

Freiburg
Passion Players
in
"THE PAGEANT SUBLIME"



ST. JOSEPH
MUSEUM



Happenings

March/April/May 2001

PHOTO COLLECTIONS

In addition to the Executive, many other committees were necessary to stage the Passion Play. Other committees included Finance and Budget, Ways and Means, Underwriting, General Ticket, Auditing, Concessions, Arrangements, Musicians, Choral, Cast, Transportation, Stage and Crew, Public Service, Publicity, Newspaper Advertising, Bill Posting, and Local Publicity.

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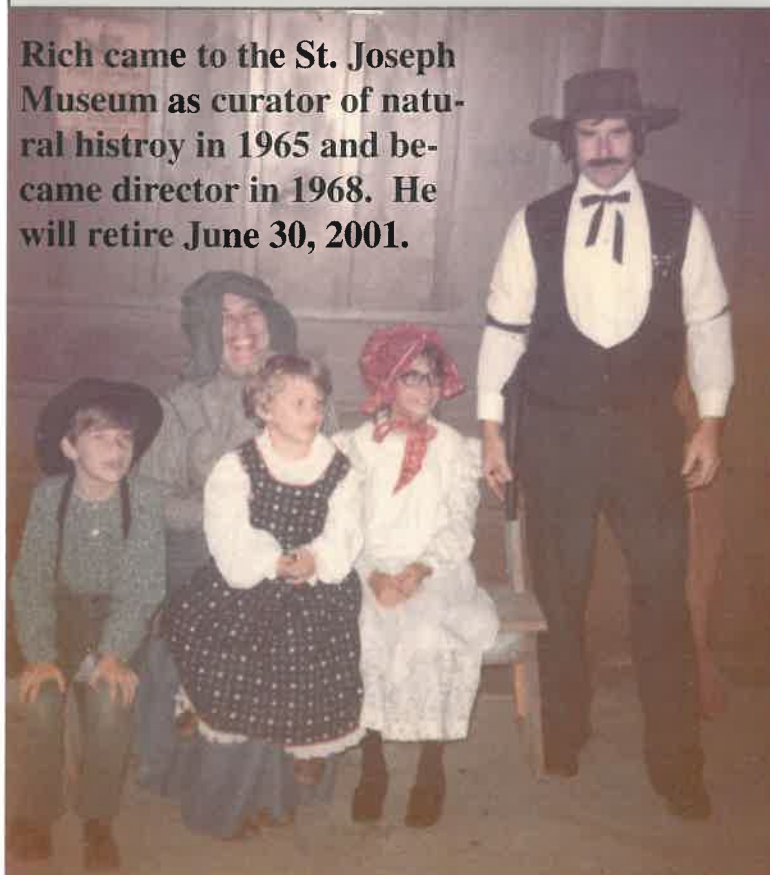


Walter Meierhoffer
Meierhoffer Funeral Home



IT HAS BEEN A BUSY 36 YEARS. THANKS, RICH.

Rich came to the St. Joseph Museum as curator of natural history in 1965 and became director in 1968. He will retire June 30, 2001.



