

# Yesterday and Today

HISTORIC CITY OF JEFFERSON

*Celebrating 25 Years*

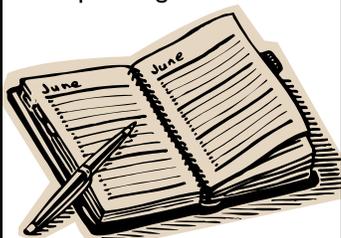
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## Mark Your CALENDAR

### May is National Historic Preservation Month

- **May 10** - Warwick Village Open House and Tour 1:00 to 4:00 pm
- **May 15** - Heritage Awards Ceremony at City Hall 4:00 pm
- **May 22** - HCJ 25 years history visual presentation, MRRL multi-purpose room, 7:00 pm
- **June 1** - Neighborhood Home Tours; Adams and Woodlawn Streets 1:00 to 4:00 pm
- **June 4** - Dedication of Lewis & Clark Trail Head Plaza; 5:30 Capitol Rotunda
- **September 28** - Zion Chapel Program



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## New Officers and Board Elected at Annual HCJ Dinner Meeting

The annual dinner was held at the Grace Episcopal Church reception hall which was a little cozy, with over 100 guests attending. A wine reception allowed everyone to mingle before having an delicious meal.

Several special guests joined us for our 25th anniversary celebration including City officials, Steve Rasmussen and Melva Fast, 3 city councilmen, Ron Medin, Rich Koon and Jim Penfold; and Carrie Carroll, 4th Ward council candidate. Past Presidents and officers of HCJ were recognized. Local historian, Dr. Gary Kremer, and restorationist, Tom Sater, were also in attendance.

Before the election, outgoing President, Mary Ann Hall, gave appreciation gifts to the officers and board for all their support and accomplishments during her tenure.

With some reshuffling of current officers and board members and the introduction of some new faces, the 2008 slate of Officers and Board members were elected. **Steve Veile** was elected President, after a year of "learning the ropes" from retiring President, **Mary Ann Hall**. Mary Ann will slide into the Past-president post. **Laura Ward** is our new Vice President, replacing outgoing, Jenny Smith who will be assuming Newsletter Editor duties. Laura had served (splendidly) as our Secretary for many years. **Janet Maurer** will assume the duties of Secretary. **Debbie Goldammer** has graciously agreed to serve a second term as Treasurer. Together, the board members and the officers make up the Board of Directors.

With the departure of some of our board members we had three positions to fill. We are happy to welcome these new additions to the operating body of HCJ: **Lois Heldenbrand, Sam Bushman and Henry Gensky**. This completes a board consisting of 8 members. The other members of the board are **Cathy Bordner, Jim Weber, Betty Weber, D.J. Nash and Deedie Bedowsky**. These five individuals are in the second year of their 2 year term. We appreciate all of our board members and officers who have unselfishly offered their time and talent to HCJ.

Before the evening program started a special 25th anniversary cake was served to guests by officers and board members. Mary Ann Hall presented a visual history of HCJ highlighting the many activities and people that have been a part of HCJ's growth through the 25 years.

Everyone there that evening left with a commemorative gift as an appreciation for their participation in this special occasion.



New faces on the Board of Directors: Lois Heldenbrand, Sam Bushman (L) and Henry Gensky.

# New HCJ President Sets Forth Goals and Vision

It is with great pride and pleasure that I accepted the gavel as president of the Historic City of Jefferson at our recent annual meeting. I have always been so impressed with the work of HCJ and the dedication of its members, and I look forward to doing what I can to move us forward into the future.

As I begin my term, I want you to know that there are several things I hope to accomplish when all is said and done. Here are some of my priorities:

- **Communications.** I want to increase our efforts to communicate with our members, not only through this wonderful newsletter, but also through surveys, e-mails and the news media.
- **Oral History Project.** Building on efforts begun in the past, I want to do all I can to support and encourage the work of our new Oral History committee. They are engaged in some of the most important work we can be doing and it is so exciting. We are getting the stories of the people of Jefferson City “on tape” and we are preserving those stories on new media so that they will be available for our children and grandchildren so that they, too, can know what it was like in the old days in our town. Bravo to all who are helping with this work.
- **Monthly Programs.** I would really like to get back to having regular informational programs for HCJ members, and the public at large. There are so many interesting facets to our historical heritage and so many great speakers who can help us learn all about it. If you’ve got an idea for

a speaker or a program that you think would be of interest, please let me know and we’ll see if we can make it happen.

