

HAPPENINGS

January / February 1997

St. Joseph Museum

Pony Express National Memorial

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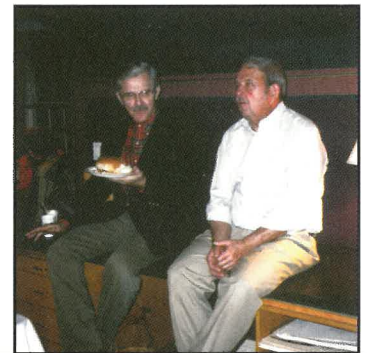
The Pony Express National Memorial's Chili Extravaganza was an overwhelming success. Karen and John Foley graciously hosted the event in their home. Also serving as hosts were Linden and Beverly Black, Bob and Mary Lynn Brown, Bill and Cecilia Brunner, Bill and Sally Carpenter, Dick and Mignon DeShon, Dan and Norma Gallagher, Jim and Karen Graves, John and Jean Hague, Stan and Doris Hall, Cort and Tracee Hegarty, Bill and Pam Hurley, Jim and Suzanne Lehr, Jan Pray, Dick and Joyce Rochambeau, Gerald and

CHILI EXTRAVAGANZA Pony Express National Memorial



Guests line up to buy raffle tickets. Raffle items were a St. Joseph throw and several wood carvings created by the chain saw artisans who appeared at Pony Express Pumpkinfest.

Below L. to R.:
Jim Graves talks
with Dan
Gallagher who is
taking a break
from serving chili.



Those attending sample numerous varieties of chili, including seafood, white, vegetarian, championship, mystery, black bean, and chicken. Cookbooks from the Chili Extravaganza are available in the gift shop of the Pony Express National Memorial.

Due to the support of museum members and the community, over \$7,600 was raised for the Pony Express National Memorial.

Thank you

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ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM & PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL MEMORIAL STAFF

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CHILI EXTRAVAGANZA

Continued



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L. to R.: Enjoying chili are Suzanne and David Bradley, Sally and Bill Carpenter, and Shirley Bradley.

Marietta Russell, Randy and Michelle Schultz, and Tom and Lynn Watkins. Nearly 500 people came to the Chili Extravaganza.

Approximately 15 varieties of chili, along with corn spoon bread and desserts, were enjoyed by those attending. The January evening was cold and snowy, so

the menu was perfect. A sincere thank you to Karen and John Foley for all their efforts toward making the Chili Extravaganza a successful event.



Mignon DeShon displays a bread bowl. These edible bowls were used to serve chili.

CEILING MURAL DISCOVERED AT ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM

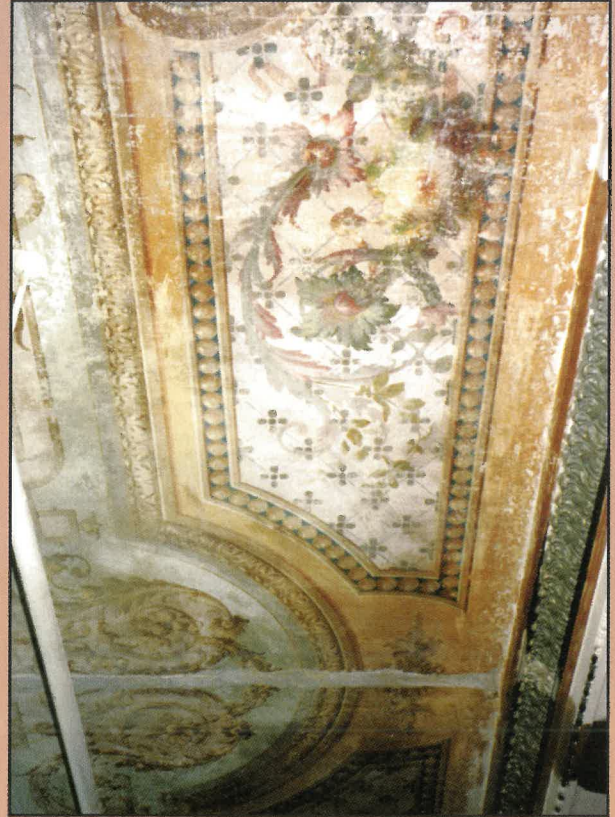
The southwest-corner room on the first floor of the St. Joseph Museum is being renovated to resemble its original appearance. When the renovation is completed, the museum shop will be moved into this room. The museum's photo archives has several photographs circa 1910 that show the room as it appeared when the structure was a residence. One of these photos, which shows the ceiling, is being used to develop a design for the ceiling that would resemble the original.

