

St. Joseph Museums, Inc. April-May-June 2009

Lincoln Exhibit Opening

Eighty-seven guests gathered at the St. Joseph Museums on February 19 for the opening of the "Abraham-Lincoln: Self-Made in America" traveling exhibition from the Abraham Lincoln Museum. Nearly 2,000 people visited the exhibition. There were several programs held in conjunction with the exhibit. Sarah Elder and Bob Ford presented programs on Lincoln's life. The "Lincoln's Lessons" workshop for children and the "Mrs. Lincoln's Closet" fashion show were both sold out.



Above: "Abraham Lincoln" (St. Joseph Museums Head of Security and Maintenance Andy Meyer) greets Museum Member Shirlene Schreckengaust at the entrance to the Lincoln exhibit during the opening reception.

Pastor Louis and Rev. Connie Monroe join the Black Archives Hall of Fame



The Black Archives Museum was filled with 119 well-wishers as Pastor Louis and Rev. Constance Monroe were inducted into the Black Archives Hall of Fame, which showcases the achievements of local African Americans. The fun-filled evening included performances by the adult and youth choirs from the New Hope Baptist Church.

Left to Right: Pastor Louis and Reverend Constance Monroe receive their awards from former Black Archives Hall of Fame inductee LaVell Rucker.

Experience the "Land of Lincoln" & Historic Arrow Rock during our Summer Trips !

By popular demand, the St. Joseph Museum will sponsor a trip to Springfield, Illinois, on June 11 and 12 to view the "Land of Lincoln." The trip for this year will include tours of the Old State Capitol Building, New Salem State Historic Village, and the Abraham Lincoln Museum. The all-inclusive cost of the trip is \$200 for museum members and \$220 for non-members.

On July 16 and 17, escape the 21st century for an exploration of Arrow Rock, an entire village that is on the National Register of Historic Places. The trip will include the Prairie Park Historic Mansion, the Arrow Rock State Historic Sites, and the award-winning Lyceum Theatre for the classic musical comedy "HELLO, DOLLY!" The all-inclusive cost of the trip is \$250 for museum members and \$275 for non-members.

Reserve your space on the trips by calling 816.232.8471.

Summer Programs for Youth

"Can you Dig It?" Archaeology Camp - June 15 - 18, grades 5th, 6th, & 7th - St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 9:30 a.m. to noon. There will be an optional field trip to the Steamboat *Arabia* on Friday, June 19.

Animal Art Safari Camp - June 22 - 25, grades 2nd, 3rd, & 4th - Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles, 1 to 3 p.m. There will be an optional field trip to the Omaha Zoo on Friday, June 26.

Butterfly Science Camp - August 10 - 13, grades Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd - St. Joseph Museum Butterfly Garden, 3406 Frederick Ave., 10 a.m. to noon.

Please call 816.232.8471 or e-mail amy@stjosephmuseum.org for more information or to register for the camps.

Mah Jongg Party at the Mansion

In conjunction with the Allied Arts Council, local libraries, and the St. Joseph School District, the St. Joseph Museums will participate in the community-wide project, "The Big Read." The featured book is the 1925 classic, *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald. In keeping with that theme, the museum will host a Mah Jongg Party with a 1920s flair at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion from 1 to 4 p.m. on May 12. There will be bookmark party favors, a buffet of classic 1920s treats, and door prizes including a copy of *The Great Gatsby*. "The Big Read" is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. **So grab your friends and your Mah Jongg set and join the fun! Reservations are required and can be made by calling 816.232.8471. Admission is \$15 per person/\$60 per table.**

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Cub Scouts Spend an Afternoon at the Museum

St. Joseph Museums Director of Education Amy Grier provided a workshop on American Indian culture for local Cub Scout Troop #45 on February 10. The workshop was attended by eight students who toured the American Indian exhibits of the St. Joseph Museum to learn about the various tribes that once lived in the St. Joseph area.

The Cub Scouts from Troop 45 proudly pose with the American Indian shields they created during their visit.



“...Remembering, Recalling, & Revisiting” with the Madisons



Ninety-six guests attended “St. Joseph African American History: Remembering, Recalling, Revisiting,” a reception in honor of Everette and Vivian Madison. The Madisons were recognized for their contribution to the Black Archives Museum through their willingness to record an oral history of their memories of life in St. Joseph during segregation and the desegregation process. Vivian, 93, and Everette, 101, also gave guests a chance to ask questions about the changes they have seen over their many years in St. Joseph.