- **Revolving Fund.** This is not going to be easy. For years we have been in need of a healthy revolving fund that we can dip into when we are in danger of losing a significant historic property. My vision is to create a fund of \$500,000 or more that we can use to buy those properties, fix them up, sell them, and then reinvest the money in another property when the time of need arises again. We need to encourage charitable donations to this revolving fund including donations of cash, property and bequests. If we can do this, we will leave a real legacy, not to mention save important historical properties from the wrecking ball.

That’s a pretty full plate! And all of that is not even to mention the many other projects in which HCJ is involved, including restoration of our house at 1102 East McCarty...involvement in Heritage Month in May...the annual historic homes tour (coming up soon) and much more.

If you want to roll up your sleeves and be of help in any of these areas, please let me know. You can contact me at 635-8667 or at [steveveile@mchsi.com](mailto:steveveile@mchsi.com). Good ideas and helping hands are always welcome!



*Steve Veile*

## HISTORIC CITY OF JEFFERSON 2008 Board of Directors

### Officers

President—Steve Veile 635-8667  
 Vice-President—Laura Ward 632-2818  
 Treasurer—Debbie Goldammer 635-2972  
 Secretary—Janet Maurer 636-9211  
 Past President—Mary Ann Hall 635-8512

### Board Members

Cathy Bordner  
 Jim Weber  
 Betty Weber  
 D.J. Nash  
 Deedie Bedowsky  
 Lois Heldenbrand  
 Sam Bushman  
 Henry Gensky



President Steve Veile presents Mary Ann Hall with a memento from the Bassman house at the Annual Dinner Meeting, March 28.

## Thank You, Mary Ann Hall A Tribute to Our Out-going President

She has inspired us with her enthusiasm and passion. Mary Ann Hall, our president for 5 years has served with distinction. She has shown vision, dedication, and has been the respected face of HCJ to our public. The fact she knows everyone in town has not hurt and her creative talents have been a bonus! The tickets and programs for every event, the clever eye-catching displays, flyers and ads in the paper, the newsletter, the event themes...it has mostly been her handiwork. She has been creative not only in her art but in her ideas as she organized our many programs and activities over the last 5 years of her tenure. She is a stickler for detail and a perfectionist so it is no accident that her projects have been flawless in their planning and execution.

Last year as we navigated our way through the maze of negotiations with the city in our effort to save the West McCarty properties, Mary Ann devoted untold hours talking to contractors, architects, developers and potential investors. She showed the houses to many interested parties and in fact had investors in place to move right in and renovate the properties. She lead us through that difficult year with determination and grace.

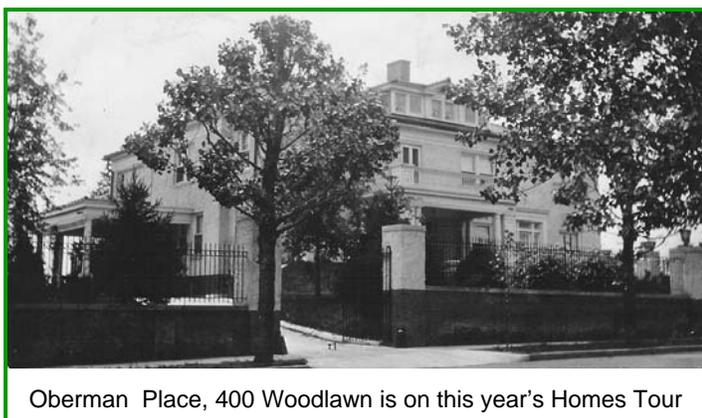
It was only fitting, albeit, bittersweet that President Steve Veile presented her with a balustrade from the front porch and a pantry window from the Bassman house at our annual dinner meeting (see above).

Her hard work has not gone unnoticed by the Jefferson City Historic Preservation Commission who have decided to award Mary Ann with the Gregory Stockard Award. Congratulations, Mary Ann!

Under her tenure, HCJ has become more recognized and respected among our city residents, as we have raised the public awareness of preservation issues. You served us well, Mary Ann !



