

MAMA News

August 1, 2018



MAMA Award - Nominations Open

Each year, MAMA will make one award for achievement in museums or archives. The award is open to staff and volunteers who work in museums and archives in the state of Missouri, or to archives and museums in the state of Missouri.

Museum award for:

- Individuals involved in a museum project that best serves its community through exhibits or programs.

Archives award for:

- Individuals involved in an archives project that achieves excellence in making records or documents available to the public, or
- Individuals involved in an archive project that preserves an important endangered collection

Any current MAMA member can nominate an individual for the award. **Deadline for nominations will be September 1.** Awards will be given at the MAMA annual meeting each October.

<http://missourimuseums.org/nominations-open-for-mama-awards-for-achievement-in-museums-or-archives-2/>

Events

Pictograph - "Battle of the Little Bighorn"

Thursday, August 9, 6:00 pm, Downtown Abbey, St. Joseph

Stephen Standing Bear was present at the battle in 1876. In the 1920s, he illustrated the battlefield as he remembered it in large-scale muslin pictographs, using

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pencil and ink. One such pictograph is exhibited at the St. Joseph Museum.

For a closer look at the pictographs and the battle they record, join us as historian and author Colonel Rodney Thomas shares his research into the topic at the Downtown Abbey, 1202 Felix St., at 6 p.m. His first book, *Rubbing Out Long Hair*, about the Indian warrior art and testimony about the battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876, was published in 2009 and awarded the 2010 G. Joseph Sills Jr. Book Award by the Custer Battlefield Historical and Museum Association. This event will include the program, hors d'oeuvres, and the chance to view the pictograph from the St. Joseph Museum collection.

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

Báxoje in Blue: loway Men in the Union Army

Thursday, August 23, 7:00 pm, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City

Báxoje in Blue examines the lives of 50 loway, or *Báxoje*, men who left their tiny reservation on the Kansas/Nebraska border to fight for the Union Army in the Trans-Mississippi West. Because they all served in integrated regiments with their white neighbors, their experiences differed from those Native men who served in the segregated Indian Home Guard units. Author Greg Olson will investigate the reasons the loways sent 75 percent of their military age men to fight for a country that would not grant them citizenship. He will follow the soldiers through the Civil War and discuss the ways in which these loway men were forever changed by their wartime experiences.

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

Local History Fair

Saturday, August 25, 10:00-4:00, St. Louis County Library Headquarters

Explore the history of your community and learn how you can participate in the celebration of Missouri's Bicentennial in 2021 at the St. Louis County Library's local history fair. State Historical Society of Missouri's senior archivist Claire P. Marks and bicentennial coordinator Michael Sweeney will be onsite to answer your questions about SHSMO programs and services.

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

Exhibitions

Let's Play Ball!: Historic Games of America's Favorite Pastime

July 20, 2018 to January 20, 2019, The Field House Museum, St. Louis

The Field House Museum presents *Let's Play Ball!: Historic Games of America's Favorite Pastime*, on exhibit from July 20, 2018, through January 20, 2019. From board games to bagatelle, *Let's Play Ball!: Historic Games of America's Favorite Pastime* shows how baseball has been played off the field for decades through the unique, vibrant, and artful collection of Mr. Ed Nickels. Come see games based on baseball greats like Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, pinball's predecessor, baseball cards from unlikely sources, and a few games made right here in St. Louis. *Let's Play Ball!* is sure to be a home run for the whole family.

<https://fieldhousemuseum.org/exhibits/>

Fellowships

2019 Center for Missouri Studies Fellowship

Deadline September 1

The State Historical Society of Missouri announces two Center for Missouri Studies fellowship opportunities for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2019. Each fellowship carries a stipend of \$5,000 for a project that results in the completion of a 6,000 to 8,000-word scholarly essay, exclusive of notes, on one of the two topics listed below.

- *Missouri and the War in Vietnam, or Missouri and the Korean War.*
- *The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 and its impact on Missouri.*

<https://shsmo.org/thecenter/scholarship/fellowships/apply>

Honors and Awards

TripAdvisor "Certificate of Excellence" Awarded to Pony Express National Museum

The Pony Express National Museum is pleased to announce that they have once again been awarded a "Certificate of Excellence" from TripAdvisor. This year marks the fifth consecutive year the museum has received this honor for consistent achievement of high ratings from travelers.

Since 2011, the Certificate of Excellence honors hospitality businesses that deliver consistently great service across the world. This designation is presented to approximately 10% of total businesses on TripAdvisor that have consistently achieved great reviews over the past year. There is no application process for the Certificate of Excellence, and the achievement is earned over time.

<http://ponyexpress.org/>

***Playing for Keeps: The VFW Marble Tournaments,
1947-1962 Wins 2018 AASLH Award of Merit***

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) proudly announces that The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures is the recipient of an Award of Merit for the Playing for Keeps: The VFW Marble Tournaments, 1947-1962 exhibit. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 73rd year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

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