

The Happenings

St. Joseph Museums, Inc. July, August, September 2008

Members Night

Museum members enjoyed a relaxing evening of ice cream sodas and strolling through the flowers during the July "Members Only" party to unveil the new butterfly garden. The water garden pond that was restored last year is thriving and the new butterfly garden as well as other landscaping has transformed the gazebo and bridge area into a beautiful retreat and outdoor classroom. These projects were made possible through grants from the Missouri Conservation Department and the Schultz Family Foundation. We extend our deepest thanks to them both for their assistance.



Left: Board Member Lisa Rock welcomes Museum Members Beth Berry, Leila Hicks, and Cecilia & Bill Brunner.

Right: Director of Education, Amy Grier, identifies new plants for guests during Members Night.



Fun in Springfield, Illinois

In August, forty-five participants joined in a two-day museum trip to Springfield, Illinois, to tour the amazing Abraham Lincoln Museum, the Lincoln home, and the Lincoln tomb.



Above: The whole group stops to pose for a photograph with the "Lincoln Family" in the White House area inside the Abraham Lincoln Museum.

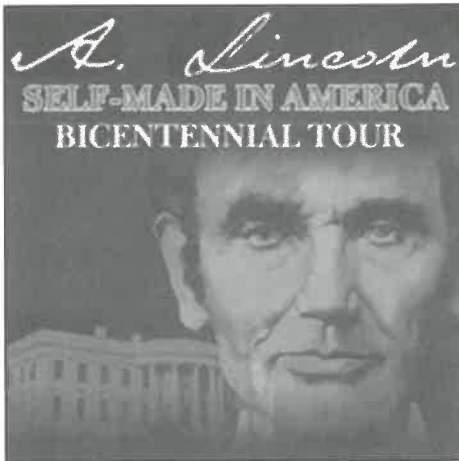
Left: Roma and Bill Marshall joined in the fun and celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary during the trip.

Mobile Museum Provides Programs for Area Schools

Mobile Museum is a continuing effort of the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., to provide free educational programs to area schools. Amy Grier, Education Director, will visit schools with grade-level appropriate programs related to Museum collections. These have been aligned with the Missouri State education standards and include: Plant and Animal Food Chains, Native American Culture, the Underground Railroad, Wagon Trains, Lewis & Clark Expedition, and African, Asian and Australian Natural History. St. Joseph teachers are currently scheduling these programs for their classrooms.

Museum to Host Lincoln Exhibit in 2009

We are excited to announce that the St. Joseph Museum has been chosen as one of the 40 host venues for the *Abraham Lincoln Self Made in America* Learning Station Exhibit, which will travel the nation during the next two years. The Museum will host the exhibit from February 20 through March 20, 2009. The exhibit is part of the 2009 Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration. The Abraham



Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in collaboration with the American Library Association and the Tribeca Film Institute produced *Abraham Lincoln: Self Made in America*. Funding for the production of the exhibit was provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities *We, The People* program. The exhibit is composed of seven learning

stations and has been designed for cultural and educational institutions that can demonstrate a willingness and desire to showcase the exhibit as an integral part of their community outreach. The exhibit examines Lincoln's life from his beginnings in the cruelest of circumstances to his ascension to the Presidency and his assassination. Reproductions of original documents, artifacts, broadsides, prints, photographs, pamphlets, and newspapers drawn from a collection of more than 50,000 Lincoln related items animate the story of a man who embraced the 19th century note of self improvement. His trait of being "self-made" worked in Lincoln's life and serves as an example for 21st century Americans.

More information on programs and events that will be held during the exhibition will be announced at a later date.

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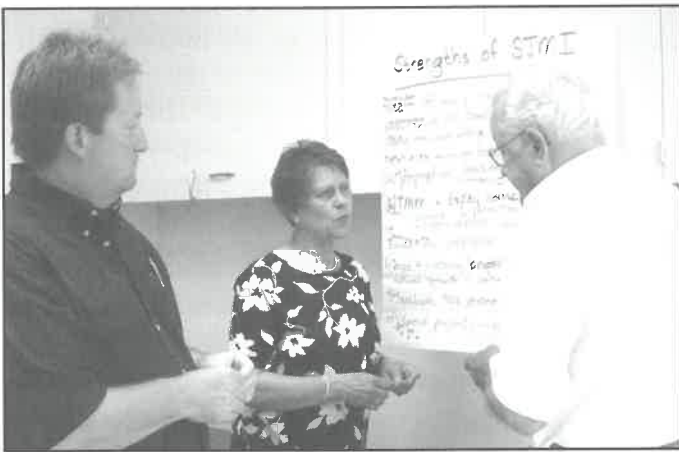
Programs Provided for Boy Scouts at Camp Geiger

The St. Joseph Museums, Inc., provided six programs at Camp Geiger for the Boy Scouts of America this summer. The focus of the programs was American Indian culture and history. The programs gave the Scouts an opportunity to see items from the collection that were once part of everyday life to the American Indian. One hundred sixty-one Boy Scouts attended over the six sessions.

Right: Curator of Collections Sarah Elder gives the Scouts a closer look at two American Indian items.



St. Joseph Museums, Inc., Holds Board Retreat



Members of the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., Board of Trustees held a board retreat on July 17 to set priorities for the future of the museums. Board Secretary Lee Sawyer acted as facilitator as the group assessed the museums strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges.