**HCJ PRESIDENT  
2003-2007  
2008 RECIPIENT  
GREGORY STOCKARD  
AWARD**



Oberman Place, 400 Woodlawn is on this year's Homes Tour

## Homes Tour to Feature Adams and Woodlawn Neighborhood

The HCJ 2008 Homes Tour will be **Sunday, June 1 from 1 to 4 pm**. It will be a walking tour within a 3 block area of Adams and Woodlawn streets. We are most grateful to the homeowners in this area who have agreed to open their homes to the public. Tickets will be available downtown after Mother's Day at **Samuel's Tuxedos** or **Carrie's Hallmark**. Advance tickets will be \$8 and \$10 the day of the tour.

This event will require MANY volunteers to be hosts in the homes. You may expect to get a call. As last year, donating your time will get you a free pass to tour the homes. The homes or businesses on all our home tours have been older, both humble and grand. The point being to show the public how nicely older architecture can be updated to modern needs and retain its historical charm.

Plan to attend, bring your family and encourage your friends for what should be a pleasurable afternoon strolling through a lovely neighborhood and visiting some of Jefferson City's finest older homes.

For more information contact Mary Ann Hall, 635-8512, Jenny Smith 635-9064, or Deedie Bedowsky, 635-2177.

# National Historic Preservation Month Activities

In recognition of May as National Historic Preservation Month, several local activities are planned.

## Heritage Art and Essay Contest

This contest is open to students in the 6th—12th grades. There will be 2 essay and 2 art awards for two age groups; 6th-8th grades and 9th –12th grades. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in a ceremony by Mayor John Landwehr on **May 15 at 4:00 pm** in the **City Council Chambers**. Call Dottie Dallmeyer at 636-5165 for more information.

## Program on History of HCJ

For those who missed this power point program given at the Annual Dinner Meeting in March, you are in luck. Mary Ann Hall will be showing it again on **May 22 at 7:00 pm** in the Multi-purpose room of the **Missouri River Regional Library**.

This very interesting program commemorates the 25th Anniversary of HCJ and highlights past activities, programs and people. Call Mary Ann Hall for more information, 635-8512.

## Warwick Village

Renovation of Warwick Village is underway. An open house and tour on **Saturday, May 10 from 1:00 to 4:00** will offer a sneak peak of this city landmark. For information about this tour call Mary Ann Hall at 635-8512.

## Home Tours

The Adams and Woodlawn neighborhood homes tour on June 1 is considered part of Heritage month celebrations.

## Eastside Neighborhood Development Association Report

On Thursday, March, 6, 2008 the Eastside Neighborhood Development Association (ENDA) met at the Jefferson City Community Center. There were over 30 members in attendance. Mike Dusenberg, from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) gave the group an update on the Whitton Expressway and MSP access study. This study has collected input from neighborhoods, government entities, community groups and others on the impact of improvements to the Whitton Expressway and providing an access road to the MSP site. MoDOT hopes to have a final report completed in the summer. There will be public meetings and hearings at that time. After the plan has gone through these final hearings and been completed MoDOT will seek funding for the project.

ENDA members are also working on a survey of the organization that was completed. Results of the survey have been compiled. Anna Keesler and Cathy Bordner are developing a plan to work on the priorities identified in the survey and hope to present information at the next ENDA meeting in early summer.

## Local Landmark Awards

Five local properties will be honored on **May 15 at 4:00 pm** in the **City Council Chambers**, in the same event with the Art and Essay Contest winners as well as the Greg Stockard award winner. This event is sponsored by the City of Jefferson Historic Preservation Commission and recognizes properties that enhance our historic landscape. This year's five landmark awards will go to the following properties:

- Ira Lohman House, 1107 Moreau Drive
- Chez Monet Building, 124-126 East High
- Garden Gate Building, 111-113 East High
- Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, 604 Jefferson Street
- Double Tree Hotel, 422 Monroe Street

## Gregory Stockard Distinguished Service Award

The Gregory Stockard Award is presented by the City of Jefferson Historic Preservation Commission to one person each year who has distinguished themselves in their commitment and dedication to Historic Preservation in Jefferson City. Past winners include Carol Blaney, Mark Scheiber and Gary Kremer.

This year's winner, Mary Ann Hall, will be recognized at the Heritage Awards ceremony.

**HERITAGE AWARDS CEREMONY**  
**MAY 15th, 2008**  
**City Council Chambers, 4:00 pm**  
**320 E. McCarty**  
**Heritage Art and Essay Contest Winner**  
**Local Landmark Award Winners**  
**Gregory Stockard Award**

*Submitted by Cathy Bordner*

## What's Happenin' at Warwick Village

For several years we have watched this cornerstone of the Eastside sit empty and slowly decline into yet another endangered historic property. The village would have been another piece of our heritage lost to no vision.



