

Field Notes

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Attire to Inspire: Hats Off to Fashion Luncheon

A Fabulous Afternoon of Fashion and Fun

Sophisticated beauty and grace describe the overall atmosphere of the Field House Museum's fundraiser, *Attire to Inspire: Hats Off to Fashion*, hosted at the Saint Louis Woman's Club on Sunday, October 20, 2019. With such a splendid setting, there was little need to decorate but the museum's fundraising committee tied in the fashion theme with centerpieces featuring wonderful hat boxes, fresh florals, and stunning hats, many of which were handcrafted by

local designer, Dianne Isbell. The theme was inspired by the current exhibition on display in the museum gallery, *Finishing Touches*, which features 19th and early 20th century accessories belonging to the Field family alongside loaned items from local institutions and private collectors. Guests were encouraged to have fun with their own fashion by donning their favorite hats for the afternoon.

In keeping with tradition, the first part of the event featured a silent auction on the club's lower level. Local organizations and supporters of the Museum donated memberships, tours, fashion merchandise, and more. Here patrons were encouraged to mingle while perusing the plethora of offerings. The variety boasted something for everyone and several of the packages inspired bidding wars; all in good fun, of course! Guests were then ushered upstairs for a lunch created by Executive Chef, Leon Dubinovskiy, followed by a live auction with Emcee Angela Hutti, of Fox 2 News.

Proceeds from the event will go to support the Field House Museum and its mission to preserve and promote the legacies of the Field family for future generations. A special thank you to our attendees and donors who helped make our *Attire to Inspire: Hats Off to Fashion* fundraiser a success!



We would also like to thank all the businesses for their generous contributions to our auction (*See list on page 5*)



Mark Your Calendars!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual Members and Friends Party on Monday, December 16, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm! Join us for a merry evening of food, drink, and conversation with your fellow Field House Members. It's sure to be an evening you won't want to miss!

Tickets are free for members and \$15 for friends of the Museum. Please RSVP by December 10, 2019 by calling the Museum at 314-421-4689.

Creating Community



We at the Field House Museum are pleased to announce changes to our programming in the coming year. New in 2020 is Makers and Mocktails, a four-part series that brings crafts and crafty (non-alcoholic) beverages to the museum after dark. The Museum will partner with local collectives and artists who will teach attendees a new skill or craft at the museum, helping to expand our outreach further into the community.

Through the success of our Fund-A-Need at our recent fundraiser, we were able to make some changes to our children's programming. Along with our annual children's event during the summer, we will now also be able to host Free Field Trip Days for area schoolchildren. During the



school year, local school groups and homeschoolers will be able to visit the Museum with drop-in educational activities and tours of the historic house, which in turn will build solid, lasting relationships with public, private, and home-school groups.

The Speaker Series will continue in 2020 by creating engaging conversations on topics related to the Museum's mission through speakers, authors, and panel discussions. With the generous support of our Fund-A-Need donors, the Speaker Series programming will be free of charge for guests to enjoy in the Eugene Field Library. Learn more about our first Speaker Series event, *Perspectives on Freedom Suits and the Dred Scott Case*, on page 4.



Finally, our History Happy Hour will continue next year by bringing guests to the Museum for a fun and relaxing atmosphere with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Starting in January, our History Happy Hour will be held on the last Wednesday of every other month from 4:00 - 7:00 pm for just \$10 per person (membership discounts apply). Mark your calendars to join us on Wednesday, January 29 for our first happy hour of 2020 where you can come by to get one last look at the holiday decorations and the exhibit, *Foundations of Freedom*, before both are gone.



Be sure to check our website and social media pages for the latest information on all our programs. More information on our Free Field Trip Days, such as how to sign up and upcoming dates, will be added shortly.

We would like to thank the following members and friends for supporting our Fund-A-Need programming at our *Attire to Inspire: Hats Off to Fashion* Fundraiser:

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A St. Louis “Season’s Greetings” from Historic Saint Louis



In the season of togetherness, the Field House Museum will kick off its holiday events in partnership with 28 other historic houses, museums, and privately owned homes. On Saturday, December 7,

2019, the Historic Saint Louis collective will present a splendid grand tour. Each participating site will welcome visitors with a festive flair, offering themed tours, seasonal activities, music, and refreshments. The Field House Museum will be dressed in its holiday best, with decorated feather trees and historic toys from the Field House Collection that would even stop Santa in his tracks. Visit us on December 7th between 10am and 4pm to see the Field House come alive with the holiday spirit. For more information about Historic Saint Louis and all the sites involved, visit their website at historicsaintlouis.org.



Museum Day Live!

Museum Day is an annual celebration of boundless curiosity hosted by Smithsonian Magazine. With a Museum Day ticket, participating museums and cultural institutions across the country offered free entry for a one-day-only experience on September 21, 2019. This year's event was music-themed, and the Field House Museum was proud to provide guests with corresponding entertainment. The day included melodic performances in the gallery by volunteer Lee Crawford and melodies from the Museum's first CD, *Words to Music*, a compilation of Eugene's poems put to music and performed by Grammy Award-winning soprano Christine Brewer and renowned St. Louis tenor Scott Kennebeck. Museum Day Live continues to be a wonderful opportunity for the Museum to join forces with museums nationwide in an effort to reach new audiences and encourage our communities to discover our unique stories.



