

Field Notes

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The Field House Museum Celebrates Missouri's Bicentennial



Missouri has been abuzz as the state continues to celebrate 200 years of statehood. The Field House Museum was lucky enough to have worked closely with Bicentennial Coordinator Michael Sweeney, who agreed to have the Missouri Bicentennial Quilt on display at the Museum for nearly a month. This decision was reached after Executive Director Stephanie Bliss suggested building an entire exhibit around the quilt in the main gallery. On Wednesday, August 25, the Museum celebrated the arrival of the quilt with an evening preview party where Sweeney gave a talk on how the quilt blocks are an inspiring representation of Missouri and its 114 counties, each of which is represented. The Bicentennial Quilt remained on display through September 16. The exhibit, *Stitching Stories from the Past*, will be featured through October 24.

On August 7, a few Field House Museum staff members set out for St. Charles to participate in their Missouri Bicentennial Bash and Commemoration

hosted at Frontier Park. Despite the hot summer day, attendees enjoyed the reenactments, demonstrations, and crafts thanks to a riverfront breeze. The Field House Museum also participated in the statewide ice cream social on August 10 with Serendipity Homemade Ice Cream. While unexpected storms moved the event indoors, the ice cream still tasted just as good and many of the guests enjoyed a first look at the latest exhibits.

Museum Board members and staff have enjoyed supporting these statewide efforts to celebrate Missouri's history and hope you will join us as we continue with the *Struggle for Statehood* exhibit coming November 1 – December 3, 2021. As always, members receive free admission and are encouraged to view these special traveling exhibitions.



Struggle for Statehood Special Event

Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Field House Museum will be hosting local organizations to help us celebrate Missouri history and further expand upon the exhibit, *Struggle for Statehood*. Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Historic Daniel Boone Home, First Missouri State Capitol, The Missouri Civilian Corps and the Missouri Civil War Reenactors' Association will provide guests with information on their sites and the roles each played in Missouri's struggle for statehood. We hope to see you here!

In Memory of Elma I. Armistead



Marianne Gleich & Elma Armistead

It is with great sadness that we share with you that longtime member and friend of the Museum, Elma I. Armistead, passed away in early September. Elma, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, was admired by many here at the Field House Museum for her tenacity, intelligence, and friendliness. Her dedication to the Museum was sincere and true as she was a fixture at many holiday parties and fundraisers over the years, making everyone around her laugh at each Museum event she attended. Her ties to the Museum can also be seen through her daughter, past Board President and dedicated member, Marianne Gleich. A private service was held for Elma, and the family asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Museum in her memory.

Elma touched so many lives. As of this printing, the following individuals have donated to the Field House Museum in her memory:

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A Field of Writers

The Eugene Field Library is celebrating the Missouri Bicentennial by focusing on numerous writers who have called the state home. One such writer featured in the newest exhibit is Mary Katherine "Kate" Field (1838-1896). Though unrelated to the Museum's Field family, Kate was affectionally referred to as "cousin Kate" by Eugene Field. Deemed "The Woman of the Century," Kate was known professionally as a journalist, playwright, actress, biographer, lecturer, publisher, and more. Be sure to visit *Missouri Writers: 200 Years of Talent* on display until January 8, 2022 to learn more about the inspiring Kate Field and to see what Eugene Field had to say about his "cousin Kate."



Our Thanks to You!

To our members and friends of the Field House Museum, I would like to thank you all for your continuous support. Whether you have been with the Museum for decades or joined just this year, I want you to know that we, the Board and staff, appreciate each and every one of you. Without your support, we would not be able to make it through this global pandemic or be embarking on a significant restoration project. As we near the end of another landmark year, we hope you once again show your support for our organization.

Year-end contributions are so important in allowing us to continue our mission at the Field House Museum. Every gift will enable us to preserve and promote the legacies of the Field family through dynamic exhibits, diverse programs, and educational outreach. We understand that many organizations could use your support around the holidays, but we humbly ask you include the Field House Museum in your charitable giving. If you should choose to give a tax-deductible donation to show your support of the Museum, you may go online to fieldhousemuseum.org/donate or complete the form below and mail it with your donation to the Field House Museum at 634 South Broadway, Saint Louis, MO 63102.



With Many thanks,

Stephanie Bliss
Executive Director

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Volunteer and Intern Appreciation!

They say it takes a village to raise a child. The same could be said for running the Field House Museum. Between the daily activities, collection upkeep, creating exhibits, and developing programming, the Museum relies heavily on volunteers and interns to get it all accomplished. These are just a few of the individuals who have consistently dedicated their time to helping the Field House Museum staff with their efforts this year.



