

May 2011



Above: Dr. Phil Acuff talks Civil War era medical practices with Dr. Bill Gummert in the field hospital section of the exhibit.

"Civil War Medicine" Exhibit Opens!

Over 125 guests attended the opening of the new "Civil War Medicine" exhibit. Local doctors were on hand to talk with visitors about common medical practices on and off the battlefield. St. Joseph Civil War reenactors came in their uniforms and many of the guests also came in Civil War apparel. The evening featured hardtack and Johnny Cakes in addition to more traditional hors d'oeuvres. Live music was provided by Dr. Robert Corder who performed Civil War era songs on his fiddle. "Civil War Medicine" was made possible through funding from Heartland Health of St. Joseph, Missouri, and by a grant from the Missouri Humanities Council.

Right: Karen Corder and Dr. Robert Corder attended the opening in Civil War era clothing.



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Area Students Explore Science and Math during Super Science Saturday

Nearly 800 area students joined in a day of exploring math and science at Super Science Saturday on February 5. This annual event is co-sponsored by the St. Joseph Museum and MWSU. Local high school science teachers, MWSU professors, and student volunteers worked together to create fun, educational experiments. This year, activities included the math maze and experiments in biology, chemistry, and physics as well as psychology. The hands-on experiments are geared towards students in the 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades. However, adults love getting in on the action and taking pictures of their child or grandchild as they experience how much fun science can be.

Below: Dr. Gavin Waters of MWSU gave some tips and encouragement to students as they navigated the math maze.



Left: Adults and children alike enjoyed trying their hand at the sticky process of combining the elements that make glue.



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Black Archives Hall of Fame Gains Two New Members



Rev. James Foster and Cozetta Foster were inducted into the Black Archives Hall of Fame at a reception in their honor on February 27. Both are active volunteers in the community. He is the Pastor of the Jesus Tabernacle Church and is chaplain at the Western Missouri Correctional Center in addition to serving as a drug and alcohol abuse chaplain. Mrs. Foster, also an ordained minister, a former teacher, and accomplished musician, is founder of the Happy Hearts Daycare. Rev. Foster holds a patent as an inventor of a bi-directional bicycle gear box, and she has written over 20 songs. A large group welcomed the well-deserving couple into the Black Archives Hall of Fame.

American Girl Doll Club Makes Easter Bonnets during April Meeting



Doll Club members saw hats from the museum collections and had fun crafting their own Easter bonnet.

Officers and Board Members Chosen at Annual Meeting of the Membership

The St. Joseph Museums Board welcomes five new trustees. Alonzo Weston and William Armbruster were appointed to fill unexpired terms. Lisa Rock, David Lewis, and Leechia Jones are new members elected by the membership at the January 20 Annual Meeting to three year terms. Re-elected for a second term were Clark Hampton and Tom Duggins.

New officers elected at the January board meeting were: Clark Hampton, president; Tom Duggins, vice-president; JR Roth, treasurer; and Jim Clayton, secretary. Trustees have been actively preparing goals for 2011.



New trustees David Lewis, Lisa Rock, Alonzo Weston and William Armbruster.

GET PACKED FOR GREECE!

Dr. Jimmy Albright will again lead an international tour for the St. Joseph Museums. From October 13-24, the group will visit the beautiful, enchanting land of Greece and the Greek Islands. Dr. Albright will share his expertise as an archaeologist and scholar of Greek history. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime! Reservations are now being taken. Call the St. Joseph Museums for more information.

Sign up Now for "Let's Go St. Joe" Summer Camp

The Programming Committee has an exciting camp planned for 4th - 6th graders on June 27 to 30. Campers will learn about our City by hands-on activities and visits to the City Hall, Courthouse, and expertly led tours to learn about architecture, archaeology, and history. It will be a very different and fun camp for youth. Fee is \$45. Space is limited. Register now by calling 232-8471.

New and Renewed Members, Donations, & More December 16, 2010, thru April 27, 2011

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Stacey Park - Posters and audio CD of "Sounds of St. Joseph: Celebrating Stories of St. Joseph's Cultural Heritage" project.
Chad Lippincott - Book *Men Who Made St. Joseph "The City Worthwhile."*
Donald Guinn - Area newspapers of major events of the 1960s.
Tom Duggins - Souvenir Pony Express tie tack and charm. Ash tray from Methodist Medical Center.
Ray Stufflebean - Souvenir pen from the St. Joseph State Hospital No. 2.
Marshall White - Records from the St. Joseph Light and Power Company.
Kathy Reno - 1895 map of St. Joseph.

Mark Your Calendar!

May 12 - "Civil War Medicine: Amputations and What We Learned" Program by Dr. William Gondring, St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue - 6 p.m. - Dr. Gondring will speak about the most common surgery performed on injured Civil War soldiers, the amputation of a limb. He will provide information on the weaponry of the Civil War, why amputations were so frequently performed, and the improvements in anesthesia, prosthetics, and care of the wounded on the battlefield. **Admission: Free**

May 13 - The American Girl Doll® Club – The club meets at the St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

May 20 – Sept. 5 - Midwest Mental Health Art Invitational, 2011 – 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 Missouri and Nebraska. **Regular Admission**

May 26 - Third Annual Mah Jongg at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion – 11th & Charles, Noon to 3:30 p.m. - The museum will host the afternoon which will include an oriental salad luncheon, party favors, and Mah Jongg. **Reserve a table for your group by calling the St. Joseph Museums at 816-232-8471. Admission: \$20 per person, \$80 per table**

June 2 - Annual Volunteer Luncheon – St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Ave., 12:00 p.m. - The St. Joseph Museums will recognize Museum volunteers with a luncheon in their honor. By Invitation.

June 4 - Voices from the Civil War Era - Mount Mora Cemetery, 824 Mount Mora Road, Between 1 & 4 p.m. - Advance tickets available at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue. **Advance Tickets: \$5 for Adults and \$2 for Students On-Site Tickets: \$7 Adults, \$4 Students**

June 11 & 12 - Missouri State Penitentiary and Warm Springs Ranch Tours. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816-232-8471 for more details or visit our Website at www.stjosephmuseum.org.

June 24 - Rush for the Gold Patron's Party, 5391 SE Riverside Terrace, St. Joseph, Missouri, 64507 - 6 p.m., \$75 per person - Paid reservations required. Please call the St. Joseph Museum at 816-232-8471 to make a reservation.

June 27 – 30 - "Let's Go St. Joe" Children's Camp - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - This St. Joseph history camp will be held for students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Please see page 2 and call the St. Joseph Museum at 816-232-8471 for more information. **The fee for the camp is \$45 per student and paid reservations are required.**

July 19 - "Analysis of a Silent Voice" - Glore Psychiatric Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 6 p.m. - Dr. Sheryl Samuelson of Millikin University will share the findings of a systematic study of the patient embroidery exhibit at the Glore Psychiatric Museum. The program will include ideas on new ways to engage patients who may prefer to communicate in nontraditional ways. **Admission: Free**

July 21 - Open House and Ice Cream Social for Museum Members and Volunteers-St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Avenue - 5 – 7 p.m.

July 26 - "Women of the Civil War Era: Their Fashions and Lives" – St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Nicole Johnston-Blatz, Collections Manager of the MU Dept. of Textiles and Apparel Management, will be the featured speaker for this unique presentation. She will show the type of dresses and other garments that were popular with women, and explain how women's lives had an impact on what they wore. Dessert will be served. Pre-paid reservations are required. Please call the St. Joseph Museums at 816-232-8471 to make a reservation. **Admission: \$12 for museum members and \$15 for non-members**

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