Restoring the View

Imagine how the view has changed looking through the windows of the historic Field family home. When the family moved into the row house in 1850, they would have looked out to see residential neighborhoods on the outskirts of St. Louis. Today, our visitors look out to see Busch Stadium and the towering skyscrapers of downtown St. Louis. The historic windows have seen every change over the years and have offered a constant glimpse into the history happening inside the home and outside in the city. As the years have passed by, the paint on the windows has begun to peel and general signs of wear are becoming apparent, so the Board and staff of the Museum are preparing to raise funds for restoration work. Fundraising started at our *Attire to Inspire: Hats Off to Fashion* fundraiser through our Fund-A-Need and we would like to give a special thank you to the following individuals who have made contributions to help restore the windows in the historic house:

Elma Armistead
Jane P. Gleason
Marianne & Peter Gleich
Karen Klohr
Peter Wollenberg

If you would like to help support the restoration of the windows in the historic house, you may donate by mail, calling the Museum, or going online to the Museum's secure website donation page at fieldhousemuseum.org/donate. Please see page 6 for full contact information.

Perspectives of Freedom Suits and the Dred Scott Case

The Field House Museum is proud to present the first Speaker Series of 2020, *Perspectives of Freedom Suits and the Dred Scott Case*. Join us on January 11, 2020 at 1:00 pm for a special panel discussion about the Dred Scott Case and other freedom suits shared from the professional perspectives of local speakers Lynne Jackson, Dr. David Konig, and Michael Everman.



Lynne Jackson



Dr. David Konig



Michael Everman

As the great-great-granddaughter of Dred and Harriet Scott and the founder of the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation, Lynne Jackson brings the viewpoint of the Scott family and the difficulties they faced dealing with the case and its aftermath within society. As a Professor of Law and Emeritus Professor at Washington University, Dr. David Konig will discuss the legal aspects of the Dred Scott Case, both on a local and national level. Finally, Missouri State Archives Supervising Archivist, Michael Everman, will present documents from the state's archives on the Dred Scott Case and freedom suits within Missouri.

Perspectives of Freedom Suits and the Dred Scott Case is sponsored in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council and with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This program is free to the public; however, space is limited so we ask that reservations be made in advance by calling the Museum at 314-421-4689 or by emailing at info@fieldhousemuseum.org.

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Please keep abreast of all the latest news and events at the Field House Museum!



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Upcoming Museum Events

November

30 Shop Small Saturday

December

1 Museum Store Sunday

3 GivingTuesday

7 Historic Saint Louis' "A Spirited Holiday Past"
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

14 Kids Corner: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

16 Members & Friends Party: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

January

11 Speaker Series: 1:00 pm

29 History Happy Hour: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

BLACK FRIDAY SHOP SMALL SATURDAY
MUSEUM STORE SUNDAY GIVINGTUESDAY

Help Support the Museum

As we all know, the most giving time of the year is about to take off. After Thanksgiving and Black Friday is Shop Small Saturday, followed by Museum Store Sunday, and finally GivingTuesday. With so many options, it's hard to determine which ones to participate in and who to give to. While many of the institutions within St. Louis receive government assistance or tax dollars through the ZMD (Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District), the Field House Museum is not one of them. It is through your generosity and support that we are able to reach out into the community to tell our stories. In 2019, we created exciting exhibits and programming that highlight the Field family, historical toys, and St. Louis' rich cultural history. We have partnered with local speakers, authors, and organizations to bring you diverse and interesting topics. It is our hope to continue in elevating our Museum to a higher level of historical significance as we move into 2020 and this can only be achieved with your help. Through a year-end contribution or supporting us during GivingTuesday, you will be propelling the Museum's mission well into the new year. We are so grateful for all that you have done and continue to do for the Museum, and we cannot wait to make this next year even better.

If you would like to donate to the Field House Museum, you can do so by mail, calling the Museum, or going online to our secure website, fieldhousemuseum.org/donate.

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The Board of Trustees and staff of the Field House Museum thank the following members who have continued to support the mission, preservation, and programming of the foundation with their generous membership donations:

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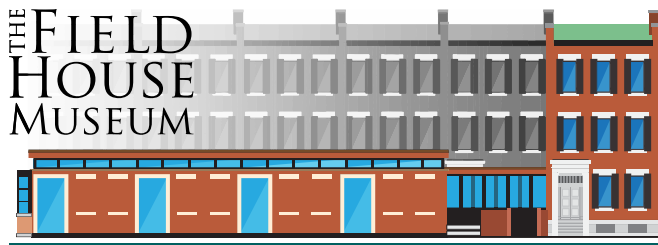
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