

MAMA News

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Making a Difference MAMA Meeting and Conference 2017

Slate of Candidates Announced!

An important part of October's meeting will be an election of half the MAMA board members. Your slate of nominees is below.

Treasurer - Linda Endersby, Museum of Art and Archaeology

Secretary - Anselm Huelsbergen, University of Missouri Archives

Central Rep - Jaime Henry, Missouri State Museum

St. Louis Rep - Sena Dawes, Missouri History Museum

Northwest Rep - Elyssa Ford, Northwest Missouri State University

At Large Reps (2 positions) - Mary Stansfield, Missouri State Archives; Christina Miller, Missouri State Archives; Sarah Buchanan, University of Missouri Libraries and Information Science

Workshop Spaces Still Available - Going Fast!

Mini-Workshop #1: How to Hack

October 26, 10:00-12:00, Museum of Osteopathic Medicine, A.T. Still University, Kirksville

While Museum Hack tours are driven by passion, we have developed techniques that create dynamic experiences for our visitors. In this section, we will demonstrate and practice creating engaging tours. This will include Museum Hack's five-step technique for creating a successful "hack" of an exhibit, space or object. We'll walk through these

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elements with mini-workshop participants, demonstrate this technique on a piece in the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine's collection, and give participants the chance to experiment constructing narratives about their favorite things in the museum.

<https://mama.wildapricot.org/event-2587655>

Mini-Workshop #2: Activities Design in the Museum

October 26, 2:00-4:00, Museum of Osteopathic Medicine, A.T. Still University, Kirksville

The days of visiting a museum and simply letting the majesty of art and culture wash over you are over! Many of today's visitors want a more participatory experience, where they feel invested in the stories and spaces of the museum. Museum Hack has developed a series of engaging activities that help visitors look closer, make personal connections with objects, and have a lot of fun in exhibition spaces. We'll practice activities that encourage visitors to verbalize their feeling in an open and non-threatening environment, enable them to explore museum spaces and objects kinesthetically, and utilize smartphone technology to continue exploring and making connections long after the tour is over. This section will include techniques for developing activities for adult audiences.

<https://mama.wildapricot.org/event-2587665>

Conference and Annual Meeting

October 27-28, Kirksville

Join us in Kirksville, Missouri, for our annual meeting. Enjoy sessions by professionals across the Midwest, and pre-conference workshops by Museum Hack. Pre-meeting tours of Thousand Hills State Park and the Special Collections at Truman State University will also be offered.

The keynote speaker will be Doran Cart, of the National World War I Museum and Memorial.

Sessions will be held at the Missouri Department of Conservation on Friday, October 27, and Truman State University Student Union Building on Saturday, October 28.

A Friday evening reception will be held at the University Art Gallery followed by a program at the Del and Norma Robinson Planetarium.

<https://mama.wildapricot.org/event-2501897>

Events

Missouri Archaeological Society Fall Symposium

Saturday, October 7, begins at 9:00, Swallow Hall,
University of Missouri - Columbia

The MAS will return to their roots for the 2017 Fall Symposium. Morning presentations will feature the Archaic period. After the presentations, there will be a catered lunch picnic at the new Museum of Anthropology at Mizzou North. Following lunch, attendees can join in a curator-led tour of the new Museum.

<https://associations.missouristate.edu/mas/symposium.html>

Where Fashion Meets Activism

Tuesday, October 10, 7:00pm, Missouri History Museum,
St. Louis

Sometimes fashion is more than just style. Rikki Byrd, Washington University in St. Louis, will discuss the intersection of fashion, race, and activism, from black seamstresses who saved their earnings to purchase their freedom, to respectability politics within the civil rights movement, to hoodies and political statement T-shirts.

<http://mohistory.org/node/59230>

Missouri's Mad Doctor McDowell: Confederates, Cadavers and Macabre Medicine

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

From the 1840s, until his death in 1868, Joseph Nash McDowell was one of the most influential and respected doctors west of the Mississippi. He is primarily remembered, however, for illegally exhuming corpses in order to study human anatomy. Described as a body snatcher, grave robber, mad scientist and brilliant surgeon, St. Louis's Dr. McDowell was a man so loathed by the public that he wore body armor and so idolized by his anatomy students that they dug up corpses for his experiments. This ghoulish doctor cast a pall over the city and left a host of fiendish mysteries. Did his mother's ghost actually help him escape an angry mob? Did he really hang the corpse of his daughter in Hannibal's Mark Twain Cave? What very real horrors remained in his medical college after loyal Unionists drove him out? Dissect a life

shrouded in speculation and a legend littered with ghosts as author Victoria Cosner delves into the macabre world of Missouri's "Mad Doctor McDowell."

