

Field Notes

Special Edition

Fall 2020

From the Executive Director



You may have noticed in our *Field Notes* newsletters this year a series of articles entitled, “Building on History.” These articles not only highlight our past, but also celebrate the fact that 2020 marks the 175th anniversary of the construction of the Field family home. A dedicated fundraising committee, along with Board and staff, had been hard at work conceptualizing an amazing gala evening that was to be held in September, but plans were derailed after the coronavirus pandemic hit. Like many other not-for-profits, we very quickly realized that 2020 would no longer be the banner year of celebration that we had hoped for.

Although we have faced many obstacles so far this year, our voice has not diminished. We have continued to raise awareness on topics such as literature, civil rights, and St. Louis’ rich history. After closing our doors, our staff shifted focus and enhanced digital content through our social media, website, and the creation of a YouTube channel, along with hosting programs virtually. While we were able to reopen our doors for tours in July in accordance with CDC and St. Louis City regulations, we have also continued our virtual presence.



As we prepare for another winter and wade through the uncharted waters of this pandemic, our Board and staff realize that it is no longer feasible to have the gala celebration which we had envisioned anywhere in the near future. As you may know, fundraisers are crucial for not-for-profits such as ours, which rely strictly on donations to survive. While there are several great causes out there that you may choose to help, we hope that you might find the Field House Museum worthy of your donation. That is why within this newsletter, there are a variety of ways in which you can choose to help the Field House Museum. We know that many people are personally struggling to survive right now and if you are unable to give at this time, we completely understand and want you to know that we will get through this together.

Gift Giving Gives Back

We know that not everyone can give a donation to the Museum, but it is not the only way in which you can help the Field House Museum. Every purchase in our gift shop not only supports our mission but also helps fund operations, programs, and exhibits. This year, we created holiday gift bags to make shopping easy for you. Items from our gift shop can be purchased through our online store by clicking the “Gift Shop” tab at the top of the page, giving us a call at 314.421.4689, or stopping in during the Museum’s hours of Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, or Sundays from noon to 4:00 pm.



Small Business Saturday & Museum Store Sunday **Saturday, November 28, & Sunday, November 29, 2020**

Small Business Saturday is an American shopping holiday held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

This event aligns with Black Friday and Cyber Monday in an effort to support small businesses in your local community. Museum Store Sunday offers a special shopping experience in one-of-a-kind stores, showcasing broad assortments of highly curated, unique, mission-specific gifts. Shop knowing you are supporting the missions and programs of each participating museum and cultural institution. Stop in at the Field House Museum’s gift shop to receive special scratch-off deals and discounts for this two-day event!



Your Everyday Shopping Helps Too!

Did you know that your everyday shopping can give back to the Field House Museum? Feel good knowing that when you do your holiday shopping, either at your local Schnucks or online through Amazon Smile, those organizations will give back to the Museum at no cost to you! An easy signup can be done at the Schnucks checkout. When you do your online shopping, go to smile.amazon.com, it’s the same as your normal Amazon and Amazon Prime. Questions on how to participate in these two programs? Give the Museum staff a call and we will help you set it up!



Direct Giving to the Field House Museum

Direct giving events are essential for the survival of many organizations, including museums. With 2020 being such a tumultuous year, these donations are more important now than ever. We know that there are many organizations asking for help, but we hope that you might consider giving a tax-deductible gift to the Field House Museum, so that we may continue in our important work. A year-end gift is extremely valuable to us as it will ensure that our many programs will continue in the new year. From expanding on our virtual programs, Speaker Series, and Museum School Days to creating new exhibit content and free access for families during our Family Afternoons, your donation will help us reach new heights.

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 is Giving Tuesday, an international day of charitable giving held at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season. To support the Museum on Giving Tuesday, a donation can be made through our website at fieldhousemuseum.org/donate. If you do not feel comfortable giving online, a traditional year-end gift may be made by completing the form below, and mailing it with your donation to the Field House Museum at 634 South Broadway, Saint Louis, MO 63102.

Please know your support of the Field House Museum will allow us to preserve and promote the legacies of the Field family.

☐ **YES, I want to support the Field House Museum Outreach Efforts!**

You can donate online at **fieldhousemuseum.org/donate**

Or donate by mail: Return this form to Field House Museum, 634 South Broadway, Saint Louis, MO 63102

Select an amount:

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Amount: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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☐ Enclosed is a check payable to
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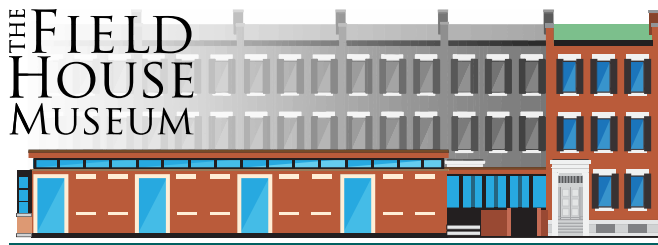
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Field House Museum is Being Honored!

The Webster Groves Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be honoring the Field House Museum and the works of the Field family with a plaque on Friday, December 4, 2020 at 11:00 am. The plaque was graciously donated by the Webster Groves Chapter of the DAR, with the support of Eugene Field House Foundation Trustee, Susan Favazza. A special thanks to Darrell and Jessica Penberthy of Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri for the donation of the granite mount.



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony will have a limited number of guests in attendance; however, it will be livestreamed on Facebook for all to view.

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