While cleaning the ceiling in preparation for applying the new design, one of the exhibits crew noticed the faint outline of a flower under the old paint. When a section of the old paint was removed, the original ceiling design emerged, much to the delighted surprise of everyone.

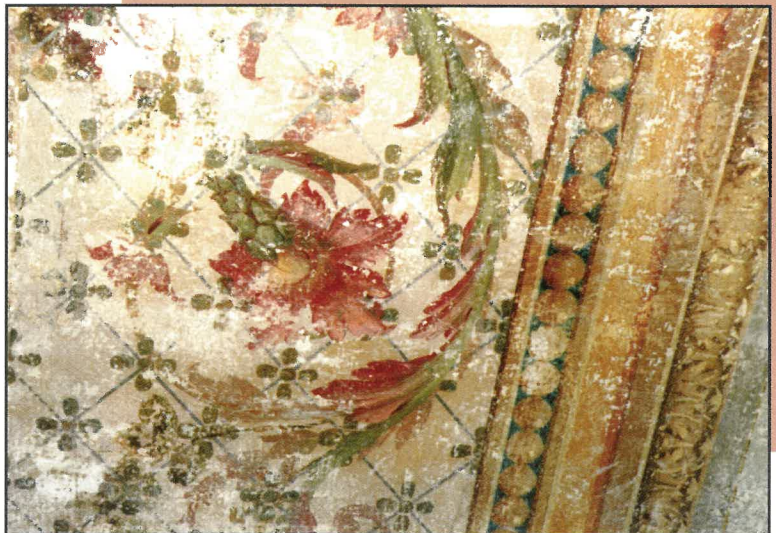
The old paint has been stripped from the entire ceiling and inquiries are being made about the proper steps needed to preserve the original design which was painted on the ceiling around 1888.

The downside of this find is that the renovation of the room will take longer than anticipated, but the existence of the original design far offsets the delay. The exhibits crew had created a design that was very similar to the original, but because of the black and white photo, there was no way of knowing what the colors had been. Now there will be no guess work about the colors since the originals have reappeared.

Photos by Jackie Lewin



Although not in its original condition, the newly discovered ceiling mural is spectacular.

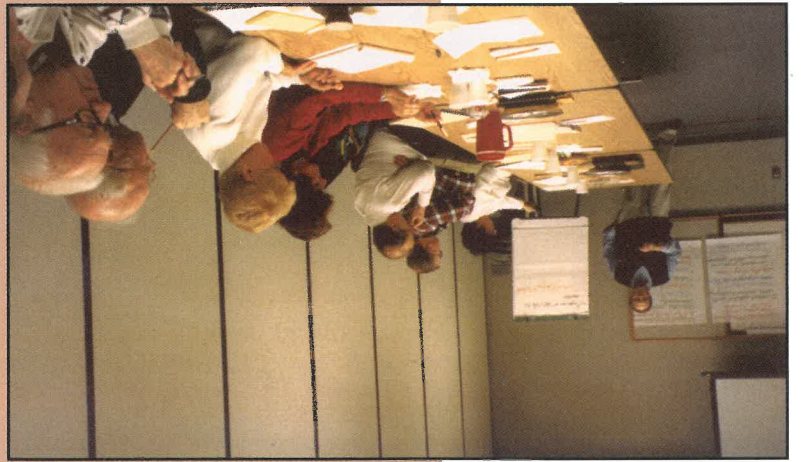


A detail of the ceiling mural.

PONY EXPRESS BOARD RETREAT

On Saturday, January 25, the trustees of the Pony Express National Memorial met in the Bluff Ridge Room at Heartland Regional Health Center from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The focus of the meeting was to set long range goals for the organization. Gerald Duty, Director of the St. Joseph Safety Council, served as facilitator for the group. The morning began by redefining the Pony Express National Memorial's mission statement. Next, a vision statement was composed and core values agreed upon.