St. Joseph City Council member Joyce Starr presents a framed certificate to Vivian and Everette Madison during the reception in their honor.

“Lincoln’s War Speeches”

In conjunction with the “Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America” exhibition, the St. Joseph Museum hosted 49 guests during a program on “Lincoln’s War Speeches.” The founder of the St. Joseph Border War Society and member of St. Joseph’s Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, Robert Ford, was the featured speaker.

Featured speaker Bob Ford begins his PowerPoint presentation with an excerpt from one of Lincoln’s earliest political speeches.



Super Science Saturday

The Wyeth-Tootle Mansion was full of activity as 700 visitors, local science educators, and volunteers came to together for the annual Super Science Saturday. The goal of the event is to raise awareness of science education in a fun and hands-on manner. Educators from Missouri Western State University, Benton High School, Central High School, Colgan Alternative Resource Center, South Holt R-1 High School, and Heartland Hospital helped plan and carry out the event.

Levi Holland, age 11, discovers the effects of an electrostatics machine.



Donations to Collections

Jim Lehr - Booklets of the Bylaws of the District Council of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Union of St. Joseph, Trade Rules, Agreements between employers and members of Bricklayers Union and Carpenters and Joiners Union from various years and a flag from the People's Republic of China, c. 1970

Geraldine Robinson - Several books including *A School History of the Negro Race in America from 1860-1890*, *Notable Black Americans* and titles by Virgil Powell. All books relate to African American history.

Ken Siemens - The book *Men Who Make St. Joseph "The City Worth While"* by W.P. Tracy. Published in 1920.

Richard Thacker - Documents, books, and miscellaneous items from the collection of Don Reynolds. Among the items are bottles, telegraph wires and insulators, as well as projectile points and scrapers. Mr. Reynolds was the former assistant director of the St. Joseph Museum and was considered an authority on the Pony Express.

Have a Children's Birthday Party at the Mansion

Museum members may schedule children's birthday parties at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion Museum and select from a number of themes, including Peter Pan & Tinker bell, Sleeping Beauty, Little Mermaid, Knights at the Castle, or Frontier Heroes. Cost to members is \$100.00. Decorated cake and ice cream, games with prizes and costumes provided. Contact Amy Grier at 816.232.8471 or at amy@stjosephmuseum.org to schedule a party.



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Calendar of Events

April 28 - Volunteer Luncheon, St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Ave., 12 p.m. - The St. Joseph Museums board and staff will host a luncheon to honor museum docents, and collections and library volunteers.

May 12 - Mah Jongg Party at the Mansion (held in conjunction with "The Big Read") - Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles St., 1 to 4 p.m. In conjunction with the Allied Arts Council, local libraries, and the St. Joseph School District, the St. Joseph Museum will participate in the community-wide project, "The Big Read." The featured book is the 1925 classic *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. In keeping with that theme, the museum will host a Mah Jongg Party featuring a buffet of 1920s favorites. "The Big Read" is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. Reservations are required and they can be made by calling 816.232.8471. **Admission is \$15 per person/\$60 per table**

May 19 - "An Evening with George" - Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 6 p.m. - The Founder of the Glore Psychiatric Museum George Glore and former Glore Psychiatric Museum Director Scott Clark will present the history of "State Lunatic Asylum No. 2" and early mental health treatments as well as the story of the early years of the museum. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

May 20 - "Inside Zelda's Wardrobe, Fashions of the 1920s" (held in conjunction with "The Big Read") - Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 3 to 5 p.m. - Visitors of all ages will be treated to a program featuring the garments that were popular during the "Roaring Twenties" along with a dessert that's the "bee's knees." Reservations are required. **The fee is \$5 for Museum Members and \$10 for Non-Members. Please call 816.232.8471 to make reservations.**

June 5 - Sept. 8 - Midwest Mental Health Art Invitational - Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave.,- Features over fifty pieces of for-sale art on canvas or paper by mental health patient/client artists from the four-state area. Regular Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$2 Students, and Free for Museum Members.

June 11 & 12 - "Land of Lincoln" Trip - See page 3 for more details on our spring & summer trips!

July 16 & 17 - Join in an exploration of historic Arrow Rock, Missouri, including a tour of the Prairie Park Historic Mansion and the award-winning Lyceum Theatre for the classic musical comedy "HELLO DOLLY!" - (See page 3 for more details)

Please call 816.232.8471 for more information on St. Joseph Museums events and activities.

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