

The Happenings

St. Joseph Museums, Inc.

July/August/September

2006

At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees, I was asked to serve as the Interim Director. I am honored to serve in this position, and I will do my utmost to make the St. Joseph Museums the best they can be. This is a new format of *The Happenings of the St. Joseph Museums, Inc.* *The Happenings* will continue to develop over the coming months to include the type of information you requested in our recent membership telephone survey. Please contact me if you have any comments, pro or con, about *The Happenings*. We want it to be what you, our members, enjoy receiving.

Jacqueline Lewin
Interim Director

New Native American & Archaeology Exhibits

In addition to five new Native American exhibition rooms, a new series of archaeology exhibits will open to the public on September 29.. A special members reception and opening will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on September 28, so please include this event on your calendar.

The new exhibits feature clothing, pipes, weapons, pottery, kachinas, jewelry, and archaeology.

Curator of Collections, Sarah Elder adjusts head-dress in the new Weapons exhibit.





The children who attended the Teddy Bear Picnic pose with their teddies in front of the Alaskan Brown Bear at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion.

Teddy Bears on Parade!

On June 17, The St. Joseph Museum hosted a Teddy Bear Picnic featuring teddy bear related crafts, and a picnic lunch. Each child received a teddy bear from the Build-A-Bear Company.

Volunteer Nancy Hampton accesses documents as part of her work in the Archives and Library.



Hats Off to our Volunteers!

Library volunteers are Dorothy Smith, Jacque McNeiley, Kay Temps, Sandy Hamilton, Virginia Woodbury and Marilyn Bryan. Janette Dunlap volunteers to enter collections data into the computer. Thanks everyone!

Steady There, Big Fella!



Staff members move the Wyeth lion to the second floor of the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion. We are in the process of furnishing the first floor.

New and Reinstated Members

From April 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006

Renewals

Thomas and Susan Alderson
 Bradley Family Trust
 Mr. Robert Brown, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. William Brown
 Bill and Cecilia Brunner
 Mr. Gary Butchart - Butchart Flowers Inc.
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fisher
 Mr. and Mrs. Rod Fletcher
 Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Ford, Jr.
 Mrs. Lyman Fulkerson
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gray
 Joseph and Stacchya Gray
 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Guenther
 Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hinton
 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Iffert
 Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Ingino
 Charlene and Charles Jorgensen, Jr.
 Mr. Theodore M. Kranitz
 Shane B. Libel
 Barbara Liechti
 Mariella Manville
 Meierhoffer Family Funeral Care
 Mr. and Mrs. Casey Meyers
 Dan Moore
 Jerre Moore
 Brad McAnally - Hy Vee
 Susan Noland
 Nancy Pilgram
 Steve and Jeannie Pitluck
 Louanne Robreau
 Lee and Toni Sawyer
 Charles and Towana Schurke
 Ken and Sarah Siemens
 Dr. and Mrs. Robert Stuber
 Jim Summers, Jr. - Prudential Summers Realtors
 V. Craig and Mary Sumner
 Del and Joyce Sutherland
 A. W. Thedinga
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tootle
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Reed, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rochambeau
 David and Jill Waller
 John and Diane Watson
 Mr. and Mrs. William Wenz
 Mr. and Mrs. John Wray

New Members

Dr. Jimmy and Janice Albright
 Debbie Cotter
 Kitty Crouch
 Dennis Fogleman
 Jacqueline McClure - American Family Ins.
 Bob Wray
 Irene Wray
 Jennifer Wray

the School District abandoned the building in 1889, it was turned into a private residence.²

Student attendance at the Tenth Street Primary School generally ranged between 80 and 90. The smallest attendance year was 1881 with 58 students, and the largest attendance year was 102 in 1883. Male and female students were listed separately in alphabetical order in the register. From the handwriting of the entries, it appears that the recorder also changed from year to year. Of course, some recorder's handwriting was easier to read than others. Volunteers Nancy Hampton and Stephanie Francis struggled with some of the script and with some pages of faded ink.

What the St. Joseph Museums Archives acquired through the garage sale purchase of Carl and Sue Bolton were the student records for the entire existence of the Tenth Street Primary School. The St. Joseph Museum greatly appreciates that they returned the register to the City of its origin. One wonders how many other items are out there just waiting to be discovered and donated.

