

MAMA News

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Value of History Statement

If there's anything the world has learned in the past several months, it is the relevance of the past. Today more than 350 institutions have signed and are using the History Relevance initiative's Value of History statement, and there's room for yours, too.

<https://www.historyrelevance.com/value-history-statement>

<https://www.historyrelevance.com/endorsers>

AAM Special Membership

In recognition of the devastating impacts and lasting reach of COVID-19 on museum professionals, we have created a special membership specifically for those who have been financially impacted by the pandemic. Explore the benefits today.

For a limited time, this unique, 6-month membership option offers digital access to the benefits of our Professional Membership for only \$25.

<https://www.aam-us.org/programs/membership/2020-special-membership/>

Adopt an Object

Adopt an Object at St. Joseph Museums

Help us care for our collections by adopting an object! Adopt ten or more objects, and we will create a temporary exhibit to showcase the adopted items.

Caring for our collections is a round-the-clock commitment. Whether our objects are on display or in storage, we continuously monitor light, temperature, and humidity to

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ensure future generations' preservation. Every day our staff and researchers are learning more about our objects and their histories. We need support to continue to care for these important artifacts and share their stories.

We house and care for over 200,000 objects and archival materials. We can only display about 3% of our collection at any given time, which means a lot is going on behind the scenes!

For more details about the project, please visit <https://www.stjosephmuseum.org/adopt-an-item>.

Call for Artists

Missouri Art Now, A Bicentennial Celebration is a juried, traveling exhibition that will feature sixty works from artists throughout the state, together demonstrating Missouri's vibrant visual arts culture. The exhibition curators (see below) are glad to announce a Call for Entry.

Now through November 1, 2020 artists ages 18 and older who currently reside in the state of Missouri may enter. A nonrefundable \$30 fee applies. Artists will be notified by January 1, 2021.

https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=7883.

Events

2020 Boone County Hall of Fame History Makers Gala - Postponed

After much deliberation, the Hall of Fame Planning Committee decided to postpone the event until Fall 2021 to ensure that sculptor Sabra Tull Meyer, the late cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Hugh E. Stephenson, Jr. and MBS Textbook Exchange receive the celebration that their extraordinary accomplishments, on both a statewide and national scale, have earned.

Democracy and the Concerned Citizen

Missouri Humanities, in partnership with the University of Missouri System, will deliver a major public program (virtually through Zoom Webinar) entitled "Democracy and the Informed Citizen" on September 22, 2020 from 7-8:30 pm. The panel discussion will explore the critical role the humanities and journalism play in shaping the judgements and opinions of citizens in a democratic society. In advance of the 2020

presidential election, the partners will bring together University students with rural and urban viewers from across the Show Me State, remotely. MH and UM will unite an ideologically diverse crowd around the importance of quality journalism in support of an informed citizenry and a healthy democracy.

The program will feature a conversation between Michael Gerson, a nationally syndicated columnist; Tony Messenger, reporter and columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch; and Ruby Bailey, Executive Editor at the Columbia Missourian and Missouri Community Newspaper Management Chair at the Missouri School of Journalism.

The conversation will be moderated by Janet Saidi, Assistant News Director at KBIA radio. This opportunity is free and open to all, but space is limited and registration is required. For more info and to secure your spot, visit <https://mohumanities.org/democracy-and-the-informed-citizen/>

Scholarships

FGS Scholarships from Missouri State Archives

The Missouri State Archives and Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board have a few remaining free Lite Registration Packages, each valued at \$130, for Missouri genealogical and historical society representatives to attend the Federation of Genealogical Societies' (FGS) 2020 virtual Family History Conference. These registrations are made possible through support from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the grants program of the National Archives and Records Administration.

FGS represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies across the United States and other countries, linking the community and helping these groups strengthen and grow. Their main gathering each year is a Family History Conference, which in 2020 was to be in Kansas City before COVID-19 forced the organizers to switch to an online format. Although a significant change, the virtual conference offers a host of new and exciting opportunities.

Registered attendees of the 2020 virtual Family History Conference can watch live sessions from some of the world's foremost genealogists on Sept. 2, 2020, while recordings of more than 80 other programs will be available on-demand from Sept. 15, 2020, to March 15, 2021. Topics range from society event planning to research methodology to DNA genealogy and so much more! For more information about the virtual conference, visit the FGS website at <https://fgs.org/conferences/registration/>.

To receive free registration(s), official representatives of the state's genealogical and historical societies should contact Brian Rogers at brian.rogers@sos.mo.gov, providing the names and email addresses of no more than two individuals who will attend on their group's behalf.

Survey

Missouri Humanities' Heritage Program is looking to expand our reach in rural Missouri, and we want to hear from you! What kinds of topics are important when talking about history, cultural heritage and identity, small town culture, and historic sites in our rural communities? Take this short survey and give us your thoughts!

<https://forms.gle/GrNBb9e9xpKXeXQV6>

Workshops

Virtual Cultural Heritage Workshops

On September 3rd, MHC will be presenting our next Virtual Cultural Heritage Workshop series. The theme of this series is "Preserving Local History", and is comprised of three webinars:

10AM: Recording Oral Histories, presented by Sean Rost (Oral Historian, State Historical Society of Missouri/Missouri Humanities)

1PM: Advocating for Historic Preservation Statewide and In Your Own Community, presented by Bill Hart (Exec. Director, Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation)

3PM: Historic Preservation Strategies for Rural Communities, presented by Kelsey Matson (CLG Coordinator, State Historic Preservation Office)

Registration for each of these webinars is FREE, but required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom webinar link included (each workshop has its own unique link). For more information or to secure your spot, visit: <https://mohumanities.org/programs/cultural/>

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