

MAMA News

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MAMA Conference 2021

The theme of the 2021 MAMA Conference will be Missouri's Bicentennial! A formal call for proposals will be sent out in the coming months. Until then, start thinking about sessions relating to 200 years of museums and archives in Missouri! The 2021 MAMA Conference will be all virtual again this year.

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Museums Advocacy Day 2021

February 22-23, Virtual

For more than ten years, Museums Advocacy Day has been providing the essential training and support advocates need to meet face-to-face in Washington, D.C. with members of Congress and their staff. With Museums Advocacy Day taking place virtually this year, advocating in support of museums in February 2021 will look different than in past years, but it will be more important and impactful than ever before. Following the elections and the convening of the 117th session of Congress, it will be critical to join forces with fellow museum supporters and professionals to make our voices heard with legislators and their staff.

To maximize our collective voices and impact, we are currently planning for a robust virtual Museums Advocacy Day in February. The full Monday, Feb. 22 program will take place online. For Tuesday, Feb. 23, Congressional meetings to be held virtually will be scheduled with Capitol Hill offices, designed for lawmakers, staff, and advocates to participate by video or phone. While we remain vigilant for additional opportunities to connect with Congress as circumstances continue to evolve, we hope you will plan to participate in Museums Advocacy Day 2021 from wherever you are!

<https://www.aam-us.org/programs/museums-advocacy-day/>

Events

The 1849 Cholera Outbreak in Jefferson City

Thursday, February 4, 7:00 pm, Facebook Live

In 1849, a steamship named after President James Monroe left St. Louis for Council Bluffs, Iowa. On board along with 50-plus crewmembers and miscellaneous passengers were 135 Latter-day Saints from Philadelphia, joined in St. Louis by a group of 35 California-bound prospectors from Jeffersonville, Indiana. Shortly after departure, on what was supposed to be a routine trip, cholera broke out among the travelers. Days later, 14-year-old James McHenry discovered the steamship after a skeleton crew landed it at Jefferson City. Observing the dead and dying victims along the riverbank, several local churches opened their doors to serve as hospitals for the afflicted. Though the exact number of deaths resulting from the outbreak is unknown, with different sources recording quite different figures, it had far-reaching effects. Join us for a presentation on Facebook Live from Gary Elliott, author of *The 1849 Cholera Outbreak in Jefferson City*, as he details this tragic, yet historic event.

<http://www.facebook.com/MissouriStateArchives/live>

MHC Virtual Cultural Heritage Workshop

Join Missouri Humanities for their upcoming Virtual Cultural Heritage Workshop on Thursday, February 25th. MH's Cultural Heritage Workshops work to provide the tools and resources necessary for communities to better utilize the culture heritage opportunities in their area.

This particular workshop will focus on the theme of "Community Engagement" and will feature three webinars:

10AM: Marketing and Social Media

1PM: Interregional Cooperation and Creating Critical Mass

3PM: Creating and Sustaining an Effective Volunteer Program

<http://www.mohumanities.org/community-engagement>

Craft-tea Night

Thursday, February 25, 5:00 pm, Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, St. Joseph

This month we will be working on the related crafts of knitting and crochet Program is designed for craft enthusiasts of all ages, from novice to expert! Embroidery material provided, as well as a hand warmer sewing project. Participants will explore a new craft or trade

on the last Thursday of the month. Help keep these trades alive and well in the community! Limited basic supplies will be provided. Workshops will include tea and light refreshments. The cost of each session is \$10 per person or \$8 for museum members. Reservations are required, for more details call 816-232-8471. Limit 12 individuals. Face masks will be required. We have established proper distancing and lower capacity measures.

<https://www.stjosephmuseum.org/events-1/february-craft-tea-night>

Exhibitions

Difficult History

Northwest Missouri State University public history students delved into some of the region's "difficult history" this fall and unveiled an exhibit Nov. 23 in Valk Center that shares some of what they learned.

"Remembering only 'the good 'ole times' does not provide a complete historical picture," reads an introductory panel at the display cases in the lower level of Valk Center. "Human suffering, violence and systemic injustice are elements of the past that are unattractive, uncomfortable, and hard to remember. There is a tendency for people and communities to view the past through a romanticized lens, because it is easier than reckoning with difficult truths. Difficult history may be challenging to learn, but that does not mean it is unimportant."

[Associate Professor of History Dr. Elyssa] Ford said it is important for people to understand the topics and cases explored in the exhibit, while difficult to discuss or comprehend, happened locally. They also provide context for some of the political and racial tensions that still exist today.

"It's not something that happened far away," Ford said. "Slavery happened here. Lynchings aren't just happening in Mississippi. They were happening here. There are photographs of someone being burned alive on the roof and hundreds of white Maryville people watching this. That's a thing to talk about.