The computerized index to the School Register is now available by appointment for researchers at the St. Joseph Museums Research Library.

by Jackie Lewin

Notes

¹This old high school building had been originally built by Professor Edward Neely, several years prior to 1861. Professor Neely had a private classical school on Tenth between Felix and Francis. In 1861, the School Board arranged for him to conduct a public high school at the location. Chris Rutt, *History of Buchanan County and the City of St. Joseph*. (Chicago: Biographical Publishing Company, 1904), p 284.

² Donald F. Lentz, *The History of the School District of St. Joseph with Emphasis on the Last Fifty Years*. (Thesis for Specialist in Education Degree from Northwest Missouri State University, 1993), p. 161.

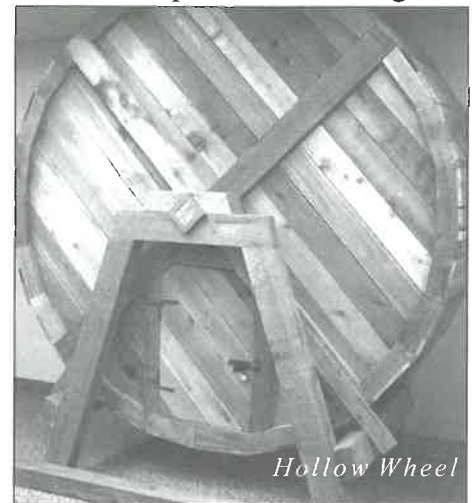
Medical Science and the Glore Psychiatric Museum

The Glore Psychiatric Museum, while attracting tourists, also is the destination for various medical classes. Since January 2006, more than 800 students ranging from nursing classes to medical technicians and Introduction to Psychology classes have visited as part of their regular curriculum, and have done so for years. These classes are given guided tours by the staff and have the option of watching one or both of the videos that are available for group tours.

As these students tour the exhibits, many realize for the first time how far the treatment of mental health has come. Today, many of these treatments from the 17th through the early 20th Centuries are viewed as more torture devices than actual viable treatments. However, they are reminded by the tour guides that, at that time, these therapies were considered to be the best available.

This idea is pointed out in the June 2006 issue of *Behavioral Healthcare*. A few months ago, one of the authors of the article "Confronting Chaos," Dr. Stephen Soreff, contacted the Glore Psychiatric Museum about photographs of some of the reproduction treatment devices. Sarah Elder, Curator of Collections, e-mailed digital images of the Hollow Wheel, the Tranquilizer Chair, O'Halloran's Swing, and the Utica Crib, the accompanying information to the editor of the magazine. All four images appear in the article which discusses the reasoning behind the use of such treatments, and how changes in treatment came about.

For more information about these treatments, check out "Confronting Chaos" by Dr. Stephen Soreff and Dr. Patricia Bazemore, or better yet, come check us out at the Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick. Remember, members are admitted FREE!



Collections News

Recent Donations

Patricia Benson Albach - St. Joseph news clippings; 1929 - 1931 Lafayette High School yearbooks, post cards and photos of St. Joseph scenes; and a petticoat worn at the 1875 St. Joseph High School graduation.

Amerisource/Bergen - 69 bottles, boxes, and containers of medications, many from C.D. Smith in St. Joseph and 1 large glass container, possibly used as a pharmacy display.

Lila Dodd - Axe head, Possibly Nebo Hill, dated to 2000-600 B.C.

Dr. Gary Dyer - 32 books from the medical field.

Mary Hinde - Jacket and overskirt of linen suit belonging to Lillian Schneider and photos of Lillian Schneider.

Geraldine Robinson - Memorabilia from the Knea-Von Black Archives, Coleman Hawkins cassette, and books including *Blue as the Lake*, *George Washington Carver*, *Song of the Hawk*, and *Colin Powell - My American Journey*.

Janice Strop - Two pouches made on an Indian Reservation outside of Yankton, South Dakota. Belonged to donor's grandfather. c. 1900

Patti Burri - Lightweight Blanket, stamped with "St. Joseph State Hospital".