This past summer new owners of the property, Hank and Linda Stratman, pressed on with renovation of the lodge which is almost complete. The little village cottages have been cleared out and there are some exciting plans for them.

As part of Historic Preservation month the Village will be open for tours on **Saturday, May 10**. You will have an opportunity to see the entire property in it's various stages of renovation. This tour will be for **HCJ-members only**. As part of our membership drive, we will allow people to join HCJ that day so they can take the tour. Please tell your friends and neighbors what a great organization we have and how reasonable our membership fees are. We are the best bargain in town.



**Warwick Village** was the inspiration of Jefferson City businessman John Guy Gibson who owned Capital City Oil Co. He first built a small DX filling station. However his visit to the Chicago International Exposition in 1933 provided the idea for the tourist court's medieval village design. Enthralled with examples of half-timbered buildings of a village located in Warwickshire, England. Gibson hired a prominent Columbia architect, Harry Satterlee Bill, to interpret the English village theme as a tourist court of connected cottages with integral garages and a separate building to be used as a restaurant, filling station office and manager's residence. The architect employed a historic approach for accuracy and careful attention to detail, texture, and subtle color to develop a rich and varied blend of individual cottages giving the appearance of a village built over hundreds of years.

## Tell Us What You Really Think!

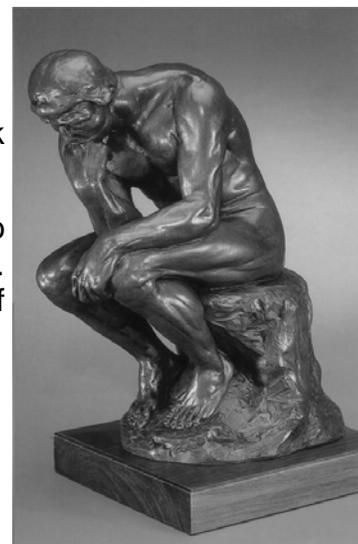
Enclosed is a new tool we hope to use to find out what our members think are the top priorities of HCJ- -or should be the top priorities.

Please take a moment to fill out our membership survey and mail it back to us as soon as possible. If you prefer, you can take the survey on-line. Send me an e-mail to request the link. Also, feel free to copy the survey if there is more than one HCJ member in your family.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Steve Veile

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## Does Your Organization Need A Program Speaker?

HCJ has a power point program that explains our organization and its mission. It shows preservation successes and loses in Jefferson City and activities HCJ is involved with. It is a 20-30 minute program.

Mary Ann Hall also has a program on the history of HCJ that runs about 35 minutes. Another program is in development on Old Mansions of Jefferson City.

If you belong to an organization that would be interested in an informal program call Mary Ann Hall 635-8512 or Jenny Smith 635-9064.

This is an important way in which we build awareness of HCJ and our mission within our community.

## Oral History Project

At the annual meeting Chairman of the Oral History Committee, D.J. Nash, reported on its work recently started. She invited the members to volunteer to participate in the project, or to suggest the names of older residents of the city who might have unique personal, business or civic histories that should be recorded.

HCJ recently purchased new digital recording equipment for this purpose. In addition, the organization is transferring old video and audio tapes that were recorded in previous year onto digital formats.

If you have stories that should be recorded or can suggest others who should be interviewed, please call D.J. 636-8558 or email [djnash@embarqmail.com](mailto:djnash@embarqmail.com)

Looking Back



Moving Forward

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To proactively preserve our historic resources and create an environment that makes preservation a central focus for future development in the City of Jefferson.*



Cake created by Joan Fairfax of Chez Monet in the shape of our capitol to commemorate the 25th anniversary of HCJ. Served at the annual dinner, not only a work of art but was also incredibly delicious.

## Golden Hammer Recognition

The Golden Hammer Recognition was established to honor and call attention to efforts of **renovation** and/or **restoration** in our community. Anyone can nominate a home or building for this honor. Nominated projects need to involve homes or buildings that are at least 50 years old and located in Jefferson City. The work needs to have been completed in the last 5 years. Nomination forms are on our web site [www.historiccityofjefferson.com](http://www.historiccityofjefferson.com).

Contact Deedie Bedowsky, 635-2177 for more information.

As part of National Historic Preservation month the 2008 nominations will be announced in May.



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