"With Doc Talbott, people will talk about that, but the thing we don't think about is the domestic violence that happened. That still happens today. We live that history today. That history impacts our lives today."

The exhibit is being displayed first on the Northwest campus while the Nodaway County Historical Society is closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The displays will remain in the lower level of Valk Center through the spring semester.

<https://www.nwmissouri.edu/media/news/2020/12/05difficulthistoryexhibit.htm>

47th Annual Albrecht-Kemper Membership Exhibition

A virtual awards ceremony took place on Friday, January 15, 2021 for the 47th annual Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art Membership Exhibition. Awards were presented in ten categories, including one work honored as “Best in Show.” The exhibition features 112 works created by 60 artists and will be on view January 16 through February 21, 2021.

Now in its 47th iteration, the annual Membership Exhibition showcases works exclusively by current museum members. Each member may submit two original works not previously exhibited at the museum. Artworks are divided into ten categories: Oil and Acrylic Painting; Watercolor Painting; Drawing: pencil, pastel, pen and ink; Printmaking; Photography; Ceramics; 2D Mixed Media; Sculpture & 3D Mixed Media; Digital Art; Fiber and Textiles. Entries were evaluated on technique, composition, and aesthetic appeal by a panel of adjudicators from the St. Joseph arts community.

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/exhibitions/47th-annual-akma-membership-exhibition/>

Pandemic Relief

AAM's Finding Financial Relief and Support

AAM has an excellent website that can be used by non-museum institutions as well.

The museum sector is just beginning to assess the impact of closures, travel bans, cancellations of major events, and the implementation of physical distancing related to COVID-19 on both institutions and individual museum workers. AAM is monitoring emerging sources of assistance and documenting potential strategies for navigating the emerging financial crisis.

This section includes resources that may be useful in developing short-term and long-term fiscal strategies for supporting organizations, as well as information for museum workers who need their own financial plans for riding out the pandemic.

<https://www.aam-us.org/programs/about-museums/financial-relief-and-resources/>

Tours

Missouri State Archives Virtual Field Trip Tour

Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft announced a new video available online for Missouri's third and fourth grade students, providing them a virtual tour of the Missouri State Archives.

"There is nothing like a field trip for an in-person tour of the Archives with your teacher and classmates," Ashcroft said, "but I hope this online virtual tour can make the Archives available to any child in any type of schooling program and provide an opportunity for every child to learn about Missouri's history during our Bicentennial year – the 200th anniversary of our state."

The tour includes your favorite newsletter editor presenting the Stacks section of the tour, and getting way too excited about moveable shelving.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnCZVtfN5XQ&t=3s>

Webinars

MAMA Presentation: Show Me Missouri digital exhibit recording now available

Show Me Missouri is a state-wide collaborative initiative to document and commemorate Missouri's bicentennial in 2021. This forthcoming digital exhibit will tell the story of Missouri and Missourians through the lens of 200 historically and culturally significant objects. Furthermore, the project will examine the comprehensive history of the state through a complex, inclusive, and critical interpretation. Each object will have an interpretative essay that will contextualize it in relation to the larger history of Missouri.

Show Me Missouri will be a free and publicly accessible website for the use of scholars, teachers, both K-12 and collegiate students, and everyday Missourians. The project is a collaboration between the Center for Midwestern Studies, the UMKC History Department, the Springfield-Greene County Library District, and the Kansas City Public Library.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0T7lQcQ00ok&feature=youtu.be>

Museums and Cultural Institutions: Framing the Impact of COVID-19 Relief

Tuesday, February 2, 1:00 pm Central

Like many institutions, museums continue to face uncertainty as the COVID-19 pandemic persists. Raffa – Marcum's Nonprofit & Social Sector Group understands that organizations are eager to paint a picture of the impact of evolving Federal and state guidelines on operations, including the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

Throughout this session, we will curate actions that museums and cultural institutions can install to continue serving the community, preserving value, and protecting their workers.

Topics

- A gallery of updates to the COVID Relief Legislation: PPP and ERC
- The architecture of eligibility and forgiveness
- Which act to follow: PPP loan or Shuttered Venues grant?
- Financial Statement reporting composition

<https://www.aam-us.org/event/museums-and-cultural-institutions-framing-the-impact-of-covid-19-relief/>

SAA Disaster Planning

Wednesday, March 10, 2:00 pm

Disaster and emergency planning is key to the survival of our collections when disaster strikes. This course is geared toward new and experienced archives managers who need to understand the basics disaster and emergency planning for their repositories. Through personal stories and experiences, the presenters will cover the types of disasters that institutions may face, discuss assessment of your repository's current emergency preparedness, and provide a framework for the creation of a disaster plan. Attendees will explore best practices, receive concrete examples of assessment and planning tools, and walk away with an additional reading list of covered topics.

https://mysaa.archivists.org/NC_Event?id=a0I0b00000EU7AxAAL

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