Denis P. Edeline - Toothpick holder made of china. Rose pattern, with "St. Joseph, MO" painted in gold.

Florence Vegely Gautier - 19th Century candy press. See description with photo on this page.

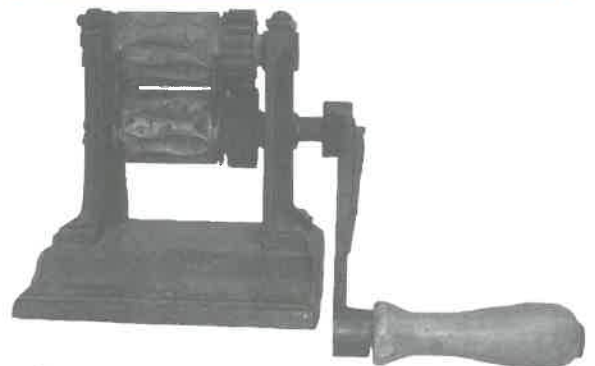
This candy press was used by the Augustus Vegely Confectionery in St. Joseph. The mold made fish shaped hard candy. While the candy was still in its ribbon stage, it was fed through the machine while the crank was turned.

Augustus Vegely, Sr., was born near Cernay, France, in 1826 and came to St. Joseph in 1852, establishing the confectionery business in 1862, at 5th and Felix Streets. In addition to candy, the company sold fruits and nuts. In 1880, Augustus built a six-bedroom house at 5th and Robidoux. After suffering a severe sun stroke in 1884, Augustus and his son went to Europe, hoping that a change of scenery would aid in his recovery. However, he died shortly after his return to St. Joseph in 1885. He is buried at Mount Mora Cemetery.

Inventory Report

As a member you have received a letter from Dr. Jimmy Albright regarding an inventory of the Collections of the St. Joseph Museums, Inc. Dr. Albright, archaeologist and pastor at Wyatt Park Baptist Church, volunteered to put together a Collections Inventory Committee to do a random inventory to determine the status of the artifacts. He asked Dr. Pat McMurray, Missouri Western State University economics professor, and Richard Nolf, former director of the St. Joseph Museum, to serve on the committee.

The committee will work in three phases. First, anyone with legitimate questions or concerns about donated items, could contact the committee and the items would be located by the curator. As of this writing, there have been ten requests submitted and all have had their locations verified. Second, a random selection of items will be chosen and their locations verified. Initially, 1% of the collections will be searched. Should any item in that 1% not be found, than that number would go to 2%, and so on. Lastly, a report on the findings of the committee will be generated and presented to the public.



Calendar of Events

August 8 - Dr. Seuss Day: Fox in Socks - The St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., will host a morning of activities with a Dr. Seuss theme for ages 4 - 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$4.00. Reservations should be made by August 4.

August 17 to Sept. 23 - Riverwalk Artists Association "For-Sale" Art Exhibit - The multimedia artworks of twenty Riverwalk Artists Association artists will be featured at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles, through September 23.

August 24 - Dr. Seuss Day: The Cat in the Hat - The St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., will host a morning of activities to spark the imaginations of ages 4 - 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$4.00. Reservations should be made by August 18.

September 10 - High Tea at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion - This event will feature finger sandwiches, muffins, scones, assorted fruits, a chocolate fountain, & a vintage fashion show & display. The event will be held at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles, at 2, 3 & 4 p.m. The cost is \$20 and prepaid reservations are required. Groups welcome.

October 7 - American Indian Market Day - The St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., will host the second annual American Indian Market Day featuring Midwest Native American artists, dancers, & musicians on the Museum grounds. Admission is free.

St. Joseph Museums, Inc. includes the St. Joseph Museum, Black Archives Museum, and Glore Psychiatric Museum at 3406 Frederick and the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion at 1100 Charles Street.

St. Joseph Museum
Glore Psychiatric Museum
Black Archives Museum
3406 Frederick, P.O. Box 8096
St. Joseph, Missouri 64508
Monday through Saturday 10-5 p.m.
Sunday 1-5 p.m.

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ST. JOSEPH, MO
PERMIT NO. 40