

The Happenings

of the St. Joseph Museums

Winter 2016

Board of Directors

David W. Lewis
President

Dr. Ben Caldwell
Vice President

Karen Baker
Secretary

Allan Carter, CPA
Treasurer

Dr. Jimmy Albright

Michelle Cobb

Dr. Robert Corder

David W. Cripe

Eileen Dyer

Jo Anne Grey

W. Scott Hinde

William Kariker

Brenton Larson

Terry McKellar

Dana Massin

Carol Meyers

Jeff Penland

Dr. Kim Schutte

Barney Tietz

Gary Wilkinson

Susie Willenbrink

City Appointees:

Kent O'Dell

Joyce Starr

Sara Wilson

Executive Director



816.232.8471

www.stjosephmuseum.org

Like us on Facebook

©2015 St. Joseph Museums

Play Miniature Golf Inside the Museum this Winter!



Join in the fun of playing miniature golf inside the museum this winter! The Museum invited local businesses and organizations to sponsor, design, and construct a hole with the theme of various exhibits in mind. The golf holes will be featured throughout the museum.

The kickoff will be held Friday, January 15, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy mingling, hors d'oeuvres, wine, and miniature golf. The cost is \$35 per person. Pre-paid reservations are required and can be made by calling 816-232-8471.

The Museum Mini-Golf Marathon will be available for visitors for \$2 per player in addition to admission from January 16 through March 1, 2016.

Stories of Passion, Love, & Heartbreak Make "Voices of the Past" a Sellout



Patrick Squires & Alexandria Giles brought love stories to life during Voices of the Past.



This year "Voices of the Past" brought tales of passion, love, and heartbreak to life to the delight of cemetery visitors. Two love stories had shocking endings while a long-time mystery – known to only two – involved forget me nots. A World War II era doctor introduced royalty, a Civil War wife reminisced about her husband's love letter and a prominent theologian told of his inspiration. The St. Joseph Museum is proud to co-sponsor this event with the Mount Mora Cemetery Preservation & Restoration Association.

Volunteers Give our Grounds Curb Appeal

A group of wonderful volunteers from the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion Committee have worked wonders on the landscaping at the Mansion. That inspired the idea that it was time to update the look of the St. Joseph Museums grounds. This time the volunteers are members of the Programming Committee. They meet each Friday morning, weather permitting, and they are transforming the grounds with areas that can be changed as the seasons change. If gardening is your passion, both groups welcome new members who like to "play in the dirt."



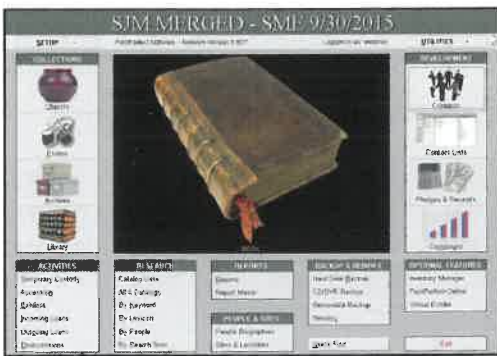
Volunteers Susie Willenbrink and Chris Fulker cleared the weeds and added some fall color to the St. Joseph Museum grounds this fall.

Spending the Night at the Museum Proves to be Popular!

Spending the night at a museum or a zoo is a relatively new trend, but it has clearly caught on. There was such demand, particularly from out-of-towners, for our Spend the Night event in October that a second night was added in November. It, too, was sold out in a matter of days. Both evenings were packed with activity as overnight guests toured the tunnels, peeked behind-the-scenes, and participated in a paranormal investigation. The now annual event includes dinner and a movie. Guests get the opportunity to really engage with the museum as well as the occasional shiver.



Collections Care: Collections on the Cloud



In October, the St. Joseph Museums completed upgrading their Past Perfect database to a version that would allow greater access and information sharing on a secure virtual server. The huge undertaking was coordinated by Trustee Jeff Penland with the help of Past Perfect and many St. Joseph Museum staff members and volunteers. The process involved merging multiple databases stored on several separate computers into one database that now contains and backs up the Museum's archival, photo, library, and object catalogues. Museum staff and researchers will be able to search the complete database to learn more about our collections.