Eric Allison- Eric joined the team over the summer as the Field House Museum's Education Intern from Truman State University. He went above and beyond in outlining ways to update our education resources and laid the groundwork for several new activities.



Allyson Ingli- Allyson joined the Field House Museum a little later in the summer as the Exhibits Intern from Southeast Missouri State University to help with the Bagatelle exhibit planned for next year. Her attention to detail and research abilities quickly got the exhibit on track.



Dana Larson- Dana began volunteering with the Field House Museum in February of this year. As a retired teacher, she is interested in history and most recently did much of the work behind the current exhibit, *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*



Lea Konczal- Lea has been volunteering with the Field House Museum since January on alternating Sundays. As an aspiring writer she enjoys researching and writing exhibit text, but she also has a keen eye for design. Lea was instrumental in putting together the latest quilt display, *Stitching Stories from the Past*.



Stephen Hanpeter- Not all of the Museum's volunteers work in the comfort of indoors. Stephen was the leading force behind cleaning up and beautifying the grounds at the Field House Museum until August of 2021.

Welcome the Field House Museum's Newest Staff Member!



Stephanie Lake- Stephanie started volunteering with the Field House Museum in January after becoming a member. She has taken on much of the collection tasks, gives tours of the historic house, and conducts exhibit research. Stephanie has been such a help to the

staff that this summer the Museum was able to hire her as a part-time employee!

The Board and staff truly appreciate all the people who donate their time to the Field House Museum. We can't wait to see what next year will bring with your help!

Eugene Field House Events Calendar

~ November ~

20 Struggle for Statehood Event

27 Shop Small Saturday

28 Museum Store Sunday

30 Giving Tuesday

~ December ~

4 Historic Saint Louis Holiday Event

Stay Connected with Us

Don't miss out on all the latest news and events at the Field House Museum! Join our social media pages or head to our website to learn about everything from current exhibits to fun facts about the museum's several collections. Connect with the museum on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.



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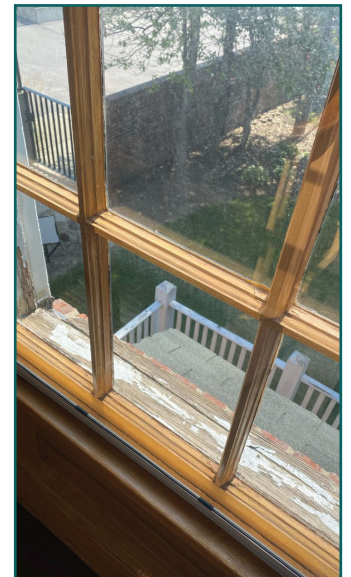
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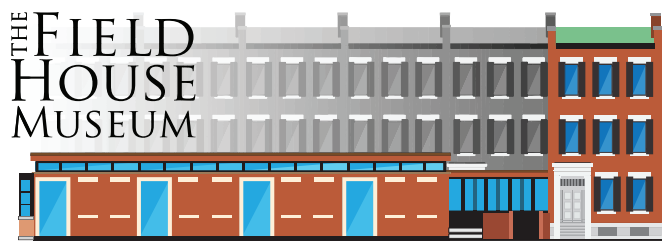
In our previous newsletter, we overlooked an error. A donation was received from Marianne and Peter Gleich in memory of Kay Michael Kramer, a long-time board member and friend of the Field House Museum, who passed earlier this year.

A Window of Opportunity



'Tis the season for charitable giving and reflecting on the past year. This year provided the Field House Museum a window of opportunity; after careful consideration, the Board decided to move forward with restoring the windows on the historic Field family home! We intend to complete the project with Alex Mattan of Ambacht Restoration. During the restoration process, certain areas of the Museum may be temporarily closed. Restoration on the historic house is always one of our top priorities. The detail-oriented work must be done by a specialist in the field and is quite costly. We are still raising the funds to cover the cost of repairs and any support is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made directly to the restoration fund through the website or by mail. Please make sure that any gifts are marked for restoration. You can also get the latest updates on progress through social media and the Field House Museum website. Thank you all for your support!





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Holiday Gift Bags are Back

The staff of the Field House Museum is once again ready to help you get your holiday shopping done early! This year, we have created NEW gift bag options, taking the hard part out of gift-giving while allowing you to check everyone off your list. Gift bags will be available for pick-up or drop-off only. They come nicely packaged in one of the Museum's gift bags with price tags removed and a gift receipt for you!

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