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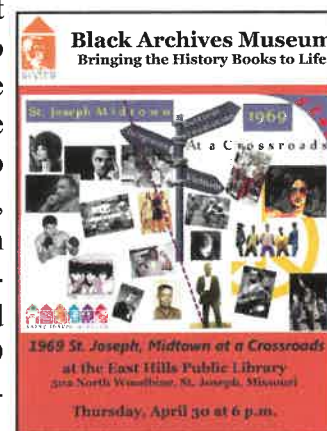


*Above: Rev. R. Robert and Mrs. Kimberly Warren were the inductees into the Black Archives Museum Hall of Fame this year.*

## Two Events Provided by the Black Archives Museum Board Attract Large Audiences

The Black Archives Museum's Hall of Fame welcomed two new inductees at a reception in February, which drew over 80 guests. The founders of the MidCity Excellence Learning Center Rev. R. Robert and Kimberly Warren were the honorees. The Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster a unified community capable of enhancing academic outcomes, addressing social challenges, and expanding economic opportunities. For over a decade, the Warrens have worked through the Center to accomplish this mission. They have recruited the staff, guest instructors, and volunteers who work to make positive changes in the lives of the people in the St. Joseph community. Through their efforts, the MidCity Excellence Learning Center provides many services to an area of the City with a need for additional educational opportunities and programs to promote self-sufficiency.

In April, the Black Archives Museum hosted "St. Joseph Midtown 1969 ~ At a Crossroads" for 90 guests. This two-panel discussion focused on St. Joseph events in the summer of 1969, such as the shooting death of Richard Marvin Ginn and the unrest that followed. Two groups were formed in different parts of the City to address the issues. They were the Black Citizens for Progress and the Black Contemporary Society. Later, the groups joined and formed the East Side Human Resource Center, now called the Bartlett Center. To discuss the history behind those organizations were John Lucas, Jr., Leo Blakley, Bob Simpson, and Ramadhan Washington, all of whom were originally involved. The second panel of speakers were community leaders who work with the youth of today. The event also featured youth from the St. Joseph community performing dances from 1969 and the premiere of the video, "St. Joseph Midtown 1969 ~ At a Crossroads" produced by Gary Wilkinson.



## Join Us for the Jazz, Wine, Baseball, & Barbecue Daytrip!



We will be checking out two of Kansas City's top attractions and a famous barbecue joint on our next daytrip. The trip will include guided tours of the Jazz Museum and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. At lunchtime, it's off to Arthur Bryant's Barbecue, which has hosted presidents, movie stars, and barbecue lovers from all walks of life. The menu will include ribs, turkey, and beef with their signature side dishes, and of course, the sauce that Arthur Bryant perfected. Then it's a time to relax as you sample from a selection of wines at Pirtle's Winery in charming Downtown Weston. The Fri., September 25, trip will begin at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., at 8:30 a.m. The motorcoach will return by 5 p.m. The all-inclusive fee for the trip is \$90 for museum members and \$110 for non-members. To make a reservation, call the Museum at 816-232-8471 by August 25.





*Jess and Galen Gould and Brandon Massin began their tour of the Intersections exhibit in the first of three newly restored Mansion rooms.*

## Preservation Weekend a Success! Intersections: Of Time & Buildings Exhibit Opens followed by the Preservation Expo

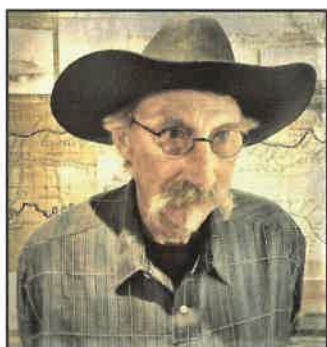
In May, the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion attracted hundreds of visitors during a weekend of preservation related events. The weekend began with the opening of the *Intersections: Of Time and Buildings* exhibit. The exhibit explores the intersections of history, art, architecture, and the humanities. The following day was dedicated to the St. Joseph Preservation Expo, which featured experts in the field of historic preservation providing demonstrations and programs. Guests were able to get expert advice from vendors and tour local homes that are undergoing restoration.

### Andy Meyer Retires

St. Joseph Museum Head of Security and Maintenance Andy Meyer retired in May after 15 years of service. He and his wife Susan plan to travel and spend more time with their children and grandchildren. We thank him for his many years of service. He brought his eye for color, his sense of humor, and his many skills as a craftsman to so many museum projects it would be impossible to list them all. He will be greatly missed!



