Phil LaVota
Upholstered Elegance	1308 W. 11th St		Carol Estes	Dennis Young	
Varnish & Vine	1409 W. 11th St	Pete Dulin		Ted Nowak	

