

The Happenings

of the St. Joseph Museums

January 2012



Above: The Mary Todd Lincoln doll was part of the Orrel Andrews doll collection.

Society of Memories Dolls will Stay in St. Joseph!

In 1927, Orrel Andrews and her Junior College Natural Science Club founded the St. Joseph Museum. She continued her involvement in the museum and was serving on the board at the time of her death in 1964. One of her wishes was that her doll collection of more than 2,000 dolls would pass to the St. Joseph Museum and remain in St. Joseph. However, due to complications in the administration of her estate, the dolls were put up for auction. The Society of Memories Doll Club was able to raise funds to purchase five dolls at that sale. They used the five dolls as a basis for the start of the Society of Memories Doll Museum in 1968. I can't say enough about the skills of those who operated the Doll Museum over the last 43 years. The displays were wonderful and the love of their work was obvious. Unfortunately, the members had reached a point where they were no longer able to staff and operate the museum. Like Miss Andrews, they wished for their collection of over 1,000 dolls and toys to remain in St. Joseph as part of the St. Joseph Museum. Last fall, they approached the St. Joseph Museum about taking the dolls into its collection and on November 17, the board

agreed to the transfer. Some of the dolls will go on display at the St. Joseph Museum and others will have to be stored until larger facilities can be obtained. The St. Joseph Museum is honored and pleased to be able to secure this part of St. Joseph's history.

Jackie Lewin, Executive Director



Volunteers under the direction of Curator of Collections Sarah Elder photograph, record, and carefully wrap the dolls for removal to the St. Joseph Museum. Left: Nancy Hampton, Carole McClellan, and Theresa Smothers give of their time to help complete the process of moving the collection.

Right: Handmade dolls by Mrs. John Duncan, the daughter of Frederick Smith. Frederick Smith designed the plat for the 1843 City of St. Joseph. He and his family were part of the settlement of St. Joseph and contemporaries of Joseph Robidoux.



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Attention Museum Members, Make Plans to Attend!
Annual Meeting of the Membership
Thursday, January 19, at 5:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue

Donations to Collections

Katherine Kowitz Estate - Photograph of the 1949 Centennial Class of the Royal Arch Masons; books from 1900 and 1986 about the Moila Shrine Temple; The Savanarolla, 1927 Savannah High School Yearbook; a scrapbook from the Elizabeth Prescott Club-1987-1988, and two First Day of Issue covers from the 80th Anniversary of the Pony Express in 1940; glass bottle from C.D. Smith Drug Company

Gene Mead - 15 stone axe heads collected by his father in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas.

Diane Knisley - Collection of photographs and documents regarding the Farmer's Equipment Company in St. Joseph and Allis-Chalmers farm equipment.

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January 13 - The American Girl® Doll Club – The club meets at the St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. , \$8 per child or \$6 for museum members

February 4 - Super Science Saturday 2012, MWSU, 4525 Downs Drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Science educators from Missouri Western State University and local high schools present interactive science experiments for children of all ages. Admission: \$5 Adults, \$3 Students

February 10 - The American Girl® Doll Club – The club meets at the St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., \$8 per child or \$6 for museum members

February 25 - Badge Workshop for Girl Scouts - St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue

March 9 - The American Girl® Doll Club – The club meets at the St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. , \$8 per child or \$6 for museum members

March 30 - Opening Reception for "The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic" Traveling Exhibit - Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 5 - 7 p.m., Members and Invited Guests

March 31 - May 9 - "The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic" Traveling Exhibit - Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue - See page 2 for details.

April 5 - Civil War Sites Daytrip - Leaving from the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, at 8:30 a.m. & returning at 5 p.m. - Experienced Civil War step-on guide Ross Marshall will take participants on an exploration of area sites that were touched by the Civil War. Trip includes a tour of the Anderson House and the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site in Lexington, Missouri. The day will also feature lunch at the Victorian Peddler Tea Room. The all-inclusive cost for the trip is \$60 for museum members and \$66 for non-members. Reservations are required and must be made by March 5. Please call 816.232.8471 to make your reservation.

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May 2 - Trip to the 77th Annual Tulip Time Festival - See page 2 for details.