

MAMA News

October 1, 2018



2018 MAMA Conference - Registration is Open!

Make sure to register for the 2018 MAMA Conference and Membership Meeting!

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

The conference is being held in beautiful Jefferson City. Things kick off on Friday, October 19 with behind-the-scenes tours of the Missouri State Archives, the Missouri State Museum's Riverside Collections Facility and the Cole County Museum. After a morning exploring, afternoon sessions will be at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building.

Conference attendees will enjoy a Friday evening reception at Jefferson Landing State Historic Site. Afterwards, explore downtown Jefferson City, but don't stay out too late! Sessions resume on Saturday morning at the Page Library at Lincoln University.

Lunch will be provided and followed by the Keynote Speaker on Saturday: Kurt Graham, Director of the Harry S Truman Presidential Library and Museum.

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Elections

We are excited to announce the list of nominations for board members. The candidates would serve 2018-2020 if elected.

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President: Sara Wilson, St. Joseph Museums

Vice President: Amanda Langendoerfer, Associate Dean of Libraries for Special Collections and Museums, Truman State University

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Southwest Rep: Katy Rawlins, History Museum on the Square

Northeast Rep: Mary McIntosh, Office of the Secretary of State, Local Records Program, Kirksville

St. Louis Rep: Danielle Nenninger, St. Louis Library

At-Large: Maggie Mayhan, NHDMO Coordinator

At-Large: Carolyn Collings, Boone County History and Culture Center

We will take additional nominations for these positions by email until October 10th. Board members must be Missouri Association for Museums and Archives members in good standing who reside or work in Missouri. The election is Saturday morning, October 20th, at the Annual Meeting in Jefferson City. Email nominations to: info@missourimuseums.org, with name, organization, and contact information of the person nominated. MAMA bylaws are on our website: <http://missourimuseums.org/about/>

We want to thank our nominating committee: Shelly Croteau, Mary Stansfield, and Sarah Elder.

Events

Before Lewis and Clark: The Exploratory Efforts of Mackay and Evans

Wednesday, October 3, 7:00 pm, Missouri State Museum.
Jefferson City

Although James Mackay and John Evans are not household names, they were some of the first explorers to lead an expedition to the upper Missouri and connect with its people. The efforts of Mackay and Evans contributed important information to the explorations that followed, including that of the widely known Lewis and Clark Expedition. Join Carrie Hammond, interpretive resource specialist at the Missouri State Museum, to learn more about these early explorers.

<https://mostateparks.com/event/75456/museum-after-hours-lewis-and-clark-exploratory-efforts-mackay-and-evans>

Spend the Night at the Glore Psychiatric Museum

Saturday, October 6, Glore Psychiatric Museum, St. Joseph

Join an exclusive club of overnight visitors for the opportunity to experience the Glore Psychiatric Museum during the "Spend the Night at the Museum" event. Participants will learn in-depth about the Glore Psychiatric Museum and its beginning from the museum staff, tour the tunnels, learn about the history of asylums, and participate in a paranormal investigation led by A.P.E.X. Paranormal. Participants will have time to explore on their own and choose a place to sack out for the night.

The space is limited to 30 guests who must be at least 18 years old. The cost is \$125 per person, which includes the guided tour, dinner, movie, snakes, paranormal investigation, overnight stay and breakfast.

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

The Fair That Wasn't

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

The early planners of the 1904 World's Fair wanted a Fair to surpass all previous World's Fairs, including gigantic and never-before-accomplished structures. World's Fair Society President Mike Truax will present many of the

early plans and visions for the Fair that never came to be.

See several proposed Fair locations and layouts, a few exotic proposed structures, and many building plans and designs that changed. In the 1980s, Carl Ebert authored a booklet on this subject; Mike will expand on his historical research and present many aspects of the Fair that didn't happen.

http://mohistory.org/events/the-fair-that-wasnt_1539216000

The History of Fort Leonard Wood

Thursday, October 18, 7:00 pm, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City

In *The History of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri*, author Paul W. Bass documents decade-by-decade the 76-year history of the renowned United States Army installation. Built as one of the first training camps in American response to World War II, the fort continues to play an important role in the training of U.S. military personnel. Bass provides a detailed account of its construction; biographical information on the fort's namesake, General Leonard Wood; and its contribution to the American war efforts during World War II, the Korean, Vietnam and Cold wars and the ongoing War on Terror. Join us as Bass recounts the compelling history of Fort Leonard Wood and its influence on the surrounding region.

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

Exhibits

Benton's Perilous Visions

August 11 - Spring 2019, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia

After the United States entered World War II, Missouri artist Thomas Hart Benton responded to the national crisis by working through his thoughts and emotions on canvas. Executed between 1941 and 1944, the works in the *Benton's Perilous Visions* exhibition manifest the anxiety, horror, grief, and resolve that Benton and his audience experienced during the war. Visit the Columbia center now to explore ten of Benton's paintings and their allegorical images, visions of events that came to fruition, and expression of fears that thankfully were never

realized on US soil. Eight of these famous paintings illustrated the widely circulated *Year of Peril* propaganda booklet, published by Abbott Laboratories and the US government in 1942.

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

Workshops

Reinventing the Historic House Museum

Friday, October 12, 8:30-5:00, Glessner House Museum, Chicago, IL

The one-day workshop, *Reinventing the Historic House Museum* includes an analysis of the most important opportunities and threats facing historic sites in America based on the latest social and economic research, with a discussion on how they may relate to the participants' house museum. We share a series of field-tested tools and techniques drawn from such wide-ranging sources as non-profit management, business strategy, and software development. Drawing from innovative organizations, we profile historic sites that are using new models to engage with their communities to become more relevant, are adopting creative forms of interpretation and programming, and earning income to become more financially sustainable. A key component of the workshop is a facilitated brainstorming session to reinvent an event or program. Working with an actual house museum not only puts theory into practice but demonstrates the value of multiple perspectives for analysis.

<https://aaslh.org/event/reinventingghm-oct2018/>

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