

The Happenings

of the St. Joseph Museums

May 2011



Above: Dr. Phil Acuff talks Civil War era medical practices with Dr. Bill Gummatt in the field hospital section of the exhibit.

"Civil War Medicine" Exhibit Opens!

Over 125 guests attended the opening of the new "Civil War Medicine" exhibit. Local doctors were on hand to talk with visitors about common medical practices on and off the battlefield. St. Joseph Civil War reenactors came in their uniforms and many of the guests also came in Civil War apparel. The evening featured hardtack and Johnny Cakes in addition to more traditional hors d'oeuvres. Live music was provided by Dr. Robert Corder who performed Civil War era songs on his fiddle. "Civil War Medicine" was made possible through funding from Heartland Health of St. Joseph, Missouri, and by a grant from the Missouri Humanities Council.

Right: Karen Corder and Dr. Robert Corder attended the opening in Civil War era clothing.



Below: Dr. Gavin Waters of MWSU gave some tips and encouragement to students as they navigated the math maze.



Left: Adults and children alike enjoyed trying their hand at the sticky process of combining the elements that make glue.

Area Students Explore Science and Math during Super Science Saturday

Nearly 800 area students joined in a day of exploring math and science at Super Science Saturday on February 5. This annual event is co-sponsored by the St. Joseph Museum and MWSU. Local high school science teachers, MWSU professors, and student volunteers worked together to create fun, educational experiments. This year, activities included the math maze and experiments in biology, chemistry, and physics as well as psychology. The hands-on experiments are geared towards students in the 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades. However, adults love getting in on the action and taking pictures of their child or grandchild as they experience how much fun science can be.



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Marshall White - Records from the St. Joseph Light and Power Company.

Kathy Reno - 1895 map of St. Joseph.

Mark Your Calendar!

May 12 - "Civil War Medicine: Amputations and What We Learned" Program by Dr. William Gondring, St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue - 6 p.m. - Dr. Gondring will speak about the most common surgery performed on injured Civil War soldiers, the amputation of a limb. He will provide information on the weaponry of the Civil War, why amputations were so frequently performed, and the improvements in anesthesia, prosthetics, and care of the wounded on the battlefield. **Admission: Free**

May 13 - The American Girl Doll® Club – The club meets at the St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

May 20 – Sept. 5 - Midwest Mental Health Art Invitational, 2011 – Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave. - Features over fifty pieces of for sale art on canvas or paper by mental health patient/client artists from Missouri and Nebraska. **Regular Admission**

May 26 - Third Annual Mah Jongg at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion – 11th & Charles, Noon to 3:30 p.m. - The museum will host the afternoon which will include an oriental salad luncheon, party favors, and Mah Jongg. **Reserve a table for your group by calling the St. Joseph Museums at 816-232-8471. Admission: \$20 per person, \$80 per table**

June 2 - Annual Volunteer Luncheon – St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Ave., 12:00 p.m. - The St. Joseph Museums will recognize Museum volunteers with a luncheon in their honor. By Invitation.

June 4 - Voices from the Civil War Era - Mount Mora Cemetery, 824 Mount Mora Road, Between 1 & 4 p.m. - Advance tickets available at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue. Advance Tickets: \$5 for Adults and \$2 for Students On-Site Tickets: \$7 Adults, \$4 Students

June 11 & 12 - Missouri State Penitentiary and Warm Springs Ranch Tours. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816-232-8471 for more details or visit our Website at www.stjosephmuseum.org.

June 24 - Rush for the Gold Patron's Party, 5391 SE Riverside Terrace, St. Joseph, Missouri, 64507 - 6 p.m., \$75 per person - Paid reservations required. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816-232-8471 to make a reservation.

June 27 – 30 - "Let's Go St. Joe" Children's Camp - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - This St. Joseph history camp will be held for students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Please see page 2 and call the St. Joseph Museum at 816-232-8471 for more information. **The fee for the camp is \$40 per student and paid reservations are required.**

July 19 - "Analysis of a Silent Voice" - Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 6 p.m. - Dr. Sheryl Samuelson of Millikin University will share the findings of a systematic study of the patient embroidery exhibit at the Glore Psychiatric Museum. The program will include ideas on new ways to engage patients who may prefer to communicate in nontraditional ways. **Admission: Free**

July 21 - Open House and Ice Cream Social for Museum Members and Volunteers-St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue - 5 – 7 p.m.

July 26 - "Women of the Civil War Era: Their Fashions and Lives" – St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Nicole Johnston-Blatz, Collections Manager of the MU Dept. of Textiles and Apparel Management, will be the featured speaker for this unique presentation. She will show the type of dresses and other garments that were popular with women, and explain how women's lives had an impact on what they wore. Dessert will be served. Pre-paid reservations are required. Please call the St. Joseph Museums at 816-232-8471 to make a reservation. **Admission: \$12 for museum members and \$15 for non-members**

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