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New St. Joseph Museum Director Begins... Grand Re-Opening of the Glore Psychiatric Museum Planned for Fall with "Within These Walls" Exhibit, Exhibit Updates, & the Tunnel!



This portion of the original tunnel system is now inaccessible, but it once connected the Administration building of the St. Joseph State Hospital to other buildings on the grounds.

The Board of Trustees announced the selection of Sara Wilson as the new executive director of the St. Joseph Museums this spring. As the Museums interpretive planner, she redesigned many of the exhibits at the Glore Psychiatric Museum. As director, she is now making plans for a grand re-opening of the Glore, which will feature the new introductory video and exhibit "Within These Walls." This exhibit and video project

which chronicles the development of the Missouri State Hospitals is made possible through a grant from the Missouri Humanities Council. During the opening, guests will be able to view the revamped

and expanded exhibits and a section of one of the hospital tunnels that was created in the 1930s. This tunnel was part of a system of tunnels that connected many of the main St. Joseph State Hospital buildings. The tunnels made it easier to move large quantities of food and supplies, as well as patients. Invitations will be sent, but please note the date of September 13 on your calendar and plan to join us from 6 to 8 p.m. for the unveiling of "Within These Walls."

Adjunct Staff Member Receives Recognition

Jim D. Feagins, archaeologist and adjunct staff member of the St. Joseph Museum, recently received the Hamilton Distinguished Service Award from the Missouri Archaeological Society (MAS). Among his accomplishments in archaeology, he identified one of the prehistoric cultures (A.D. 1400s), found in western Missouri and southeastern Kansas. According to his findings, this culture was in the area before the Osage and was the prehistoric ancestors of the Wichita tribe. Associated with the Museum since 1990, Feagins is an invaluable resource for archaeological information and research. "Concerning my work for the museum, I am possibly most pleased that I could help facilitate the donation of the tremendous J. Mett Shippee collection to the museum. This is a wonderful, well documented prehistoric collection from northwestern Missouri--a significant portion of which is on permanent display, said Feagins."



Jim Feagins is presented the Missouri Archaeology Society Hamilton Distinguished Service Award by MAS President Gail Lundeen.



Student Volunteers Make Things Happen!

St. Joseph Museum executive director Sara Wilson (top left) thanked the Central High School seniors who volunteered their time in May. The students prepared two upstairs rooms for renovation. Then they helped get the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion grounds in tip-top shape for tourist season. We thank them for choosing the Mansion as their Senior Service Project!



American Girl® Doll Club Members Enjoy Tea Time!

On May 4, members of the St. Joseph Museum American Girl® Doll Club and their guests enjoyed tea time. The event was held at the Gothic Tea Room for the 35 participants. Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, & a few dolls joined Club members for tea. Members of the St. Joseph Museums programming committee also attended. The members of the committee prepare the snack, history program, and activities for the Club, which meets on the second Sunday afternoon of the month during the school year. The tea, which featured such treats as hot fudge pudding cake, was the last meeting of the school year. The St. Joseph Museum American Girl® Doll Club will resume meeting at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., on September 14. Membership in the St. Joseph Museums American Girl® Doll Club is open to children who are interested in dolls and history. Owning an American Girl® doll is not required. The St. Joseph Museum American Girl® dolls are available for use during meetings. Meetings include a "make & take" craft session, a program related to a particular historical era, snack time, and play time. The cost is \$6 for Museum Members and \$8 for non-members. Reservations are required.



Tulip Time Festival Visit Inspires Trip Participants!



The sky was gray at times, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the 44 participants who joined the spring trip to Pella, Iowa. Guests enjoyed touring the Tassel Ridge Winery and sampling and purchasing various wines on the first day. The rest of the trip was an exploration of Dutch culture from architecture to clothing, dancing, and dining. Guests also did some shopping during the Tulip Time Festival. When the time came to load the motorcoach to return home, lace curtains, baked goods, and all kinds of other items from the antique stores, specialty shops, and craft booths appeared in bags of all sizes. Some good-natured teasing ensued as trip participants began to compare their "finds" and talk about their discoveries!

Inspired by Pella residents and the children in the parade, Dean Hurlbut and Terrance Nickle boarded the motorcoach in Dutch boy caps of their own.

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3406 Frederick Avenue
St. Joseph, Missouri 64506
Mon-Sat 10-5 p.m.
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1100 Charles Street
St. Joseph, Missouri
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June 13 - Juneteenth Youth Event/Awards – Black Archives Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 6 to 8 p.m.

The Juneteenth essay awards winners will share their essays and receive scholarships. The public is cordially invited to attend and refreshments will be served. **Admission is Free**

June 27 - "Rush for the Gold" Patron's Party - Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles St., 6 p.m. - Join us for a western style dinner featuring the Gashouse Gang's barbecue, cocktails, music, and a silent auction of wine. \$75 per person & reservations are required. Proceeds go towards St. Joseph Museums programming for area children including the archaeology day camp. (Camp details are below)

July 28 – 31 - "Walk like an Egyptian" Archaeology Camp for Children ~ Includes July 31 Trip to "The Discovery of King Tut" Exhibit at Union Station – St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave. - Children entering 4th, 5th, or 6th grades will learn proper dig protocol & more from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The last day of camp, Thursday, July 31, will feature a field trip to Union Station in Kansas City to see "The Discovery of King Tut: His Tomb – His Treasures" exhibition & visit Science City. The field trip will begin at the St. Joseph Museum at 8:15 a.m. and end at the St. Joseph Museum at 4:30 p.m. Trip participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816-232-8471 for more information or to make a reservation for the camp. The fee is \$95 per student, which includes all supplies, snacks & the trip. Adults are welcome to join the daytrip. The fee for adults is \$38, which covers exhibit tickets, drinks, and transportation.

September 13 - Grand Re-Opening of the Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. (See page 1 for more details)

September 14 - The American Girl® Doll Club Meets at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost of each session is \$8 per child or \$6 for museum members, which includes the program, craft session, & snack. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Sarah Elder at 816.232.8471, ext. 19 or by e-mail at sarah@stjosephmuseum.org.

September 27 - Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day, All St. Joseph Museums sites will participate in the annual Museum Day, created by Smithsonian Magazine. Museum Day is a day when museums & cultural institutions nationwide open their doors free of charge. A celebration of culture, learning, and the dissemination of knowledge, the event reflects the spirit of the magazine, & emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties. **Admission will be free at the St. Joseph Museums Frederick Ave. site from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. with guided tours on the hour. Featuring an expanded exhibit on St. Joseph based businesses, the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles St., will be free of charge to visit from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.**