

The Happenings

St. Joseph Museums October-November-December 2009

Treasures, Trash, & Tunes Draws a Crowd



Above: Nancy Hampton & Joe Studer pack up a sale for a Treasures, Trash, & Tunes shopper.

The first Treasures, Trash, & Tunes, held on Saturday, September 26, was a huge success. Approximately 1,000 people visited the museum (many for the first time) and enjoyed the outdoor flea market, delicious food, and delightful music provided by the Missouri Western State University music department. The event was part of *Smithsonian Magazine* Museum Day which recognizes the important role played by Museums across the country. Participating museums throughout the United States offered free admission in celebration of the day.



Left: Board of Trustees Member Lisa Rock rearranges the merchandise to encourage more sales.



Right: Museum volunteer Margaret Elder promotes museum membership in the membership booth.

Young Students Gain Knowledge While Having Fun during Butterfly Science Camp



Director of Education Amy Grier guides students through one of their indoor experiments.

Seventeen students participated in the Butterfly Science Camp, which included indoor and outdoor field study. The class met for two hours each morning from August 10 through August 13. This year the camp finale featured a program by Missouri Department of Conservation Department Educator Rebecca Andersen and a presentation by the students on their science experiment findings.

Upcoming Trips Include the Pella, Iowa, Tulip Time Festival & a Twelve-Day Tour of Egypt!



Pella, Iowa, will make you feel like you stepped into the Netherlands with their historic Dutch architecture, beautiful canal plaza, charming tulip gardens, 1850s windmill, and traditional Dutch fare and clothing. We will begin our

two-day exploration of Pella on May 5, with lunch at the Tulip Tea Room. A step-on guide will escort us to the Vermeer Mill, which is the largest working windmill in the United States. Constructed by skilled Dutch craftsmen using parts that were built in Holland, the mill grinds wheat into flour for the baked goods that Pella is famous for. The trip includes the 23-room Scholte House built by Pella's founder who had promised his wife that he would build her a home as elegant as the Dutch home they had left. Dinner that evening will be a traditional Dutch buffet at the Royal Amsterdam Hotel. The next day is reserved for enjoying the colorful 75th Annual Tulip Time Festival with street performances, a parade, the flower show, quilt show, craft show, and antique show. The day is filled with options because Pella has an abundance of delightful boutiques, antique stores, and bakeries. The motorcoach will leave from the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., at 7:30 a.m. on May 5 and return to the museum at 8:30 p.m. on May 6. The cost of the trip will be \$210 for museum members and \$230 for non-members. All admission fees, hotel accommodations, motorcoach transportation, step-on guide service, three meals, snacks, and tips are included. **Paid reservations must be made by February 1.**

Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs, Oct. 13 - 24, 2010

Make the journey of a lifetime as the St. Joseph Museum and Missouri Western State University join together to offer a 12-day trip to Egypt in 2010. With Dr. Jimmy Albright as our host, we will visit such sites as the pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, and the world famous Cairo Museum with the treasures from the tomb of King Tutankhamen. We will travel to Alexandria, Cairo, Luxor, and the Valley of the Kings. The itinerary includes the temple of Ramses II at Abu-Simbel as well as the Temple of Horus and Kom Ombo. The cost of the trip is \$3,479 for museum members and \$3,579 for non-members. Trip price includes round trip coach airfare, a cruise on the River Nile to Aswan, five star hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, deluxe motor coach transportation, and sightseeing with a professional Egyptologist. **Please contact the museum at 816-232-8471 to receive a brochure on this wonderful opportunity to explore the wonders of the ancient world.**

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Doratheia Polsky Speaks at the Unveiling of the New American Girl® Doll

A welcome party for Rebecca, the newest addition to the American Girl® Doll collection was held on July 1. Introduced in 1986, this series of dolls and their historically accurate clothing, accessories, and stories give an engaging glimpse into America's past. Seventy guests attended the unveiling of Rebecca Rubin whose story begins in 1914 as her family struggles to raise money to bring other family members to New York City from Russia. St. Joseph Museums Curator of Collections Sarah Elder gave a brief history of Russian immigration to the United States and St. Joseph resident, Doratheia Polsky, shared her memories of the times in her family that resemble Rebecca's story during the event.



