

St. Joseph Museums, Inc. October/November/December 2007

Fifty Participants Enjoy Summer Trip



Participants take in the view from the top of Monks Mound during the St. Louis trip this summer.

Staff members Sarah Elder and Kathy Reno escorted a group of fifty museum members and non-members on an overnight trip to the St. Louis area this summer. The focus of the trip was to view the *Symbols of Power: Napoleon and the Art of the Empire Style, 1800 - 1815*. The first day of the trip included a visit to historic St. Charles where the group enjoyed some shopping and stopped for lunch at the Mother-In-Law House Restaurant. The next stop on the trip was the Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville, Illinois. Twenty-four members of the group decided to make the trek to the top of Monks Mound at Cahokia. Monks Mound is the largest prehistoric earthwork in the Americas.

Upcoming Day Trip in Honor of Veterans

On Thursday, November 8, the St. Joseph Museum will sponsor a day trip in honor of American veterans. The trip will begin with a guided tour of the 30,000-square-foot National World War I Museum located beneath the newly restored Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri. The mission of the National World War I Museum is to honor the memory and sacrifices of all those who served their country during the Great War. Through a collection of more than 50,000 objects, most of which have never before been displayed, the Museum puts into context the consequences of World War I and how they impact the world we live in today. Using the latest in interactive technology, integrated with a world-class collection, the Museum gives visitors the opportunity to experience the war through the eyes and voices of those who lived it.

In the afternoon, participants will travel to Independence to enjoy lunch at Ophelias Restaurant before touring the Truman Presidential Library and Museum. The tour will include *Treasures of the Presidents*, which is a major exhibition on the American presidency that the Truman Library is presenting in celebration of its 50th anniversary.

The cost of the trip is \$60 for museum members and \$66 for non-members. The fee includes luxury motor coach transportation, lunch, gratuity, and all admission fees. The motor coach will depart from the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., 3406 Frederick Avenue site, at 8:45 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Space is limited and pre-paid reservations are required by Friday, October 19. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 816-232-8471 or 800-530-8866.

There's More to Missouri Cemeteries...



The Geiger Family Monument.

As we approach the annual interpretive tours of Mount Mora, you might wonder what inspired the architecture of those early mausoleums. For instance, did you know cemeteries have styles like dresses or cars? Learn how much more tombstones can tell you during, "There's More to Missouri Cemeteries than Burials." The featured speaker will be Dr. Maryellen McVicker from the Speakers Bureau of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

"You can often tell the economic level, the gender, the age, and, often times, the ethnicity of the deceased just by looking in the cemetery. In some regions of Missouri, cemeteries exist from the days of the earliest white settlement to the present. They are a great source of information for researchers and an endless source of fascination because gravestone styles reflect the rapidly changing shifts in attitude and lifestyle in our culture," said Dr. McVicker.

"There's More to Missouri Cemeteries than Burials" will be held at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th and Charles, on Tuesday, October 23, at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Voices From Our Past

The Friends of Mount Mora and the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., invite you to enjoy the "Voices From Our Past," as the stories of some of St. Joseph's earliest and most fascinating former citizens, now buried at Mount Mora Cemetery, are told. The tours will be held on October 25, 26, and 27. Begin your tour with refreshments at 5:15, 6:15, or 7:15 p.m. at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th and Charles. Then board the bus to Mount Mora for a narrated walking tour to "meet" some of the city's most interesting former citizens. The cost of the tour is \$12 for Friends of Mount Mora and St. Joseph Museums, Inc., members and \$15 for non-members. Space is limited and pre-paid reservations are required. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Joseph Museums, Inc.



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Summer Archaeology Camp

Seventeen students participated in "You Can Dig It" during August led by Amy Grier. Special thanks to Dr. Jimmy Albright and Mike Fisher for sharing their expertise. The campers also took a field trip

to Kansas City to see the archaeological results of the excavation of the Steamboat Arabia and to the Nelson-Atkins Museum.