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

Voices from the Past: Interpretive Tours of Mount Mora Cemetery

October 19 and 20, Mount Mora Cemetery, St. Joseph

Experience the unique architecture in Mount Mora Cemetery and hear intriguing stories from St. Joseph's past as you "meet" some of the City's most fascinating former residents. This year the theme for the tales is *Rich Man, Poor Man, Beggar Man, Thief, Doctor, Lawyer, Merchant, Chief*. Tours will begin at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, where you will meet the first character of the evening and enjoy fall refreshments. Then it is onto the bus for a brief ride to "the prettiest City of the Dead" Mount Mora Cemetery.

<http://stjosephmuseum.org/events/>

Workshops

Reinventing the Historic House Museum

October 5, Alexander Majors House & Barn, Kansas City

Reinventing the Historic House Museum is a one-day symposium designed to offer current thinking, practical information, and solutions to the challenges facing historic sites. The Historic House Museum in American is not dead nor is it dying. The field, however, needs to take time to reflect and renew as the world around our historic homes continues to change. The symposium will include presentations by historic house game-changers and local historic site administrators, discussion, a boxed lunch, historic site visit, and a brainstorming workshop at a historic house museum to try out the new ideas proposed during the symposium.

<http://learn.aaslh.org/event/workshop-reinventing-the-historic-house-museum/>

Educator Workshop: Using Digital and Material Collections in Your Classroom

Friday, October 13, 9:00-12:00, State Historical Society of Missouri, Cape Girardeau Research Center

Primary sources are tangible teaching tools that connect students with the past. Yet searching for the right letters, photographs, newspapers, and diaries in the State Historical Society's vast collections can be overwhelming. Join SHSMO's archivist and National History Day coordinator at the Cape Girardeau Research Center. Together you will explore SHSMO collections in person and online and learn strategies for using primary sources effectively to make National History Day projects stand out.

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

Museums Building Community through Dementia-Inclusive and Caregiver-Friendly Programs

Tuesday, October 24, 8:30-3:30, Shawnee Town 1929 Museum, Shawnee, KS

What role can museums play in engaging persons with memory loss and their caregivers? How can museum programming be modified through awareness, understanding and sensitivity to the needs and interests of persons living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers? What is the potential impact for dementia-inclusive programming to extend meaningful community outreach?

Come for a FREE all day workshop which will answer these questions. Lunch will be provided for \$5.00. Presenters include professional from the Heart of America Chapter of the National Alzheimer's Associations, the University of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Center, Arts and AGEing KC, Soundscape Music Therapy, The Golden Experience Drama Therapy, Prairie Elder Care, professional story tellers, authors, and dementia advocates. This workshop is specifically geared towards educating museum professionals and volunteers on working effectively with persons with dementia and their caregivers.

<http://www.freedomsfrontier.org/news/news-releases/detail.aspx?ID=363>

Exhibits

Wonder Rooms: Ozark Collections

September 16, 2017 to February 25, 2018, Springfield Art Museum, Springfield

Modern day museums developed out of two apparently basic aspects of human nature - our curiosity and our desire to collect. Early collections were arranged and contained within private homes in rooms referred to as cabinets. These collections usually included a wide range of objects from taxidermy to paintings and sculpture. As their popularity grew, these rooms were called wonder or curiosity cabinets, from the German *wunderkammer*.

Wonder Rooms examines the human desire to collect, with specific focus on private collections in Southwest Missouri, in order to discover the underlying stories and driving impulses behind collecting. The exhibit will present representative works from ten local collections, and will feature a wide range of media arranged in cabinets or 'rooms,' including ceramics, photography, outsider art, local art, furniture, prints and drawings.

<http://www.sgfmuseum.org/210/Wonder-Rooms-Ozark-Collections>

Call for Content

Give me your events, your exhibits, your new collections yearning to breathe free. Send an email to Mary.Stansfield@sos.mo.gov letting me know what your institution is doing these days. Please have all submissions in by the 15th for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

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