

Terese Svoboda, absent Perkins County landowner, was recently awarded a Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship. She has made New York City her home for the past 40 years, but frequently returns to look at her wheat and check on her father, Frank Svoboda.

In its 89th annual competition the foundation has awarded fellowships to a diverse group of 175 scholars, artists and scientists. Appointed on the basis of prior achievement and exceptional promise, the candidates were chosen from a group of almost 3,000 applicants.

Svoboda is the author of five novels, the most recent being "Bohemian Girl," named one of the best 2012 westerns by Booklist and an Historic Book of the Year finalist in Foreword.

Other novels she has penned include her memoir, "Black Glasses Like Clark Kent," and "Cannibal," both of which also received accolades.

She has also written an opera, "WET," that premiered at Disney Hall in Los Angeles in 2005, as well as many short stories and poems.

She has held academic positions at Williams, Columbia School of the Arts, William and Mary, San Francisco State, Bennington, Sarah Lawrence, New School, the Universities of Tampa, Miami and Hawaii, St. Petersburg and Nairobi.