

# The Happenings

## St. Joseph Museums January-February-March 2010

### Holiday Lighting of the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion Draws Record Crowd on a Chilly Night

It was a grand party as the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion overflowed with 689 guests during the annual Holiday Lighting event, which was co-sponsored by the Mayor of St. Joseph. The exterior lights were turned on promptly at 6 p.m. and guests streamed in from the cold to enjoy hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, live music, crafts, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Several guests came prepared with blankets to keep warm as they enjoyed the outdoor carriage rides. Others stayed inside to take family pictures with the holiday decorations of the Mansion as a backdrop. Admission was free.



*Above: An impromptu sing-a-long took place as volunteer Linda Riddle played holiday tunes for guests throughout the evening.*



*Left: The MWSU Junior Griffon Singers gathered to take their places and perform during the holiday event.*

### "Voices from the Past" Interpretive Tours of Mount Mora Cemetery



*Volunteers John Wiggington, Maggie Gilbert, and Brian Wolfe were in costume and ready to greet visitors as the tours of Mount Mora Cemetery began.*

The annual "Voices from the Past" Interpretive Tours of Mount Mora Cemetery drew 176 participants in October. "Dr. George Catlett," played by Patrick Squires, welcomed visitors as they gathered at the Glore Psychiatric Museum before traveling to the cemetery. Visitors were greeted at the gate of Mount Mora by "Miz Kemper" (portrayed by Suzanne Lehr) who escorted them through the cemetery where they met with eight characters from St. Joseph's past.

## DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTION

**Buchanan County Medical Alliance** – Five Scrapbooks of items relating to doctors and their families in St. Joseph and Buchanan County during 2004-2008.

**Mike Fisher** – Archaeological collections, including projectile points, axe heads, scrapers, and pottery sherds, as well as nails, pieces of ceramic dishes, and bottles. The collection encompasses many dig sites in Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. Documentation and photographs were also donated.

**Nancy Stilgenbauer** – Chocolate set (Haviland – Limoges) given to donor by her mother, Sarah Virginia Grider Kieffer, as a wedding shower gift. Donated in memory of Sarah Kieffer.

**Optimist Club of St. Joseph** – Newspaper clipping from *The New York Herald*, April 15, 1865, with article on Lincoln's assassination.

## Knights at our Castle

The Knights at the Castle is a club for boys 5 to 10 years of age. The group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of January, February, March, and April. Boys learn local history and train for "knighthood" through active games and role-playing. Chess, modified fencing, archery and jousting, donning "armor," and learning the code of chivalry are part of the program. The history lessons in the winter months will include the Civil War, Pony Express, and 19th century transportation. The fee is \$7 per child. Parents are free and encouraged to attend. Winter meetings will be held at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

## American Girl® Doll Club Meets

The American Girl® Doll Club meets at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the second Friday of each month to learn the history of various decades.

The January 15, 2010, meeting will feature an introduction to the American Girl® 2010 Doll of the Year. There will also be a birthday party for Chrissa, the 2009 Doll of the Year.

The February 12, 2010, meeting will feature Addy, the 1854 African American doll, and her family album quilt.

The March 12, 2010, meeting will feature the 1860 St. Joseph dolls, Amelia and Pauline.

The cost of each session is \$8 per child or \$6 for museum members, which includes a pizza supper. Reservations are required.

*To register for either Knights at the Castle or the American Girl Doll® Club please contact Director of Education Amy Grier at 816.232.8471, ext. 23 or by e-mail at [amy@stjosephmuseum.org](mailto:amy@stjosephmuseum.org).*

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## *"Spirit of Christmas Past" Holiday Trip*

There were plenty of oohs and aahs as the 32 participants on the "Spirit of Christmas Past" holiday trip toured the beautifully decorated Vaile Mansion and Bingham-Waggoner Estate in Independence, Missouri. Other highlights included a driving tour of the Plaza lights and other districts in Kansas City.

