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We Thank our Outgoing Board Members for their Service

Clark Hampton, Tom Duggins, and Lisa Rock have all reached their term limits of six years. The board, staff, and members thank them for their service.

Clark was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2007 and became president in 2011. During his terms as President, community relations were enhanced, projects were organized through the Strategic Plan, and the AAM Reaccreditation was awarded to the St. Joseph Museums.



*President of the Board
of Trustees
Clark Hampton*

Clark has taken a special interest in the buildings and grounds, and the appearance of the facilities took on a well-groomed look as work proceeded on the grounds and building improvements. He devoted many hours, as well as financial support to the Museums. His concern and guidance to the staff has been particularly appreciated.

Tom Duggins served as board vice-president and secretary as well as chair of the Collections Committee. In addition, he has donated his artistic skills in helping with framing and exhibit advice.

Lisa Rock has willingly aided several committees, and always supports Museum projects with her attendance. Her advice on Mansion restoration has been so appreciated.

So, we say thank you for six great years to Clark, Tom, and Lisa. Although they are leaving the Board, we look forward to their continued support of the Museums.

Jacqueline A. Lewin, Executive Director of the St. Joseph Museums

About our New Logo

Our new logo was created by MWSU graphics design students Melinda Pollack and Rachel Dunning as a class project. Their challenge was to create a logo that represented each of our museums and the Eckel and Doll collections. We requested that the overall logo be made up of individual logos that could be used separately in color or in black and white. They came through with a logo that is fresh, colorful, and versatile. We are very grateful for their hard work and creativity.

Museum Patrons Enjoy a "Wedding & Reception" (with a Twist) at the 2013 Museum Mystery Event

Over 160 guests enjoyed dinner, drama, and beautiful costumes at the October Eugene Field/Julia Comstock "Wedding and Reception" reenactments. As many of the original details as possible were duplicated. This time, the reception included a surprise. The groom's gift of jewelry for the bride was missing. The audience then had the chance to follow the clues to the culprit, which inspired several theories and a lot of laughter.



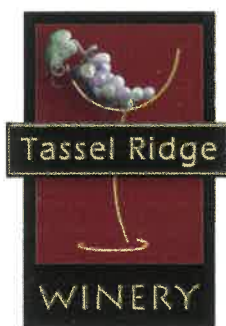
The "wedding" party gathers together in costume.



Our Volunteers Make Things Happen!

Left: This fall MWSU Panhellenic Council members volunteered at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion. They cleared 50 bags of leaves from the grounds.

Get Ready to be Wined & Dined on our Spring Trip!



You will experience an adventure in wine making from vine to bottle on the first day of our spring trip. At Tassel Ridge Winery in Leighton, Iowa, we'll explore the history of grape growing in Iowa, the vineyard planting and harvesting process, and the processing, fermenting, blending, and bottling of wine. Then indulge your palate as you enjoy complimentary samples of their award-winning wines. On the second day of the trip we will take in all the sights, sounds, and flavors of Dutch culture at the 79th Annual Tulip Time Festival in Pella, Iowa. The cost is \$213 for museum members and \$233 for non-members. The fee includes meals, double occupancy at the Royal Amsterdam Hotel, motorcoach transportation, admission fees, tips, and reserved seating at the Tulip Time street performance and parade. The dates are April 30 through May 1, and you can make your reservations by calling the St. Joseph Museum at 816.232.8471.



Above: Amy Grier volunteered her time to restore a fading illustration of an early form of mental health treatment at the Glore Psychiatric Museum.

Edifice: The Architecture of E. J. Eckel Exhibit Opens

A new permanent exhibit on the life and accomplishments of the famous St. Joseph architect Edmund J. Eckel opened at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion in September. More than 80 St. Joseph Museum members attended the opening reception at the Mansion, which was chosen to house the exhibit because Eckel designed the structure. Through renderings from the Eckel collection, visitors will be able to examine eight different architectural styles used in Eckel's designs when the Mansion re-opens in the spring. Funding and assistance for the exhibit provided by Hillyards, Inc., the David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts, and The Frame Shop.



Carol Meyers, Dorothy Wenz, and Peggy McDonald started their tour of the Eckel exhibit with the recreation of his office, which features his original desk and some of his other personal belongings.

At the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, extra booklets on architecture that feature some of the buildings that E. J. Eckel built in St. Joseph are available for purchase. The Wyeth-Tootle Mansion is open for group tours of 10 or more participants by appointment during the winter months. For an appointment, please call the St. Joseph Museum at 232-8471.

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Visit all of our Museums

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Glore Psychiatric Museum
St. Joseph Museum
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Mon-Sat 10-5 p.m.
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Wyeth-Tootle Mansion
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January 7 - Greece and the Greek Isles Programs - St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 2 and 5:30 p.m. - Dr. Jimmy Albright shares images of the beauty of Greece as well as historical information. Admission is free to both programs.

Jan. 12, Feb., 9, March, 9 & April 13 - The American Girl® Doll Club - The club, for students 8 to 12 years of age, meets at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 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 and can be made by contacting Sarah Elder at 816.232.8471, ext. 19 or by e-mail at sarah@stjosephmuseum.org.

January 15 - "March on Washington" Video Showing - St. Joseph Public Library at East Hills - 502 N. Woodbine Road - 7 p.m. - In honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the video of the historic March on Washington, featuring two St. Joseph residents, will be shown at the East Hills Branch of the St. Joseph Public Library. Refreshments will be served. Donations will be accepted for the exhibits fund at the Black Archives Museum.

January 16 - Annual St. Joseph Museum Membership Meeting - St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 5:30 p.m.

February 7 - "In Our Own Voices" Video Showing, MWSU Spratt Hall, Room 101, 4525 Downs Drive - 7 p.m. - This video on the effects of the Civil Rights Movement in St. Joseph was created by MWSU graduate student Jeremy Lyons as his master's thesis. Through interviews with longtime members of the African-American community, "In Our Own Voices" tells the story of the Civil Rights Era in St. Joseph. Proceeds will go towards exhibits at the Black Archives Museum. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

February 8 - Super Science Saturday, MWSU Remington Hall/Agenstein Hall, 4525 Downs Drive, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Science educators from Missouri Western State University and area high schools present interactive science experiments for children of all ages on the Saturday after the Super Bowl. Admission: \$5 Adults, \$3 Students - Free parking

February 28 - 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 4 - Ancient Israel Programs - St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 2 and 5:30 p.m. - Dr. Jimmy Albright shares the history of Israel and what he has discovered while conducting over 30 archaeological excavations. Admission is free to both programs.

March 7, 14, & 21 - Mental Health Program Series - 6:00 p.m. - Local psychiatrists and mental health care professionals will share information on volunteering and working in the mental health field as well as current trends in therapy. Admission is free.

April 26 - Fixing this Old House at the Mansion - Wyeth-Tootle Mansion - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Join us as those who have tackled all kinds of challenges in restoring and maintaining an older home share their expertise.