Left: Board Members Bill Falkner, Barbara LaBass & Clark Hampton share their opinions with each other during the board retreat.

"Knights at the Castle" was fun for all ages

A "Knights at the Castle" open house was held at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion on Saturday, August 2. The event was fun for the entire family as adults and children created a family herald design, played chess, and made banquet goblets. Fencing, archery, and dragon tracking and taming, while wearing the proper costumes, were part of the day's activities.



Above: Rexie Planalp, Monica Yang, (top) and Max Willoughby in costume during the "Knights at the Castle" event for children.

Donations to Collections

Scott Sollars - 20th century porcelain doll with stuffed dog.

Jackie & Jerry Lewin - Two books for the archival collections: *May 15, 1965, Police Pension Benefit Ball Commemorative Program* containing photos of St. Joseph Police Department and City Council; *One Hundred Years of Helena: All Because of a Railroad, 1878-1978*.

Nancy Stilgenbauer -Poster of portraits of the members of Central High School's 1951 "Pan Hellenic Association"

Blue Springs Historical Society - *United Daughters of the Confederacy Magazine* from 1980-1981

Library of College of DuPage - *Metropolitan Housing Characteristics of St. Joseph, Missouri* booklet from October 1983

Marshall White - Two pieces of sheet music, "Good-Bye Lil Liza Jane" (1912) and "Feelin' Loose." (1918). Both of these were published in St. Joseph.

Wally McDonald - Portable oxygen mask with case, c.1920.

New and Renewed Members

June 20, 2008 to September 15, 2008

Renewal

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bodicky

Ed & Helen Borgens

J. Bruce Clark

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Corder

Walter T. Drannan

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Drummond

A. M. (Susie) Evans

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Mr. & Mrs. William Wentz

John & Ali Wray

Jennifer Zeller

Sue Comley

Margaret Dhuyvetter

Margaret Easter

Cammie Herrington

Mollie Lillard

Clarice Moore

Courtney Zorn

Donations

Brooke McAntle: Student Practical Nurses Association

Harold Dugdale Charitable Trust

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New Members

Joanne Anderson

"Spirit of Christmas Past"/Plaza Lights Trip



Join us on December 16 as we enjoy the beauty of the holidays at the "Spirit of Christmas Past" Heritage Homes Tour in Independence, Missouri, and take a driving tour of the Country Club Plaza, where over 80 miles of holiday lights illuminate the night. The tour will include the 1881 Vaile Mansion, the 1890 Bingham-Waggoner Estate, and the 1859 Marshal's Home as well as a three meat buffet dinner with dessert at the Golden Ox. After dinner, there will be a driving tour of the holiday lights of the Plaza area.

The motorcoach will leave from the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., at 11:30 a.m. and return at approximately 8:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$70 for members and \$90 for non-members, which includes motorcoach transportation, admission, dinner, tip, snack, and driving tour. Space is limited and pre-paid reservations are required by November 15. Please call 816.232.8471 for more information or to make a reservation.

Above: The interior of the 31-room Vaile Mansion, decorated in the Second Empire Victorian style.

Calendar of Events

October 16 - "Fashionable Finales, Stories of St. Joseph Mausoleums and Those Who Built Them,"
St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 7 p.m. - (See page 6 for more details.)

October 23 - "Mausoleums as Elegant Homes for the Departed: Joplin's Mt. Hope Cemetery," St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 7 p.m. - (See page 6 for more details.)

October 28 & 29 - "Voices From our Past: Interpretive Tours of Mount Mora Cemetery," Tours begin at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, at 6 & 7 p.m. - (See page 6 for more details.) Childcare available (Spooky Safari Party, no additional cost. Please call 816.232.8471 for reservations.)

October 31 - "Midnight Cemetery Crawl," Mount Mora Cemetery, 824 Mount Mora Road, 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. - (See page 6 for more details.)

November 1 - "Grandma's Legacy: Family History in Quilts in Coverlets," Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles, 11 a.m. - Be on hand as the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., receives the donation of a substantial collection of 1800s coverlets and quilts with a historic connection to St. Joseph and/or Buchanan County. Hear the story of the women who made each piece and how they were created and used. **Muffins, juice, and coffee will be served.** Regular admission of \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for students, and free for children six & under will apply.

December 5, - Holiday Lighting of the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles - The annual holiday lighting of the exterior of the building will take place at 6 p.m. and the Mansion will be open to the public until 8 p.m. Live music will be performed by area choirs and refreshments will be served. **Admission is free.**

December 6 - "Nature's Noel," a Winter Craft Workshop for Children, Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles, 1 - 4 p.m. - The afternoon features a variety of natural history craft projects related to wildlife preservation for children. **Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for all participating children.**

December 16 - "Spirit of Christmas Past" Heritage Homes Tour/Plaza Lights Trip, 11:30 a.m. - The trip includes tours of the Bingham-Waggoner Estate, the Vaile Mansion, & the Marshal's Home in Independence, Missouri, followed by a buffet dinner at the Golden Ox and a driving tour of the holiday lights of the Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri. The cost is \$70 for museum members and \$90 for non-members, which includes transportation, dinner, tip, and all admission fees. (See page 7 for more details.)

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Glore Psychiatric Museum
Black Archives Museum
3406 Frederick, P.O. Box 8096
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Monday through Saturday 10-5 p.m.
Sunday 1-5 p.m.

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Sunday 1-4 p.m.

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