*Andy and Susan Meyer on one of the many summer trips he escorted for the museum.*



### Robert (Cowboy) Culbertson Joins the Staff

Robert "Cowboy" Culbertson has joined the St. Joseph Museum staff as Head of Maintenance and Security. Robert is a lover of history and has worked for the Pony Express Museum. He also owns American Frontier Productions, an Old-West Town in Easton, Kansas. We are grateful to have him on our team!

*Image courtesy of artist & photographer Bob Travaglione.*

## Donations to the Collections

**Leila Hicks** – Wyeth Family paintings of Huston Wyeth and Leila Ballenger Wyeth, framed and on canvas. Portrait of a young Eliza Wyeth on porcelain and a framed grouping of individual portraits of William, Eliza, Maud, and Berenice Wyeth, also on porcelain.

**Jim McIntosh** – Business papers related to the Union and Union representative at Armour Packing, Mr. Robert Armstrong

**Michele Wells** – Photograph of employees at the Hotel Robidoux, c. 1930

**Marshall White** – Photographs by St. Joseph photographers, maps, warranty deed for plots at Mount Auburn Cemetery, and a St. Joseph population and street directory. Items related to St. Joseph including sheet music, newspaper from Rosecrans Airport, photographs of the Passion Play at Krug Park, and items from various businesses, as well as approximately 40 items from the Robidoux Motor Hotel, Whitmore Business College, tokens from St. Joseph businesses, fly wheel from the Missouri Theater, and other St. Joseph business items

**Reid & Virginia Woodbury** – Printed copy of the 1859 Treaty between the United States and the Confederate Tribes of the Sacs and Foxes of Mississippi

**Max Wyeth** – Receipts and invoices related to construction of Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1878-1880. Receipts, contracts, and invoices related to the Wyeth Company and the Wyeth family, c. 1880.

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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**  
1100 Charles Street  
St. Joseph, Missouri  
64501 - Friday & Sat.,  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Group  
Tours by Appt.

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### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**July 27 through 30 - *Let's Go to St. Joe by River, Roads, & Rails* - Day Camp for Children - See page 2 for details.**

**Sept. 13 & Oct. 11 - The American Girl® Doll Club** – The club meets at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 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](mailto:sarah@stjosephmuseum.org).**

**Sept. 25 - Jazz, Wine, Baseball, & Barbecue Daytrip - See page 1 for details.**

**Sept. 26 - Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day - All St. Joseph Museum sites will participate in the annual Museum Day, presented by Smithsonian magazine.** - Museum Day is a day when museums and cultural institutions nationwide open their doors free of charge. A celebration of culture, learning, and the dissemination of knowledge, Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day reflects the spirit of the magazine, and emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties. **Guided tours will be available on the hour beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour being given at 4 p.m. Admission will be free during the regular St. Joseph Museum hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**September 26 - Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles St. – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Docents will be available as guests explore the 1879 Mansion and the exhibits on St. Joseph architecture and history. **Admission will be free to the public during the regular Wyeth-Tootle Mansion hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**October 10 - Spend the Night at the Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue – 3:00 p.m. to after breakfast** - Here is your opportunity to experience the Glore Psychiatric Museum as part of an exclusive group of overnight guests. Tour the tunnels, see behind the scenes, hang-out with the Museum staff, and participate in a paranormal investigation. **Space is limited to 20 visitors. Admission: \$125 per person, which includes dinner, a movie, overnight stay, and breakfast. Must be 18 years of age or older. Bring your sleeping bag!**

**Oct. 22 & 23 - "Voices from the Past: Love Stories, Passion, Love, & Heartbreak" - Interpretive Tours of Mount Mora Cemetery** - Experience the unique architecture in Mount Mora Cemetery and hear intriguing stories from St. Joseph's past as you "meet" some of the city's most fascinating former residents. Tours will begin at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, on 1100 Charles Street. After "meeting" the first character of the evening and enjoying refreshments, participants will board the bus for Mount Mora Cemetery. **The cost of the tour is \$20 for museum members and \$22 for non-members. Space is limited and pre-paid reservations are required. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816.232.8471 to make reservations and purchase your tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the Museum, which is located at 3406 Frederick Avenue.**