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## **Former Grand Islander to co-chair Governor's Lecture**

Former Grand Island resident Diane Brownell will co-chair the planning committee for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities Oct. 14 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln. Lana Flagtvet of Lincoln and Marilyn Hadley of Kearney join Brownell in chairing the planning committee.

The 2010 lecturer is Christine Todd Whitman, who will speak on "Staying Ahead While Going Green." Presented by the Nebraska Humanities Council and Foundation, the Thompson Forum on World Issues, the University of Nebraska and Union Pacific, the evening lecture is free and open to the public.

Brownell, Flagtvet and Hadley are members of the board of directors of the Nebraska Foundation for the Humanities.

Christine Todd Whitman was administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from 2001 to 2003 and the first female governor of New Jersey from 1994 to 2001. As governor, Whitman earned bi-partisan praise for her commitment to preserve land as permanent green space. She also was recognized for instituting the nation's most comprehensive beach monitoring system.

As EPA head, she promoted common-sense environmental improvements such as watershed-based water protection policies and redevelopment and reuse of "brownfields," previously contaminated industrial sites. Whitman is president of the Whitman Strategy Group, a consulting firm specializing in energy and environmental issues.

A pre-lecture fundraising reception and dinner to benefit the Nebraska Humanities Council begins at 5:30 p.m. For details, contact Julie at the Nebraska Humanities Council at (402) 474-2131 ext. 110 or [julie@nebraskahumanities.org](mailto:julie@nebraskahumanities.org).

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