

# MAMA News

May 1, 2019



## MAMA Awards 2019

Each year, MAMA awards excellence in museums and 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.

The Museum Award honors individuals or organizations involved in a museum project that best serves its community through exhibits or programs.

The Archives Award spotlights individuals or organizations involved in an archives project that achieves excellence in making records or documents available to the public, or 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, 2019. Awards will be given at the MAMA annual meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, Missouri.

<http://missourimuseums.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/MAMA-award-nomination-cover-sheet.pdf>

## Host a Smithsonian Exhibit!

Water/Ways is a Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibition. MoMS exhibitions are available for booking by state humanities councils or other statewide organizations. MoMS exhibitions are not available for general rental by individual venues.

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## EXHIBITION CONTENTS:

- 5 free-standing exhibition units with photographs, text panels, and objects
- 1 video monitor
- 2 free-standing touchscreen interactive computer kiosks featuring video and audio content
- 1 iPad-based WaterSim America interactive on a stand
- 1 touchable model of a watershed
- 1 outdoor banner
- Exhibition support materials for state and local coordinators
- Support publications include: promotional posters and postcards and docent handbook

<http://www.mohumanities.org/water-ways-traveling-exhibit/>

## Events

### **German Folk Arts Workshops**

Saturday May 4 and May 11, Luxenhaus Farms, Marthasville

Free workshops in German folk arts, including woodworking, ceramic making, basket weaving, and blacksmithing, are offered at Luxenhaus Farms. I can't do justice to all the cool stuff they're offering those two weekends so go check out the website.

<http://www.mohumanities.org/2019-german-folk-arts-workshops/>

### ***Postal Service in Territorial Missouri, 1804-1821***

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City

As Americans moved west into new lands opened to settlement following the Louisiana Purchase, establishing communication channels with the rest of the country became increasingly important. Postal service was crucial to linking new settlers on the frontier to their family, friends and business interests back east, as well as emerging markets along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. In his book, *Postal Service in Territorial Missouri, 1804–1821*, author Robert G. Schultz examines the growth and development of such service operating across the intervening miles of wilderness in the area that was to become the state of Missouri. In addition to the innumerable service problems these services faced, he offers an in depth look at their postal routes, post offices and postmasters. Join us as Schultz, for the first time,

shares his research on this fascinating and little-examined subject.

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

### **Ozark Pickin' Time**

Sunday, May 19, 1:00-5:00pm, Cedar Street Playhouse, Rolla

Join SHSMO for an afternoon of great performances by musicians from the Ozarks. *Ozark Pickin' Time*, which initially celebrated bluegrass music, moves to a new Rolla venue and is expanding its range of musicians in 2019. It will again be a family-friendly event with a suggested donation of \$10. Performers will include Jimmie Allison and his reunited band Midnight Flight; Jerry Rosa and the Rosa String Works; and Marideth Sisco and Accomplices, which consists of members from the Blackberry Winter Band that played on the soundtrack for the award-winning film *Winter's Bone*.

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

## **Exhibits**

### **Shannon County, Missouri: Lifeways, Riverways, and Documentaries**

Open through June 7, Duane G. Meyer Library Special Collections and Archives, Missouri State University, Springfield

"Shannon County, Missouri: Lifeways, Riverways, and Documentaries" displays examples of photos, documents, films, and more from several different archival collections at Missouri State University and the State Historical Society of Missouri.

<https://libraries.missouristate.edu/Archives.htm>

### **Echoes Through Time: Robin VanHoozer**

Through June 2, Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, St. Joseph

In this exhibition, the artist works to reveal the invisible routine of daily tasks typically performed by women and essential for life. Robin VanHoozer was inspired by her grandmother, whose journals document raising a family of eight children in rural Weston, Missouri. Ms. VanHoozer's work explores themes of time, gender, work, and resolve using encaustic and mixed media. Woven through the exhibition are the female form and household objects used daily. Composed of four major collections of work, Echoes Through Time consists of the "Chambers and Books of Life," "Catwalk," "Internals,"

and “Memory Storage.” Each collection contains seven pieces, one for each day of the week.

