

St. Joseph Museums, Inc. January/February/March 2007

Lehr retires as Trustee President



A very special thank you to James A. Lehr for volunteer service as a Trustee of the St. Joseph Museums, Inc. Professionally, Lehr was a local construction company top executive until his retirement in 1987. He had worked in all phases

of construction, from low-man-on-the-totem-pole to concept management of large projects. These skills were well used by the Museum.

A Museum member all his life, Lehr became actively involved with the Museum in the mid-1960s as his interest in natural history meshed with one of the Museum's three disciplines. With that initial activity, Lehr soon developed his interest in other activities of the Museum; Native American and Regional History. Before and during his association with the Museum, Lehr was very active in civic and not-for-profit projects, including his church and the Boy Scouts of America. He held a statewide office, President of the Missouri Prairie Foundation, from 1979 until 1982.

Jim was elected to the board in 1978 and in 1981 he became president. Last October, Jim announced that it was time for him to retire. He remains a proud advocate for the Museum and a source of support and encouragement to the staff. Jim steered the Museum board during

a period of many changes, three directors, and enormous accomplishments. It would be impossible to list all of the Museum's accomplishments, but a few Jim had the pleasure of watching occur during his presidency are:

- The St. Joseph Museum was accredited by the American Association of Museums for meeting its professional standards.
- The collections catalog, storage, and retrieval system received major attention and improvements.
- Prairie View Festival of arts and crafts was held on the grounds of the Museum for 12 years.
- The St. Joseph Museum cooperated with museums and organizations: Oregon-California Trails Association National Meetings in 1988 and 2006; Andrew County Museum exhibits; Missouri Archaeology Society conference in 1989 and 2003; St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau in development of the new visitor center; Mount Mora Cemetery in historical interpretation; Fire Museum reorganization; partnered with the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in the interpretation of the Missouri Valley Trust Company Historical Site.
- Expansion, development and exhibit renovation of the Pony Express National Museum.
- St. Joseph Museum initiated the development of the Museums Association of St. Joseph to

Suzanne Bocell Bradley Assumes Board Leadership



The St. Joseph Museums, Inc., welcomes Suzanne Bocell Bradley as its new Board of Trustees president. Born in Kansas City, Suzanne has lived most of her life in St. Joseph. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Kansas and a juris doctorate from the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Suzanne

has practiced law in Missouri since 1979 and serves as a substitute Municipal Judge. In addition, she has held a number of volunteer positions in the community.

In 2000, Suzanne was elected to the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., Board of Trustees and has served as vice-president since April of 2006.

Volunteers

Volunteers are a huge part of any non-profit organization and the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., is no exception. Volunteers who donate time to the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., on a regularly scheduled basis were recognized at a holiday luncheon in their honor at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion on December 13. Our dedicated volunteers and their areas of service are:

Archives: Marilyn Bryan, Kay Temps, Nancy Hampton, Virginia Woodbury, Sandra Hamilton, Dorothy Smith, and Jacque McNeiley.

Collections: Janette Dunlap and Mike Fisher

Wyeth-Tootle Mansion Decoration: Ed and Cathey Bossert

Research and Special Projects: Suzanne Lehr, Barbara Turner, and Nancy Sandehn

Education: Amy Grier

Over 2,140 hours of time has been donated and valuable work completed thanks to our wonderful volunteers!



Ed and Cathey Bossert take a break from decorating the Mansion in holiday finery.

ST. JOSEPH MUSEUMS STAFF AND TRUSTEES

Jackie Lewin.....	Interim Director
Susan Noland.....	Administrative Assistant Director
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Kathy Reno.....	Marketing/Public Relations
Andy Meyer.....	Security/Maintenance
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Mildred Roberts.....	Gift Shop/Receptionist
Rachel Richey.....	Receptionist/Secretary
Jim Hodges.....	Gift Shop/Receptionist

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Mike Fisher.....	Archaeological Research
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AMERICAN INDIAN MARKET DAY



Museum visitors stop to watch and listen as the Kickapoo drum group Whistling Winds plays for a group of Kickapoo dancers.

American Indian Market Day at The St. Joseph Museum attracted over 350 visitors who gathered to enjoy Native American art, dance, food, and music on October 7. Everyone was thankful for the beautiful weather, and the staff of the St. Joseph Museum is especially grateful to Storyteller and Master of Ceremonies, Jack Teegarden, and children's craft coordinator, Sharon Ruhnke, for all of their assistance in making American Indian Market Day a success.



"Nature's Noel"

Forty children participated in "Nature's Noel," a Christmas craft workshop with a nature theme, held at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion. Volunteer Amy Grier coordinated the event, which featured games, music, and lots of creative activities. Forest

design giftwrap paper, birdwatcher journals, popcorn and cranberry garlands, grapevine wreaths, and squirrel feeders were among the many projects the children completed during the workshop as they learned about birds, and the way they and other wildlife cope with winter weather.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Bredeaux Pizza for their donation and many thanks to all of the volunteers who made this event possible. We couldn't have done it without you!



Gage Eidmann uses press leaves to design the cover for his birdwatchers journal.



Dr. John Rushin shares his knowledge of birds with the youngsters.

