

MAMA News

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Building Blocks - MAMA Conference and Membership Meeting 2018

The 2018 conference was a success! I'd like to say thank you to all the out-going board members for their hard work and dedication.

From MAMA President Sara Wilson:

We had an excellent Conference in October in Jefferson City and I am grateful for everyone who helped plan and organize the event. I am glad so many were able to join us. If you missed out, we are already planning for next year in Springfield, Missouri.

The Missouri Association of Museums and Archives is here to advocate for preservation organizations across the State, to educate, and connect our professionals with each other. Thank you to our former Board Members who have devoted their time and talents to MAMA, and welcome to our new board members from across the State.

Museums are for Everyone (and so is MAMA)!

I visit museums with my daughter, my family, and my friends and I know you do too. We are seeing a rise in museum attendance as our world becomes increasingly digital. Museums, archives, historic sites, and hands-on learning experiences offer much-needed authentic experiences where we can connect with our community and each other. I hope you will mark your calendar to join us in October of 2019 in Springfield, and that you will plan to bring your family. Springfield has a lot to offer - a Discovery Center for all ages, a gigantic aquarium, the History Museum on the Square, and an American Alliance of Museums Accredited Art Museum.

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Read the full text of Sara's letter: [Letter from the President.pdf](#)

Events

Soldiers Memorial Military Museum Grand Reopening Ceremony

Saturday, November 3, 9:00 am, Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, St. Louis

Help commemorate the grand reopening of the revitalized Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, beginning with a musical arrangement honoring veterans. A formal ceremony will follow, with remarks from veterans and civic leaders. After the ceremony, stay to explore the new exhibits and the renovated museum. This event is free and open to the public.

The first 5,000 visitors to Soldiers Memorial will receive commemorative pins. Additionally, the US Postal Service will conduct a stamp cancellation commemorating the grand reopening of Soldiers Memorial from 11am to 1pm.

http://mohistory.org/events/grand-reopening-celebration_1541253600

Annual Sugarplum Festival

November 8 - 10, Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, St. Joseph

Mark your calendars for November 8th – 10th as the Albrecht-Kemper invites you to kick off your holiday season as local and regional vendors transform the museum into a “Holiday Gift Gallery”. The Annual Sugarplum Festival is a chance for all to get some early holiday shopping done and pick up some decorating ideas while they do so. The festivities start Thursday evening with the Preview Party and continue through Saturday, with a special Wine Tasting on Friday evening. Festival hours are Friday, November 9th from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm and Saturday, November 10th from 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/news/2018-sugarplum-festival/>

The Trail of Tears in Missouri

Thursday, November 8, 7:00pm, Missouri State Archives,
Jefferson City

Following the passage of the Indian Removal Act in 1830, government authorities forcibly relocated Native American peoples from their ancestral homelands in the Southeastern United States far to the west. Between 1836 and 1839, this included the Cherokee who were compelled to leave their homes and follow the Trail of Tears to the Indian Territory in present day Oklahoma. Harsh trail conditions, weather and disease resulted in the deaths of an estimated 4,000 along the way. Professor Joseph Erb, member of the Cherokee Nation, will retrace the steps his ancestors were forced to march nearly 200 years ago, sharing stories of their trek across Missouri.

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

Celebrate Armistice Day at the Missouri State Archives

Saturday, November 10, 9:00-2:30, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City

To commemorate the centennial of the armistice ending World War I, the Missouri State Archives invites you to attend a FREE Armistice Day event we're hosting at our Jefferson City location from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018. [Download Flyer.](#)

Scheduled presenters Christina Miller from the Missouri State Archives; Ben Divin from the Springfield-Greene County Library District and Missouri Over There website; Amanda Langendoerfer and Jason McDonald from Truman State University; and Cole County author Jeremy Amick will speak on Missouri's participation in World War I.

Also featured will be an exhibit including Harry S. Truman's World War I records, interactive activities for children and performances of an original short skit entitled Uncle Sam Wants You!

There's no need to register for this event and attendees are welcome to come in and out throughout the day.

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

From WPA to AbEx: Modern Art in America

Wednesday, November 14, 12:15, Museum of Art and Archaeology, University of Missouri - Columbia

New Deal Projects such as the Works Progress Administration (WPA) not only provided employment for hundreds of artists during the Great Depression, but also - and more momentously - fostered an atmosphere rife with art and a newfound sense of arts appreciation across the United States.

This talk will consider how the WPA made possible the burgeoning of American modern art and allowed an ethos of experimentation in art to flourish, including Abstract Expressionism.

<https://maa.missouri.edu/events/gallery-events-lecture/mid-day-gallery-event-wpa-abex-modern-art-america>

Webinars

History Check-In: Immigration and Citizenship During the WWI Era

Monday, November 5, 3:00-4:15 Eastern

This AASLH webinar presents an overview of immigration and citizenship in the United States during the World War I era. This webinar is part of the [History Check-In](#) webinar series, a partnership between the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) and the [Organization of American Historians \(OAH\)](#). Each webinar in this series is designed to provide history professionals from throughout the field with an update on the current state of historiography for a particular subject.

<https://learn.aaslh.org/products/live-webinar-history-check-in-immigration-and-citizenship-during-the-wwi-era>

Grants

Richard S. Brownlee Grant

Deadline for applications: December 15, 2018

The State Historical Society of Missouri honors a long-time former Executive Director, [Dr. Richard S. Brownlee](#), by making grants available in his name to help Missouri cultural heritage institutions preserve and provide access to local history. Brownlee Grant awards will be made for

up to \$500 per calendar year. A maximum of \$5,000 will be awarded each year.

<https://shsmo.org/awards/brownlee/apply>

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