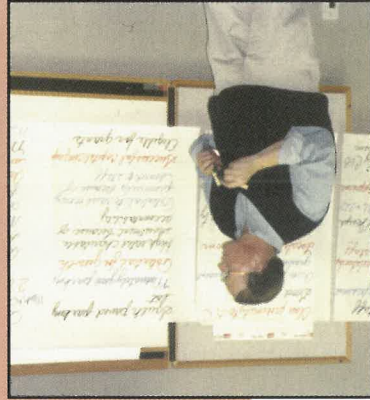
In preparation for the meeting, trustees had been asked to use the S.W.O.T. technique to determine the challenges faced by the national memorial. An issue is "S.W.O.T.ed" by listing perceived strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The lists will be pared down to the top five in each category. These top five strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats will be used by the trustees to set long range goals for the Pony Express National Memorial. A second session has been scheduled to complete the process.



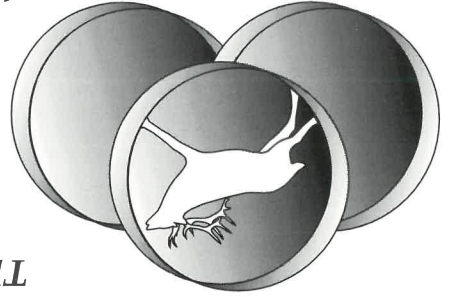
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Pony Express trustees listen as Gerald Duty guides them through the S.W.O.T. exercise.

Gerald Duty's excellent skills as facilitator kept the trustees focused on the discussion.



SPECIAL EXHIBIT TO OPEN APRIL 1



The Spirit of the Ojibwa: The Art of Sara Balbin will open on April 1. This special joint exhibit sponsored by the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, the Pony Express National Memorial and the St. Joseph Museum focuses on the Lac Courte Oreilles band of the Ojibwa. Featured series in the exhibit are the "Hall of Elders" and the "Skins of Color." The Elders series are allegorical paintings that tell stories about the subjects' clans and family histories. The "Skins of Color" are three dimensional leather sculptures.

The three museums will serve as venues for the exhibit. Members of each museum will be admitted free at the other two for the duration of the exhibit, April 1 to June 1. As a part of the opening activities, workshops will be held on Wednesday, April 2, at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art. Workshop presenters will include Sara Balbin who will discuss her art; Thelma Nayquonabe who will tell about the Lac Courte Oreilles; and Beverly Gouge who will demonstrate the arts and crafts of the Lac Courte Oreilles. The public will be invited to the Wednesday workshops. On Thursday and Friday, the speakers will present the workshops in local elementary schools.

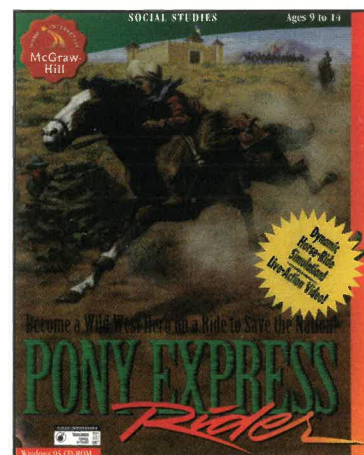
SHOP TALK



The museum stores have added a couple of new items that are just perfect for beating the winter afternoon blahs.

At the St. Joseph Museum store you will find the new American Indian Tribes jigsaw puzzle. This high gloss, full-color puzzle, 24 by 18 inches, has 500 interlocking pieces showing the locations of Native American tribes. The beautiful artwork was designed by American artist Bill Strobe.

At the Pony Express National Memorial store you can become a Pony Express rider with the new interactive computer game from McGraw-Hill for Microsoft Windows 95. As a rider, your mission is to get the mail west to maintain a vital link between the eastern states and California on the eve of the Civil War. With legendary riders as your guides, you face the difficult conditions of the trail as you ride horseback across the United States on a breakneck journey, picking up knowledge of American history along the way. The game is recommended for ages 9 to 14.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Pony Express National Memorial needs your help! School tour group season is approaching and volunteer guides are needed to help make the students' visit a memorable one. Fifteen to twenty people who could donate approximately three to four hours a week from mid-March to mid-June are needed. Everyone would have the rewarding experience of greeting many students and welcoming them to one of St. Joseph's most historic sites.

Volunteer training will take place in February and March. Please call Jackie Lewin or Kathy Reno at the Pony Express National Memorial (279-5059) if you have an interest in volunteering or would like more information. We need you!

