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Museum Patrons Enjoy the Gorgeous Weather & Delicious Barbecue at the Annual **Rush for the Gold** Party



The 2014 Rush for the Gold Patrons' Party was hosted by Tom and Michelle Cobb, Randy and Mary Herzog, J. R. Roth, and David and Suzanne Bradley.



Over 80 guests joined in the fun at the St. Joseph Museums' fifth annual "Rush for the Gold" Patrons' Party in June. The benefit helps raise funds for educational programming supplies needed for the St. Joseph Museums, including the 2014 archaeology summer camp for children. This year the event made it possible for the Museums to provide scholarships to the camp.

The event was held at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion. Guests enjoyed wine and beer with a western-style dinner featuring ribs and brisket donated and prepared by J.R. Roth and Randy Herzog of the Gas House Gang. Dinner also included fried chicken and all the trimmings courtesy of the St. Jo Frontier Casino and bread pudding was provided in part by Famous Dave's. During the evening, guests explored the interior and grounds of the 1879 Mansion and bid on wines and wine related items during a silent auction.

Dana & Dr. Brandon Massin, Executive Director Sara Wilson, Lindie Patton, and Clark Hampton socialized on the grounds of the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion before dinner.

Spend the Night at the Museum!

If you've ever wondered what it's like in a museum after hours, Saturday, October 11, is your chance to find out. Join an exclusive club of overnight visitors and experience the Glore Psychiatric Museum as never before during the "Spend the Night at the Museum" event. Beginning at 3 p.m., participants will learn in-depth about the Glore Psychiatric Museum from museum staff, tour the tunnels, learn about the history of asylums, and participate in a paranormal investigation. Participants are asked to bring their own sleeping bag. The Museum will provide dinner, movie entertainment, and breakfast the following morning. "The Glore Psychiatric Museum has never hosted overnight visitors, so we look forward to sharing this once-in-a-lifetime experience with 30 adventurous people. "We are planning an educational and entertaining experience for our brave guests," said St. Joseph Museums Executive Director Sara Wilson.

The space is limited to 30 guests for this event and visitors must be at least 18 years of age. The cost is \$125 per person, which includes dinner, a movie, the overnight stay, and breakfast. Call (816) 232-8471 to reserve your tickets or stop by the Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick.





Thanks to our Wonderful Volunteers, Children's Camp 2014 was Fun for Kids & Adults!

With "The Discovery of King Tut: His Tomb – His Treasures" exhibit arriving in the Midwest, children's camp was the perfect time to explore the story of the "Boy King." During the St. Joseph Museum "Walk like an Egyptian" archaeology camp in July, children learned proper archaeological dig protocols & how to read Egyptian symbols, which they used on their camp t-shirts. With the guidance of volunteers from the programming committee, students mummified a chicken leg, created Egyptian style tools & learned about Egyptian clothing, makeup, & traditions. A group of twenty parents and grandparents joined in the fun of the camp finale, which was a field trip to view the King Tut exhibit in Kansas City.



Museum Provides Programs for Boy Scouts

Curator of Collections Sarah Elder visited Camp Geiger six times over the summer to provide programs for the campers. Her programs introduced 215 Boy Scouts to many American Indian cultures through pieces from the St. Joseph Museum collection. The scouts were able to see the intricate artistry and craftsmanship of each tribe up close at the end of each program.

Donations to the Collections

Marge Childress – Nine dolls/bisque and plastic/various clothing/1980s-1990s

Suzanne Lehr – Ten dolls, handmade doll quilt, string of wooden blocks, photo of donor's stepmother, chair that converts from high chair to rocking chair/Items belonged to Kathleen Phipps Staker, the donor's stepmother.

Dorothy Smith – Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings of events in St. Joseph, 1964-1980

Anne Thurlow – Suitcase with travel stickers from various countries/Originally owned by her great uncles John Hesse and Henry Hesse, then her grandfather, H.G. "Heinie" Rix/The Hesse family owned a building supply company in St. Joseph as well as operating the Hesse House Hotel

Melanie & Marshall White – Books, yearbooks, newspapers, pamphlets, all related to St. Joseph/various years

Megan Schreiber Wyeth – Scrapbooks of advertising and product labels from Schreiber Mills/various years/also a sign, print block, and a leather satchel-all with the "Sweet Lassy" logo

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Visit all of our Museums

Black Archives Museum
Glore Psychiatric Museum
St. Joseph Museum
3406 Frederick Avenue
St. Joseph, Missouri 64506
Mon-Sat 10-5 p.m.
Sun 1-5 p.m.

Wyeth-Tootle Mansion
1100 Charles Street
St. Joseph, Missouri
64501 - Hours: 10 a.m. - 4
p.m. Friday & Saturday
Group Tours by Appt.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 13 - Grand Re-Opening of the Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, & Dec. 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. **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 with the last tour beginning at 4 p.m. The Museum American Girl® Dolls will be on display at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles St., and docents will be available from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

October 11 - Spend the Night at the Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 3 p.m. to after breakfast - (See page 1 for more details.)

October 18 - Mystery at the Mansion Party at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles St., 6:00 p.m. - \$50 per person - Enjoy wine, dinner, and exploring the Mansion for clues to solve a frontier mystery that is based on a true story! The event is a benefit for the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion. **Space is limited and reservations are required. Reservations can be made by calling 816.232.8471 or sent by mail to the St. Joseph Museum, PO Box 8096, St. Joseph, MO, 64508.**

October 23 & 24 - "Voices from the Past: Civil War Influence and Beyond" Interpretive Tours of Mount Mora Cemetery - Experience the unique architecture in Mount Mora Cemetery and hear intriguing new stories from St. Joseph's past as you "meet" some of the city's most fascinating former residents. Tours will begin at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles Street. After "meeting" the first character of the evening and enjoying refreshments, participants will board the bus for Mount Mora Cemetery. **The cost of the tour is \$18 for museum members and \$20 for non-members. Space is limited and pre-paid reservations are required. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816.232.8471 to make reservations and purchase your tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the Museum, which is located at 3406 Frederick Avenue.**

November 6 - Wilber "Bullet" Rogan and the Kansas City Monarchs Program - Black Archives Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave. - 6 p.m. - Author Phil S. Dixon, widely regarded as one of the foremost experts on baseball history, will be the featured speaker. A former public relations employee of the Kansas City Royals, he serves on the board of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. He will be speaking on the topic of his latest book, which is his sixth on the Negro Baseball Leagues. Admission: Donations to the Black Archives Museum appreciated.