Elaine Zidell, Doratheia Polsky, and Rachel Tanzer unveil American Girl® doll Rebecca Rubin and her accessories along with some family memorabilia related to the time period of Rebecca's story.



The lawn of the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion becomes a land of enchantment and activity during Knights at the Castle.

Museums Host Brunch for Retired Teachers

The St. Joseph Museum hosted a brunch for fifteen retired teachers from the St. Joseph School District on August 19. The topic of discussion was volunteer opportunities at the museum for the newly retired educators in the areas of guiding tour groups, data entry, and education.

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American Girl Doll® Club Members Enjoy a Play Date

On Saturday, July 2, fifty members of the St. Joseph Museum American Girl® Doll Club came together for an afternoon play date. The members enjoyed doll related activities and, of course, dressing and playing with the various American Girl® dolls.



Members of the St. Joseph American Girl® Doll Club make nesting dolls during their play date.



Don't forget the two Museum gift shops when choosing Christmas gifts. Find that truly unique item.

New and Renewed Members and Donations

June 24 through October 5, 2009

Renewals

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WISH LIST!

Volunteer with finish carpentry skills to help with exhibit.

\$3,000 to complete funding for digital sign at the
Frederick Avenue Museums

Leaf Blower

Under the cabinet microwave

Fujitsu Scan Snap 500 scanner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 29 & 30 - "Voices from the Past" Interpretive Tours of Mount Mora Cemetery - Experience the unique architecture in Mount Mora Cemetery and hear intriguing stories from St. Joseph's past as you "meet" some of the city's most fascinating former residents. Tours will begin at 6 and 7 p.m. at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, with the first character of the evening, Dr. George C. Catlett, who was a Confederate surgeon and the first superintendent of the "State Lunatic Asylum No. 2." After "meeting" Dr. Catlett and enjoying refreshments, participants will board the bus for Mount Mora. **The cost of the tour is \$13 for museum and Mount Mora Association members and \$15 for non-members. Space is limited. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816.232.8471 to purchase your tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue.**

October 29 & 30 - "Spooky Safari" for Children - St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 6 - 8 p.m. (During "Voices...") Features stories, refreshments, and activities for children. **Admission: \$5 per child. Reservations Required.**

November 17 - St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, "Chamber After Hours" Business Mixer, Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles, 5 - 7 p.m. - For Chamber Members Only.

November 19 - Ranchers & Farmers, Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles, 6 - 7:30 p.m. The program is one of the **Knights at the Castle** series of programs featuring hands-on exploration and crafts for children ages 5 to 10 years and their adult relatives on the third Thursday of the month. Future programs include Billy Yank & Johnny Reb, Builders and Movers, and the Pony Express & the Telegraph. **Admission is \$7 per child for each program. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.**

December 3 - Holiday Lighting of the Mansion, 11th & Charles, 6 to 8 p.m. The annual lighting ceremony will be held with live music performed by area choirs, carriage rides, and refreshments. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand along with a children's craft area in the midst of the beautiful holiday decorations inside the Mansion. **Admission is Free.**

December 5 - "Nature's Noel," a Winter Craft Workshop for Families, Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles, 1 to 4 p.m. Features a variety of natural history craft projects related to wildlife preservation for children and adults. **Admission: \$3 adults & \$1.50 students**

December 15 - "Spirit of Christmas Past" Heritage Homes Tour/Plaza Lights Trip, 11:30 a.m. - The trip includes tours of the Vaile Mansion, the Marshal's Home, the National Frontier Trails Museum, and a tour with dinner at the Bingham-Waggoner Estate followed by a driving tour of the holiday lights in downtown Kansas City. **The cost is \$70 for museum members & \$90 for non-members, which includes transportation, dinner, tip, and all admission fees.**

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