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/>

### **Dropped and Found at the Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site**

Through June 30, Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site, Pilot Knob

Come to the Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site and experience its rotating exhibit of themed displays of artifacts relating to the site. Many of these are original artifacts never on public display until now. Each exhibit will be on display for two months.

During May and June, visit the “Dropped and Found” display. During the heat of battle many items are dropped. Decades later items have been found at the battle site and throughout the Arcadia Valley. The museum contains an extensive collection of personal items dropped by both Union and Confederate soldiers. Bullets, belt buckles, coat buttons and many other items will be on display. Site staff will be available to interpret the artifacts.

<https://mostateparks.com/park/battle-pilot-knob-state-historic-site>

## **Grants**

### **Preservation and Access Education and Training NEH**

Application due May 15

The Preservation and Access Education and Training program supports the development of knowledge and skills among professionals responsible for preserving and establishing access to humanities collections.

Preservation and Access Education and Training grants are awarded to organizations that offer national, regional, or statewide education and training programs across the pedagogical landscape and at all stages of development. Grants aim to help the staff of cultural institutions, large and small, obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Grants support projects that prepare the next generation of preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce heritage practitioners to new information and advances in preservation and access practices.

<https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-and-access-education-and-training>

## Internships

### **MHC Sponsored MAMA Internship (Paid)**

The Missouri Humanities Council has agreed to partner with MAMA to sponsor 9 Internships annually (3 per Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) for museums and archives across the State. The MHC has generously agreed to pay a \$1500 stipend for each internship. We will pilot the program this summer at the St. Joseph Museum to work out the kinks. The Internship program will officially begin this fall with three internships.

[MHC Sponsored Internship Program.pdf](#)

### **The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum (Paid)**

The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum is one of America's leading historic, cultural and educational institutions. Opened in 1982, the Museum, anchored aboard the former USS Intrepid, a national historic landmark, has welcomed more than 10 million visitors and currently welcomes almost one million visitors annually. The Collections Manager at the *Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum* seeks an intern for a one day a week paid internship over the summer months. The intern, reporting to the Collections Manager, will assist in processing the Museum's archives into ArchivesSpace. If you are interested in archives work and naval history, this is a great opportunity to gain practical experience in a museum setting.

<https://www.intrepidmuseum.org//Are-You-In/Careers/Job-Opening/Exhibits/Archives-Internship>

## Mentoring Program

The Society of American Archivists' Mentoring Program—now in its 20th year—is designed to bring together members with shared interests in various aspects of the archives profession. The program's goal is to cultivate career development and communication between members with areas of expertise and members who want to build their knowledge within those areas.

Students, educators, working archivists, records managers, and retirees—every SAA member is eligible to participate as a mentor or protégé. Simply complete this application and our Mentoring Subcommittee members will do their best to find you a good match.

Please note that you may skip questions that you do not wish to answer. Required fields are noted with an asterisk. Your wait time may be affected by how many mentors/protégés are available and by the preferences that you indicate on this application.

<https://www2.archivists.org/membership/mentoring/application>

## Podcasts

### ***Our Missouri***

Episode 14 of the *Our Missouri* podcast, produced by The State Historical Society of Missouri, features Mrs. Teresa Parson, First Lady of the State of Missouri, and Dr. Gary R. Kremer, Executive Director of the State Historical Society of Missouri, discussing Mrs. Parson's life and family as well as her goals for addressing important issues related to the state's culture and history. We hope you enjoy this conversation with Missouri's First Lady.

<https://shsmo.org/our-missouri/>

## Scholarships

### **AASLH Small Museums Scholarship**

Deadline May 15

Now in its fourteenth year, AASLH's Small Museums Committee is offering scholarships to any AASLH members who are full-time, part-time, paid, or volunteer employees of small museums. Each \$700 scholarship will cover the cost of both the conference registration and the Small Museums luncheon. Any remaining funds may be used to offset travel and/or lodging expenses. Recipients, though, must submit a post to the AASLH blog, Big Ideas for Small Museums, about their Annual Meeting experience.

<https://aaslh.org/2019-small-museums-scholarships/>

If you know of other scholarship opportunities please send them to [Mary.Stansfield@sos.mo.gov](mailto:Mary.Stansfield@sos.mo.gov) to be included in next month's newsletter.