Camp Geiger Indian Lore Class

Boy Scouts attending the Camp Geiger Indian Lore class were able to learn about and view items of American Indian artistry and ingenuity from the St. Joseph Museum collection. Included were a Cheyenne cradle board, Iroquois club, Pomo basket and various tools. Sarah Elder, curator of collections, visited the camp for one day for each of the six, weekly sessions. The class was a requirement to become a Mic-O-Say. 160 Boy Scouts took part in the Indian Lore class.



Monarch Migration Across the Prairie

Thanks to the aid of LuAnn Cadden and Tom Nagel of the Missouri Conservation Department, 30 Museum members and guests enjoyed a day trip of learning about prairie flowers and plants as well as the beautiful monarch butterflies.



McKenney-Hall Native American Prints on Exhibit



Wapella, or "He of the Morning" led the delegation of Fox Indians to Washington in 1837.

Thomas McKenney served as Commissioner Indian of Affairs from 1824-1830 and fought to preserve the Native American culture. As large delegations of Indians came to Washington, D.C., to meet with the President, he commissioned artists James Otto Lewis and Charles Bird King to record their images. They were placed in the gallery in the War Department. In 1868, they were destroyed by a fire. However, before this happened, McKenney and famous author/newspaper editor James Hall published a portfolio of lithographs of 125 of these paintings. The St. Joseph Museum features an exhibit of 79 of the hand-colored lithographs from the publication. You are invited to visit the exhibit, think about the past and admire these proud representatives of the Native American culture. Depicted are men and women from



Iowa Chief Mahaska, or "White Cloud" arrived in Washington in 1824 to meet with President Monroe.

various tribes across the country. The display is in the hallway of the St. Joseph Museum Native American Gallery.

New and Renewed Members

June 29, 2007 to September 21, 2007

Renewals

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80th Anniversary Donation

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Burtner
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hinton

Memorials

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Corken in memory of John G. Gard

Calendar of Events

October 19 & Nov. 16 - Butterfly Art Class Series, Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles - This series of art classes for adults will include working with watercolors, colored pencils, and pastels. The fee is \$8 per session. Museum members receive a 10% discount. Pre-paid reservations are required one week prior to each session. Please call 816-232-8471 for more information or to make a reservation.

October 23 - "There's More to Missouri Cemeteries than Burials," Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles, 7:00 p.m. - (See page 3 for more details.)

Oct. 25, 26, & 27 - "Voices From Our Past" Interpretive Tours of Mt. Mora Cemetery - Tours begin at the 1879 Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th and Charles, at 5:15, 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for museum members and \$15 for non-members. Pre-paid reservations required. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., 3406 Frederick Avenue site. (See page 3 for more details.)

November 8 - In Honor of American Veterans Day Trip - The trip includes the National World War I Museum at the Liberty Memorial, the Truman Presidential Library and Museum, the "Treasures of the Presidents Exhibition," and lunch at Ophelias. The cost is \$60 for museum members and \$66 for non-members. Pre-paid reservations are due by October 19. (See page 1 for more details.)

November 13 - "Postcards from the Past - Images from St. Joseph's Early Years" - St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 5:30 p.m. - Author, historian, and *St. Joseph News-Press* reporter Marshall White will present a program on the topic of his new book of postcards from St. Joseph's past. Copies of his book will be available for purchase and refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

November 29 - Holiday Lighting of the Mansion, 11th & Charles - The annual lighting ceremony will be held at 6 p.m., and the holiday decorated Mansion will be open to the public until 8 p.m. Free admission.

December 8 - "Nature's Noel" Winter Craft Workshop for Children, Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 11th & Charles. Workshop will include a variety of natural history projects related to wildlife preservation for children 5 to 10 years of age. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$6 for museum members and \$8 for non-members. Pre-paid reservations are required. Please call 816.232.8471 for more information or to make a reservation.

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