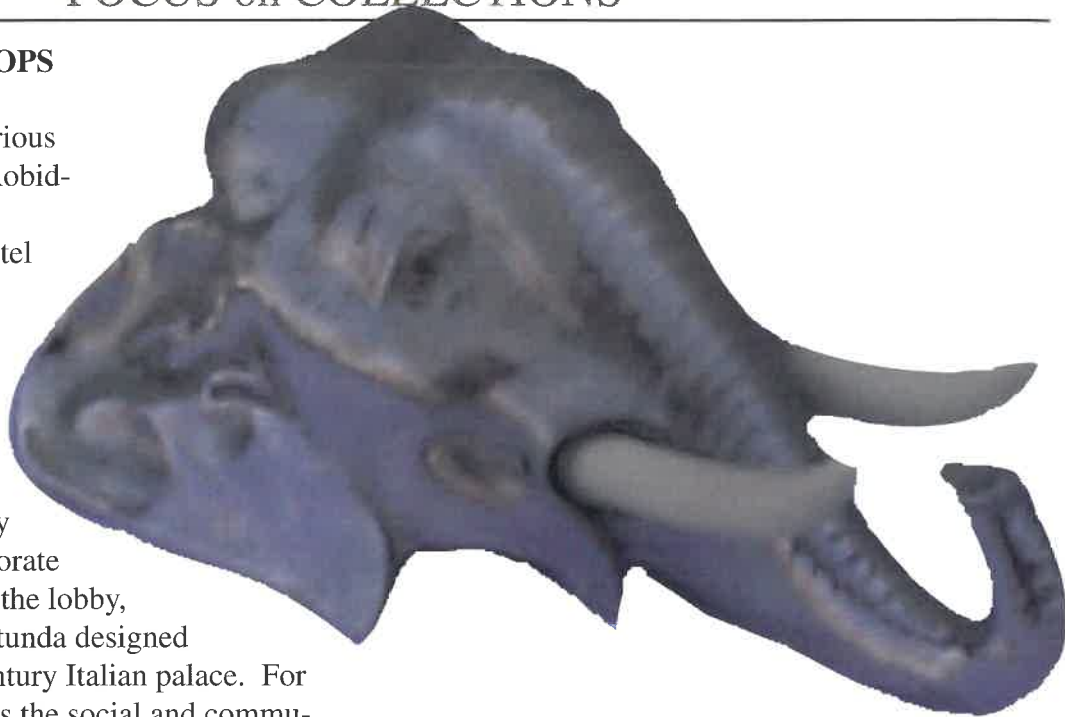


FOCUS on COLLECTIONS

CALLING ALL BELLHOPS

In 1908 one of the most luxurious hotels in the area, the Hotel Robidoux, opened in St. Joseph. A pamphlet published by the hotel credited it as "being the 'last word' in elegance, beauty of design and harmony of color." The pamphlet also stated that "The building towers high above its neighbors and can be seen from any quarter of the city." The elaborate entrance opened directly into the lobby, a spacious, vaulted-ceiling rotunda designed in the style of a Sixteenth Century Italian palace. For many years the hotel served as the social and community center of St. Joseph. It stood at the northwest corner of 5th and Francis until 1976 when it was imploded.

A unique memento of the Hotel Robidoux is this metal elephant head which sat on the lobby desk and was used by the desk clerk to summon the blue and gold uniformed bellhops. The head contained a bell and when one pressed down on the ivory tusks, it rang.



The bell was donated to the St. Joseph Museum by Mary Helen Burrowes who served on the Board of Trustees from 1990 until her death in 1993. The bell had been given to the Burrowes family by Miss Mary U. Neipp, daughter of Chris Neipp. Chris Neipp managed and served as president of the hotel from 1908 to 1927. In the 1920s Miss Neipp was the secretary-treasurer.

RECENT DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTIONS

Robert A. Brown, Jr. - A set of 62 Polk's *St. Joseph City Directories* dating from 1921 to 1999.

Walter Drannan - Photographs of the founders and first four presidents of the St. Joseph Grain Exchange - J.W. Craver, F.R. Warrick, A.J. Brunswig, and John M. Flynn.

Clark & Nancy Hampton - Several old dollar bills; recently released quarters representing various states; and a glass thermometer.

Harold W. Keck - Set of Rotary Membership Rosters ranging from 1941 to 1956.

James Lehr - Six prints showing Native American designs by the southwestern artist, Knpobo (Cradle Flower). The prints are signed by the artist.

Veda Lewis - A book, *Meriwether Lewis*, by Richard Dillon.

Betty Mallon - Three large Native American baskets from the early 1900s.

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Memorials

In memory of:

Mary Lynn Brown
from Monya Rositzky

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*Memberships and donations received
after April 30 will be recognized in the
next issue.*

Upholding the trust—safeguarding St. Joseph's past for future generations.

Since 1927, the St. Joseph Museum has been entrusted with its community's heritage. It is the museum's mission to uphold this trust by caring for the items that have been given into its custody. Using these collections, the St. Joseph Museum serves the public by educating through exhibits and programs; promoting research; and encouraging the appreciation and understanding of St. Joseph's heritage.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day

Museum is open 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 2

Trash or Treasure?

Appraisal Day at the St. Joseph Museum

10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 14

Open House

Rich Nolf Retirement

4:00-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day

Museum is open 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 3

Labor Day

Museum is open 1:00-5:00 p.m.

For more information call the St. Joseph Museum at 232-8471.



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