*Anna Updegraff views one of the many beautiful trees at the Vaile Mansion.*

## *PROGRAMS PROVIDED FOR BOY SCOUTS*

For the last three years, the St. Joseph Museum has provided programs on American Indian culture for the Boy Scouts at Camp Geiger as part of the Indian Lore Class. In 2009, 177 Scouts took part in the program over a six week period.



*Sarah Elder, Curator of Collections, provides the Scouts at Camp Geiger a closer look at American Indian items from the collections.*

## *Father/Daughter Dance Held at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion*

A group of 221 fathers and grandfathers and their daughters and granddaughters, all members of Brownies and the Girl Scouts, enjoyed an evening of dancing and refreshments amid the beautiful holiday decorations at the Mansion.



*Craig Sumner and his granddaughter Avery took a break from dancing to have their picture taken.*

## New and Renewed Members and Donations

October 6 through December 18, 2009

### Renewals

Dr. & Mrs. R. Philip Acuff  
Mr. John P. Barclay, Jr.  
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### New Members

Mrs. Eileen Dyer  
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Cara Howard  
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### Donation to Annual Fund Drive

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### Honorariums

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nolf in honor  
of Mike Fisher  
Mr. & Mrs. John Foley in honor  
of Richard DeShon

### Donation of Equipment:

Teva Animal Health –  
3 trade show exhibit booths.  
Schultz Family Foundation –  
Donation to digital sign

### Donations to Holiday Lighting

MWSU Griffon Junior Singers  
Hosea Elementary Handbell Choir  
Dr. Timothy Curry –  
Christmas decorations  
Ken Smith Autobody –  
Carriage rides  
Panera Bread –  
Cookies for the Holiday Lighting

### Other Donations

Merry Burtner  
Carol Matt  
Mr. & Mrs. V. Craig Sumner

**Thank you for  
your donations  
and support!**

Camera Donation  
Needed

Our original digital camera is  
beyond repair. Could someone  
please help us with the donation of  
a new digital camera?

### ***"Buy a Book for the Road"***

The Museum Store has been quite  
successful in offering used books for  
\$1.00 to tourists. Please bring your  
used books to the Museum for this  
funding project.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 17 - African American Heritage Workshop - Black Archives Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 2 to 4 p.m.** This "Make it & Take it" workshop will feature projects related to African American History for the entire family to enjoy. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, which includes admission to the Glore Psychiatric Museum and the St. Joseph Museum as well as the Black Archives Museum. Reservations are not required.

**January 27 - "Travel to the Land of the Pharaohs" Program - St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 6 p.m. - Dr. Jimmy Albright will present a PowerPoint program on Egypt featuring images from his many trips to the region.** The program will include the history of the country and information about an upcoming trip to Egypt presented by MWSU and the St. Joseph Museum. Admission is free.

**February 6 - Super Science Saturday - Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles St., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. -** Science educators from MWSU and local high schools present interactive science experiments for children of all ages. Admission: \$4 adults, \$2 students, Free for children six and under

**February 15 - "Lincoln's Lessons" Workshop for Children - Black Archives Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 1 to 4 p.m. -** Children will learn about Abraham Lincoln through activities and crafts related to Lincoln's childhood and youth. The regular admission of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students applies. No reservations are required.

**March 5 - April 9 - "Stories in the Stitches" Quilt Crawl Exhibit - Co-sponsored by the St. Joseph Museums and the Pony Express Museum, Quilts will be featured at the Pony Express Museum, 914 Penn Street, the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., and the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles Street -** This exhibition will feature over fifty quilts representing traditional patterns as well as the newest trends. The exhibition will include the history behind each design. The exhibit will be open during the regular hours of each location at the regular admission price.

**March 20 - Patchwork Quilt Pillow - Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles St., 9 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. -** The entire family is invited to join in the fun. Participants will complete a 16 inch square patchwork pillow. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$10 for museum members and \$12 for non-members. Prepaid reservations are required. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816.232.8471 to make a reservation.

**Please call 816.232.8471 for more information on St. Joseph Museums exhibits and events.**

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