"Come Home for Christmas at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion"

The Wyeth-Tootle Mansion came alive with light as the annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony took place on November 30. Over three hundred guests enjoyed the sounds of music by the Our Lady of Guadalupe Choir and the Chord Time Barbershop Quartet. Amid the elaborate holiday decorations, guests enjoyed refreshments, shopped, and took the opportunity to pose for pictures. Carriage rides were sponsored by Ken Smith Autobody and children were entertained by Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Top: Guests pose for pictures in an antique sleigh.

Left: The members of Chord Time take their places and prepare to perform.

New and Renewed Members

From September 9 through December 13, 2006

Renewals

Dr. & Mrs. R. Philip Acuff
Dr. & Mrs. Edward H. Andres
David R. Bradley
Suzanne Bocell Bradley
Rhett Bowlin
John & Carol Burns
Mr. & Mrs. David Carpenter
Nancy Clisbee
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Catherine Crouch
Marion R. Davis
Mr. & Mrs. R. Andrew DeShon
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Mr. & Mrs. Richard DeShon
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Clifford & Jean Duggar
Margaret Elder
Bob Fay Companies
Bill & Joy Cole
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fitzpatrick
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Shannon Giles
Clark & Nancy Hampton
Helen Hendra
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Herzog
Lt. Col. & Mrs. Carrol Hicks
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Dr. & Mrs. George Hopkins
Patsy R. Horine
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kemp
Norma King
James A. Lehr
Suzanne S. Lehr
Vance & Mary Leininger
Dr. & Mrs. James Marston
Barbara & Marilyn Maxwell
Mrs. Eleanor McDonald
Dr. & Mrs. Wallace McDonald
Bill Miller
Marvin Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nolf
David Robaska
Gail Robaska
Gordon Robaska, Jr.
Julia Robaska
Mrs. June L. Robaska
Mr. P. Gordon Robaska
Pamela Robaska

Scott Robaska
Mrs. Geraldine Robinson
Jim & Rene Roth
Robert Roth: Hillyard Incorporated
Julia L. Rupp: Rupp Funeral Home
Mary Ann & Leo Schmitz
Elizabeth Scarbrough
Sean Scarbrough
Faye M. Schaff
Valerie Schumann
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Simpson
Waltraud Smith
Barbara Steiniche
Stevenson Family Pharmacy Inc.
June M. Swift
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Katherine Temps
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Bob Turner
Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Vetter
Dr. & Mrs. Ron Wade
Joan & Richard Wagner
Clyde & Mavis Weeks
Mary Wiley

New Members

John P. Barclay, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bodicky
Bonebrake Vision & Eye Center
Patricia Brock
Thomas M. Cobb
Dan & Susan Colgan
Margaret Corken
Halbert Jewellers Inc.
Joe Kneib
Esther Kreek
John & Josie McCarthy
Steve Pankiewicz: St. Joseph
Electric Supply Co.
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John Wray

NOTICE

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting and Election of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, January 30. You will receive a notice by mail of the time and place. All members are invited to participate.

In order to vote at the January 30 election of Trustees, you must have a valid membership. If you cannot attend, you may vote by proxy. The Membership Committee and Board of Trustees will be determining voting specifications. You will receive this information along with a proxy in early January. If you have any questions, please call Jackie Lewin at 232-8471.

Calendar of Events

January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - All sites of The St. Joseph Museums, Inc., are closed.

February 3 - Super Science Saturday - The sixth annual Super Science Saturday featuring interactive experiments for children of all ages from a wide variety of sciences will be held at **The Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th and Charles**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students ages 7 -18, and free for children under six. Please call 816-232-8471 for more information.

February 9 through March 10 - In honor of Black History Month, the Black Archives of The St. Joseph Museums, Inc., will host a for sale art exhibition featuring area African American artists. The exhibition will be held at the Black Archives, 3406 Frederick Avenue. Please call 816-232-8471 for more information.

February 19 - African American History Workshop for Youth - In honor of Black History Month, the Black Archives of The St. Joseph Museums, Inc., will present an African American history workshop for students in the 4th, 5th, & 6th grades at the Black Archives, 3406 Frederick Ave., from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Activities to include storytelling, weaving, and story quilt making. The cost is \$10 per student, which includes a snack and all supplies. Space is limited and prepaid reservations are required. Please call 816-232-8471 for more information or to make a reservation.

March 6 & 13 - The Dead Sea Scrolls Series - The St. Joseph Museums, Inc., co-sponsors a two-part series by Dr. Jimmy Albright on the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Wyatt Park Baptist Church, 2902 N. Leonard Road, at 7 p.m. on March 6 and March 13.

March 20 - Dead Sea Scrolls Daytrip - The St. Joseph Museums, Inc., will sponsor a daytrip to the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri. The cost is \$55 for Museum Members and \$60 for Non-Members, which includes transportation, lunch, and all admission fees. Prepaid reservations are required. The motor coach will leave from the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., at 8 a.m. and return at 4:15 p.m. Please call 816-232-8471 for more information or to make a reservation.

St. Joseph Museum
Glore Psychiatric Museum
Black Archives Museum
3406 Frederick, P.O. Box 8096
St. Joseph, Missouri 64508
Monday through Saturday 10-5 p.m.
Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Wyeth-Tootle Mansion
1100 Charles St.
P.O. Box 8096
St. Joseph, Missouri 64508
Mon., Thurs., Fri., & Sat., 10 - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

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