

MAMA News

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Invite Congress to Visit Your Museum!

August 6-10 is Invite Congress to Visit Your Museum 2018 (according to the American Alliance of Museums)

Inviting local, state and federal elected officials and their staff members into your museum is a uniquely powerful way to show them what museums are and what museums do – from world-class exhibitions to working with local students and community members on critical life skills. There's never been a more important time to engage with the elected officials and stakeholders that represent your museum.

The August Congressional Recess is a great time to get started, and we make it easy to participate with this step-by-step "How To" guide that can be used to connect with your elected officials any time of the year. In 2018, the U.S. Senate will be in recess during the first week of August, and the U.S. House of Representatives will be in recess for the month of August. Museums are encouraged to use the Alliance "How To" Guide below to schedule visits with elected officials and their staff members throughout the summer and fall.

<https://www.aam-us.org/programs/advocacy/invite-congress-to-visit-your-museum/>

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Missouri Humanities Council Grant

The Missouri Humanities Council has mini and major grant deadlines coming up.

The mini grants (projects up to \$2500) are due August 1, and the major grants (projects over \$2501) are due September 1.

<http://www.mohumanities.org/programs/grants/>

Call for Proposals

2019 Center for Missouri Studies Fellowship

The State Historical Society of Missouri's Center for Missouri Studies seeks to promote and disseminate scholarship about Missouri's past, including the interdisciplinary study of Missouri history and culture. This initiative advances the Society's mission to collect, preserve, and publish the history of the Show-Me State and also prepares for the state's bicentennial celebration in 2021.

Center for Missouri Studies Fellowships are awarded annually and each includes a stipend of \$5,000. Areas of study sought for 2019 are:

- *Missouri and the War in Vietnam, or Missouri and the Korean War.* Projects might investigate the role of a Missouri individual or group in either conflict, or study another association between one of these wars and Missouri, its people, or its institutions.
- *The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 and its impact on Missouri.* The Act dramatically changed the nature of US immigration by ending a system of quotas based on national origin. Projects will investigate an aspect of how this policy change affected subsequent immigration to Missouri.

Applicants must submit a proposal for a scholarly essay in one of the selected areas by September 1. The competition is open to both academic and independent scholars.

<http://shsmo.org/thecenter/fellowship>

Events

Little Adventures: Bigger Than Ever

Wednesdays and Saturdays, June 13-August 11, The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, Kansas City

The Little Adventures summer program series at The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures is back—with new adventures and expanded hours! With a different theme each week, visitors can discover something new in the collection with a family-friendly guided tour, and then craft a toy or miniature in the hands-on workshop. Little Adventures takes place Wednesdays and Saturdays, with the exception of the first week of July, when it will be Thursday, July 5, and Saturday, July 7, due to Independence Day. The program is included with museum admission and recommended for ages six and up. Museum members enjoy all nine weeks free.

<http://www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org/upcoming/>

Veterans Curation Program Meet and Greet

Thursday, July 12, 10:00 to 2:00, Robert A. Young Federal Building, St. Louis

The Veterans Curation Program (VCP) is hosting a Meet and Greet in the St. Louis Laboratory on Thursday, July 12th, 2018. You are invited to tour the facility at your leisure between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm to meet the new group of laboratory technicians and learn about the progress the VCP, and the veterans, have made over the years. The laboratory is located in the Robert A. Young Federal Building (1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103) in room 6.309.

For additional information on the VCP please visit our website at www.VeteransCurationProgram.org.

Unrestricted Warfare: The 1916-1917 Springfield Streetcar Strike

Thursday, July 12, 2:00, Barry-Lawrence Regional Library Marionville Branch, Marionville

Join the State Historical Society of Missouri's Erin Smither for a closer look at Springfield's streetcar strike of 1916–1917. This program will examine the causes of the strike, the ways protesters benefited from community support, and the kidnapping and murder that influenced the demonstration's outcome.

