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Visitors Explore During Grand Re-opening of the Glore Psychiatric Museum

The re-vamped exhibits at the Glore Psychiatric Museum drew 275 guests during the grand re-opening. They explored all four floors and the exhibit "Within These Walls", which focuses on the Missouri State Hospital system. Guests ventured into part of the original tunnel system that connected many of the St. Joseph State Hospital buildings. Visitors also watched the new introductory video.



Left: As a former St. Joseph State Hospital employee, Mary Ellen Grable was naturally interested in the new "Within These Walls" exhibit. The exhibit features St. Joseph State Hospital items and items from hospitals throughout the State of Missouri.



Above: Michele, Jessica, and John Janorschke view the tunnel system. Behind them is one of the many murals that line the tunnel walls. The murals on the walls of the tunnel were painted by patients as an occupational therapy art project that took place from 1988 to 1990.

Correspondence illustrates how Harry L. George Amassed an Amazing Collection

The Harry L. George collection of nearly 4,000 American Indian items became a cornerstone of the St. Joseph Museum collection in the 1940s. In November, 50 guests took the opportunity to learn about the extraordinary correspondence of this meticulous collector. Dr. Peter Welsh, director of Museum Studies at the University of Kansas and former curator at the Heard Museum, was the featured speaker. He was joined by University of Kansas graduate student Katie Manley, who is writing her Master's thesis on the Harry L. George letters.

They showed some of the items in the collection along with the records of how the items were acquired and their origins. George's ledgers are filled with documents that provide insight about the extensive nationwide network of figures he came in contact with. Research into the correspondence, the collection, and the best ways to preserve and further interpret it are ongoing. The significant Harry George collection is a St. Joseph treasure. To donate for the care and exhibition of this collection, please contact the St. Joseph Museum.



St. Joseph Museums Director Sara Wilson helps speakers Katie Manley and Dr. Peter Welsh show a pictograph on muslin depicting Battle of Little Big Horn to the audience.

Pillows of Unrest

Temporary Exhibit Opens

Art in any form is an expression, and expression on any type of canvas can be revealing. In the case of the new temporary exhibit at the Glore Psychiatric Museum, the canvas is a pillowcase. The exhibit is from Fulton State Hospital, where patients were given plain white pillow cases and a pack of colored Sharpie® markers for this art therapy project. They created incredible works of art that tell their heartfelt stories of struggle and recovery. The artwork is as varied and unique as the patients. Some wrote their own words, others a poem or a prayer; still others drew their own story or something symbolic of their journey. The exhibit was introduced at a reception in November. You can view this amazing display through June 2015.



City Makes Exterior Repairs to the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion

Work began on the exterior woodwork, windows, and doors at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion this summer. Windows were uncovered and the exterior wood trim was repaired. Using a boom truck, the Mansion was re-roofed and workers relined the gutters. By December, work on three sides of the Mansion was completed. Work to complete the remaining sections will take place in the spring of 2015.

Audience Learns More about Negro Leagues Baseball

Author Phil S. Dixon, widely regarded as one of America's foremost experts on baseball history, spoke at the Black Archives Museum in November. His presentation focused on the famous Kansas City Monarchs and the games the team played in St. Joseph, Missouri. A co-founder of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, he was able to make the stories of those early games come alive through pictures, newspaper accounts, and oral histories.



Donations to the Collections

Penny Bailey – Can containing drinking water from Anheuser Busch. Cans such as these were distributed during the Flood of 1993.

Betty Gossin – Photograph of the Plymouth Clothing Company office in 1915.

Jackie Lewin – *The Door Step Orphan-Eugene Field and a Trilogy of His Best Loved Poems* by Dr. Jean A. Lukesh

John W. Netherland – Two pairs of shoes; High top, lace boots and wedding slippers. Both pairs belonged to Mrs. Agnes Seaman. Her husband, William R. Seaman, was partner in Seaman & Schuske.

Marshall White – Several hundred documents, photographs, and ephemera, as well as items from St. Joseph Businesses from various years. Items include correspondence, bills and receipts, pens, tokens, pencils, yardsticks, and books from St. Joseph authors.

Megan Wyeth – 70 documents, photographs, and ephemera from Schreiber Mills. Most are dated to just prior to the 1918 fire at the Mills and after.

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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
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St. Joseph, Missouri
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 3 - The American Girl® Doll Club – The club 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.** To register please contact Sarah Elder at 816.232.8471, or e-mail sarah@stjosephmuseum.org.

January 15 - Annual St. Joseph Museum Membership Meeting – St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 5:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Museum members join in electing board members for 2015.

January 31 - Super Science Saturday - Missouri Western State University Remington Hall/Agenstein Hall, 4525 Downs Drive, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Science educators from Missouri Western State University and three area high schools present interactive science experiments for children of all ages. The event will also include weather related experiments courtesy of Mike Bracciano of KQTV 2. **Admission: \$4 Adults, \$2 Students**

February 26 - 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.**

April 8 - 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.

April 16 - Save the Date - Art Collection of Joseph Gray Showing - Invitations to Follow

April 30 - Black Archives Museum Panel Discussion - East Hills Library, 502 N. Woodbine Road - 6 to 8 p.m. - The topic will be former St. Joseph leader John Lucas and the events leading to the creation of the Bartlett Center. **Admission: Free**

May 6, 7, & 8 - 80th Annual Tulip Time Festival, Pella, Iowa, Trip - Pella, Iowa, will make you feel like you stepped into the Netherlands with their Dutch architecture, charming tulip gardens, 1850s windmill, and traditional Dutch fare and clothing. **See insert for more details.**

May 14-23 - Journey through the Land of Israel Trip - Dr. Jimmy Albright will escort participants as they visit the not-to-be-missed sites in Israel from Dan to Beer Sheva. **Trip brochures are available at the St. Joseph Museum, 816.232.8471 or by e-mail at kathy@stjosephmuseum.org.**

May 15-17 - Preservation Expo Events - See insert for more details.

May 28 - Mah Jongg Party at the Mansion - Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles Street, 12:00 to 3:30 p.m. The museum will host the seventh annual Mah Jongg Party at the Mansion. The afternoon will include lunch, party favors, door prizes, and plenty of time to play Mah Jongg. **Pre-paid reservations are required. Reservations can be made by calling the St. Joseph Museum at 816.232.8471. Bring your Mah Jongg set and join the fun! Admission: \$25 per person, \$100 per table**