Photo by Jackie Lewin



Volunteers like Sheila McCrary share a skill or craft with the visitors.

MISS HYOGO UPDATE



Miss Hyogo
Homecoming
Exhibit

Kobe and Himeji, Japan
March 20 - April 15, 1997

May 10, 1997 - Miss Hyogo comes home to

the St. Joseph Museum. She will be welcomed
with a Japanese tea ceremony. Plans are being
finalized now. Members will be notified about
the details.



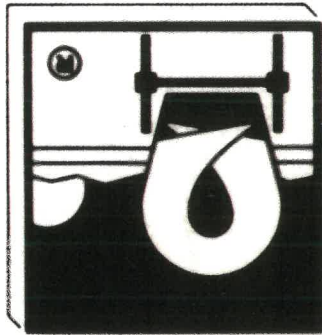
St. Joseph Museum's
20th Birthday Bash April 22-27

April 22 - Opening Day Activities

3p.m. - 8p.m.
Costumed Characters
Wagon Rides
Kids ID Program
Games & Prizes
Free Refreshments & Admission

April 23-27
April 23-26 9a.m. - 5p.m.
April 27 1p.m.-5p.m.
Games & Prizes
Free Refreshments & Admission

OCTA TOUR IN APRIL



John Leamon will lead

the Gateway chapter of
OCTA on a field trip of
various trail-related sites
in Independence, Mis-
souri. The tour will be-
gin at 1:00 p.m. April
26, 1997 (Saturday). We

will meet in the parking lot of the National Frontier

Trails Center, 318 West Pacific, Independence, Mis-
souri. The offices of the Oregon-California Trails Cen-
ter and the Merrill J. Mattes Research Library are both

at this site. Jeanne Miller, Executive Director of
OCTA, will lead our group on a tour of the OCTA
offices. Admission charges will be waived for OCTA

members. For more information call Mary Knab at
the St. Joseph Museum, 232-8471.

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RECENT DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTIONS

ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM

First Lutheran Church - a book, *The First One Hundred Years 1894-1994 - First Lutheran Church*, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Albert Bingham - Several topographical maps from surrounding areas and states.

Anthony Burwell, Citizens Commission on Human Rights International - a book, *Psychiatrists - The Men Behind Hitler*, by Dr. Thomas Roder, Volker Kubillus, and Anthony Burwell.

Chicago Historical Society - two advertisement cards, one for Stauber Drug Company and one for

Philadelphia Dental Rooms, both establishments in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Harry H. Broadhead, Jr. - a black and white photograph of the building that once housed the Pony Express Stables at 9th and Penn Streets, dated between 1912 and 1933.

PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Victor A. Cartier - Several color snapshots of the "Bronco Charlie Log Cabin Restaurant" in Oakdale, New York, which was built and opened for business by Bronco Charlie Miller, the Pony Express rider.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 24 - The St. Joseph Archaeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Pony Express National Memorial.

March 31 - The St. Joseph Archaeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Pony Express National Memorial.

April 1 - "The Spirit of the Ojibwa: The Art of Sara Balbin" opening night reception at the St. Joseph Museum, the Pony Express National Memorial, and the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art. Call any of the above museums for more information.

April 2 - June 1 - "The Spirit of the Ojibwa: The Art of Sara Balbin" exhibit at the St. Joseph Museum, the Pony Express National Memorial, and the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art.

April 3 - Pony Express Anniversary Celebration. Regular museum hours. For more information call the Pony Express National Memorial at 279-5059.

April 22 - Opening day activities of Children's Week at the St. Joseph Museum. Activities will take place from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more information call the St. Joseph Museum, 232-8471.

April 23-27 - Continuation of Children's Week at the St. Joseph Museum. Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., April 23 thru 26 and open 1 p.m - 5 p.m., Sunday, April 27.

April 28 - The St. Joseph Archaeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Pony Express National Memorial.

May 10 - "Welcome Home Party for Miss Hyogo" Miss Hyogo will be returning from the exhibit in Hyogo Prefecture for a special tea party and celebration at the St. Joseph Museum. Japanese dignitaries including the Japanese Consul General of Kansas City will be on hand to take part in the celebration. For more information call the St. Joseph Museum at 232-8471.

May 26 - The St. Joseph Archaeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Pony Express National Memorial.

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