The software upgrade is part of the Museum's focus this year to ensure the priceless museum collections are not only receiving the best possible care, but are also accessible to researchers. Head of Maintenance and Security Robert Culbertson, Collections Manager Trevor Tutt, and Curator of Collections Sarah Elder are also working on exciting behind-the-scenes renovations that will maximize storage and preserve the collections for future generations.

Donations to the Collections

Andrew County Museum – A copy of the *Tower Gleams*, student publication of Central High School, St. Joseph, Missouri, © 1933, and the March 1, 1935, newspaper issue of the *Outlook*, Central High School, St. Joseph, Missouri.

John P. Barclay, Jr. - Bound set of *St. Joseph Times-Review*, featuring "Barclay's Bootstrap" page, January 28, 1954-January 27, 1955. A box of 20, 33-rpm long playing records, vinyl/in sleeves/John P. Barclay, Sr, discussing the 1953 bond issue on KFEQ Radio

JoAnne Grey – Newspaper articles dealing with St. Joseph History from *St. Joseph News-Press*, *The Kansas City Star*, *Sunday Journal Magazine*, St. Joseph

Dean Guinn – Final souvenir issue of the *St. Joseph News-Press*, June 30, 1988

Kay Medsker – Modern Japanese Friendship Doll. A book, *Dolls of Friendship* by Sidney L. Gulick, as well as other items from the Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute.

Mary Sapp – Documents, photographs, and items belonging to the Conrad and Philips families in St. Joseph in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Conrad family residence was at 903 Robidoux. Reverend William Philips was a pastor at Christ Episcopal Church.

Sue Wagner – Button stating, "I'm All For URBAN RENEWAL"

Gary Wilkinson – Discharge paper from the United States Army, for Arch Stillman, issued at Camp Sherman, Ohio, June 7, 1919. Mr. Wilkinson is a descendant of Arch Stillman.

Mike & Theresa Wilson – 1920s user's manuals for Singer Sewing Machines.

St. Joseph Museums
P.O. Box 8096
St. Joseph, MO 64508

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
Open for Group
Tours & Rental by Appt.

Tel: 816.232.8471
sjm@stjosephmuseum.org
www.stjosephmuseum.org
Like us on Facebook

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ST. JOSEPH, MO
PERMIT NO. 40

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dec. 13, 2105, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13, 2016- The American Girl® Doll Club – The club meets at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., from 2 to 4 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month. **The cost of each session is \$8 per child or \$6 for museum members, which includes the program, craft session, and snack. Reservations are required. To register please contact Sarah Elder at 816.232.8471, or e-mail sarah@stjosephmuseum.org.**

January 15, 2016 - Miniature Golf at the Museum Kickoff – St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 6 p.m. - Join in the fun of playing miniature golf inside the museum and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and mingling. Reservations are required. Admission: \$35

January 21 - Annual St. Joseph Museum Membership Meeting – St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 5:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Museum members join in electing board members for 2016.

January 30 - Super Science Saturday 2016 - Missouri Western State University Remington Hall/Agenstein Hall, 4525 Downs Drive, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Science educators from Missouri Western State University, three area high schools, and the KQ2 & KNPN meteorologists present interactive science experiments for children of all ages. **Admission: \$4 Adults, \$2 Students – Free parking**

February 25 - Black Archives Hall of Fame Induction, Black Archives Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 5 to 7 p.m. Two new inductees will be added to the Black Archives Museum Hall of Fame, which showcases the achievements of St. Joseph's black community. **Admission is Free**

March 9- Da Vinci: the Exhibition/Jack Stack Barbecue at the Freight House/National Museum of Toys and Miniatures Daytrip - See flyer for details.

March 24 - "If It Looks Like a Man-Gender Identity, Female Soldiers, and 'Lady Bushwhackers'" in the Civil War St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 6 p.m. - This presentation by Missouri Humanities Council speaker Diane Eickhoff explores how and why a fascinating group of women defied cultural norms to participate in America's largest domestic military conflict. **Admission: Free**

April 13 - Annual Volunteer Luncheon – Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles Street, 12:00 p.m. - The St. Joseph Museums will recognize Museum volunteers with a luncheon in their honor. **By Invitation at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion.**

April 21 - Save the Date - Enjoy a progressive dinner with appetizers, entree, and dessert in three beautiful locations beginning at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person and space is limited to 60. More information to follow.