<https://shsmo.org/events/#streetcar>

Join, Save, Buy: U.S. World War I Posters on the Home Front

Thursday, July 12, 7:00pm, Missouri State Archives,
Jefferson City

Upon entering World War I in 1917, the United States government and its civilian agencies produced roughly 3,000 different wartime posters. These artistic renderings depicted the ideals of patriotism, beauty, adventure and protection, and strongly contributed to the successful mobilization of citizens during the Great War. In *Join, Save, Buy: U.S. World War I Posters on the Home Front*, Amanda Langendoerfer, Associate Dean of Libraries for Special Collections and Museums at Truman State University's Pickler Memorial Library, along with Assistant Professor of History Dr. Jason McDonald and University Art Gallery Director Dr. Heidi Cook will examine a selection of never-before-exhibited World War I posters from Truman State's E.M. Violette Museum Collection. Their program will provide an opportunity to view samples from one of the U.S. government's major historical marketing endeavors and to recognize the impact of the war on American citizens, both home and abroad.

<https://friendsofmsa.org/events/index.php>

Workshops

Archaeology in the Classroom: Workshop for Teachers, Interpreters and Museum Docents

Wednesday-Friday, July 11-13, 8:30-4:00, Missouri State Museum, Jefferson City

Bring archaeology into your classrooms! Explore how archaeologists investigate and interpret past cultures and peoples. Learn the basics of scientific inquiry using archaeological data and how to incorporate hands-on archaeological problem solving activities into classroom settings. Archaeology is a fascinating tool to engage youth in science education. Participants will discover the past by using data from actual excavations at a historic slave cabin at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. Since similar sites are found in Missouri, this study is an appropriate case to engage students in history, scientific research methods, and archaeological site stewardship.

Participants receive instruction in archaeological science for the classroom and a complete curriculum guide. The workshop includes optional field trips to Jefferson Landing State Historic Site, Missouri State Parks' archaeological collections facility, and the University of Missouri's

Museum of Anthropology. Teachers interested in becoming a Project Archaeology facilitator (enabling you to hold teacher training workshops) are encouraged to register for facilitator training. One additional hour of training per day is required; there is no additional cost.

<https://mostateparks.com/event/71306/archaeology-classroom-workshop-teachers-interpreters-and-museum-docents>

Exhibits

Missouri Courthouses: Building Memories on the Square Revisited

January through September, Corridor Gallery, Columbia Research Center, State Historical Society of Missouri

Built environments reflect local values. The courthouses of Missouri in the new exhibition, *Missouri County Courthouses: Building Memories on the Square Revisited*, are visual testaments to this fact. Often the most prominent buildings in their communities, their architecture serves both practical and symbolic functions. Monumental clock towers manifest citizens' commitments to collective order, while classical design elements add gravitas to buildings, calling to mind the architecture of ancient Greece, the cradle of democracy.

In collaboration with the [Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation](#), the State Historical Society of Missouri is pleased to present 35 of the original photographs taken by Dennis Weiser for the 2007 book *Missouri County Courthouses: Building Memories on the Square*. New didactic labels provide updated information about the architects and buildings. By studying these beautiful and significant structures, one can better understand the rich history and culture of Missouri. The exhibition will run through September 2018.

<https://shsmo.org/art/exhibits/#courthouses>

"Ein Prosit!" (A Toast) to St. Louis Brewery Workers circa 1900

July 15 through December, Stairwell Gallery, State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis

The large numbers of Germans that immigrated to St. Louis in the nineteenth century led to a flourishing brewing industry. The legacy of Lemp, Anheuser-Busch, and scores of smaller breweries

ensure that the region's history is intertwined with that of local beer production. To explore this relationship, visit the "*Ein Prosit!*" exhibit in the Stairwell Gallery of the Research Center—St. Louis.

The show highlights photographs of brewery workers and artifacts from the Henry Tobias Brewers and Maltsters Union No. 6 Collection (S0615) and *Mit Feder und Hammer! (With Feather and Hammer): The German Experience in St. Louis Records* (S0941).

<https://shsmo.org/events/>

Call for Content

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