



# Yesterday and Today

HISTORIC CITY of JEFFERSON

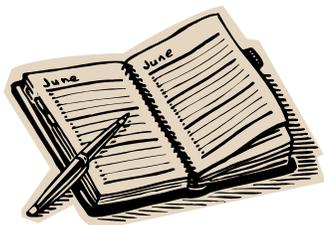
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*Celebrating 25 years*

July 2008

## Upcoming events

- **July 20**  
Golden Hammer Award and Open House at 1128 Jefferson Street 1-3pm
- **July 30**  
Video Program, Jeff City Then & Now, MRRL 6:30pm
- **September 10-13**  
Missouri Alliance of Historic Preservation Conference, St. Charles, MO
- **September 27**  
Octoberfest in Old Munichburg
- **September 28**  
Ole' Time Gospel Meetin' at Zion Chapel
- **November**  
Historic Church Tour details to follow



## Golden Hammer Award Program Launched

For **Andrea Spillars and Harold Kilbey** restoring the Hyde House at 1204 Moreland was a labor of love. For Historic City of Jefferson it became the launch of the Golden Hammer Award program. With an audience, the press and a city councilman present, **Deedie Bedowsky**, chairman of the program and HCJ President **Steve Veile** awarded Spillars and Kirbey with a plaque and a sign for their yard. The Golden Hammer award was inspired for the purpose of recognizing those individuals who have taken an older declining structure and transformed it into a source of pride for its neighborhood and for Jefferson City.

The Hyde house was built in 1915 by John and Kathyn Giesecke, owners of the Giesecke Shoe Manufacturing company. It was later sold to Supreme Court Justice Laurence Hyde and wife, Florence. Spillars and Kirbey bought it in 2002. It needed almost a total overhaul both inside and out. Barely a floor, wall, door, window or ceiling has not needed repair, replacement or new paint. With a knack for landscaping, Spillars turned the backyard into a retreat with rose beds, arbors, a



July Golden Hammer Award winner at 1204 Moreland

brick path and herb garden.

Fifth Ward Councilman, **Ron Medin** was in attendance commending the owners for their efforts and HCJ for its official recognition of these efforts. "... highlighting these successes will show the way for others who are intrigued by the possibilities of their older properties. Success will build upon success. Probably not everyone who deserves it will receive a 'Golden Hammer Award', but they will all have achieved something even more important — an energetic and revitalized community that celebrates its heritage as it moves into the future. I commend the Historic City of Jefferson for its efforts and I look forward to seeing the projects receiving the Golden Hammer Award .... and their impact on the greater Jefferson City community." You may see the full text of his statement on the HCJ web site.

There will be Golden Hammer Awards every month through October, then will resume again in April. The next award will be presented to 1128 Jefferson Street. See page 3 for more details.



Steve Veile (left) and Deedie Bedowsky (right) presenting award to Andrea Spillars & Harold Kirbey (center)

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## HCJ Members Display Positive “Can Do” Spirit

“Yes, we can” is a phrase that is getting a lot of media attention in this presidential election year. I’d like to borrow it for a moment as we discuss HCJ.

Since taking the helm of HCJ in March, I have been amazed at the “can do” spirit that is alive within our organization. I have never been a member of any group that has had so many capable members ready, willing and able to roll up their sleeves and get to work on whatever project is at hand.

From the Warwick Village tour...to the Historic Homes Tour...to the Golden Hammer Award...to the Oral History Project...to the newsletter and Web site, HCJ members have put their time and talents to use for the benefit of HCJ and the entire community. It is remarkable and amazing.

**Yes, you can!** This is one organization in which you can really get involved and I urge you to do just that. We need more volunteers to help with the Oral History Pro-

ject, to assist with our educational programs, to help plan and implement special programs, like the one we have coming up in September at Zion Chapel.

Please don’t sit back and wait to be asked. Just send me an e-mail at ([steveveile@mchsi.com](mailto:steveveile@mchsi.com)) or give me a call (635-8667) and let me know what program area might be of most interest to you. We’ll get you in touch with the chairman of that committee and put you to work. I guarantee it will be interesting and fun, and you will be making a positive contribution to our History City of Jefferson.

So, jump in with both feet and join your fellow “can do” members who make HCJ one of the most dynamic organizations in the Capital City.

**Steve Veile**  
**President**



## Historic City of Jefferson Sells 1102 East McCarty

HCJ is happy to announce the sale of its house at 1102 E. McCarty. We are also pleased that the new owners are HCJ members, David and Cathy Bordner. 1102 E. McCarty is in good hands! Their first plan is to apply to put the 1895 house on the National Register. After some heating/cooling improvements are made and other various issues addressed they hope to rent it out. The Grisham house (named for its first occupants) was donated to HCJ 3 ½ years ago. HCJ’s plans for the building were to stabilize it and improve its curbside appeal as part of a revitalization effort in this fragile historic neighborhood. With many hours of both contracted and volunteer labor and many dollars later we feel that our goal was met. Beyond its contribution to the neighborhood it has given HCJ some good press, more credibility and also pride among our members for its tangible contribution to historic preservation in Jefferson City.



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## Save the Date: September 28 Ole' Time Gospel Meetin' at Historic Zion Chapel

Historic City of Jefferson is having an "Ole' Time Gospel Meetin'", complete with a travelin' preacher, sing-a-long Gospel music and homemade pies. This unique event will blend both cultural and architectural history providing an opportunity to tour Zion Chapel, which is on the National Register, and to also see a re-enactment of the old Gospel revivals of yesteryears.

**Zion Chapel Gospel Meetin'**  
**Sunday, September 28th**  
**2346 Zion Rd - off Route C**  
**3:00-5:00 PM**

1800s old time revival style of preaching with music provided by **The Riverridge String Band** during the service and while enjoying refreshments after the service. Homemade apple

pie, pumpkin pie and spice cake will be provided by the owner, **June Netta Nevins**.

The Chapel holds only 150 so will be limited to HCJ members and their guests. Children are welcome. Mark your calendars for Sunday September 28 at Zion Chapel, 3:00pm - 5:00 p.m. **Dave Clifton**, a traveling preacher from Vichy, Mo will reenact the

You will be getting an invitation in the mail with a reservation form and directions to the Chapel. Reservations need to be returned by September 1. Program information and reservation form can also be found on the HCJ web site. The program will cost \$10 per person, proceeds going toward HCJ's Oral History Project. For more information call **636-9211**.

### Program on Old Jefferson City offered at MRRL July 30

As part of HCJ's mission to offer educational programs to the public, a video presentation, "**The Three Rs ... Reminisce, Recall and Record**" is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 30** at the Missouri River Regional Library multipurpose room at **6:30 pm**. **George Albright**, a lifetime resident of Jefferson City has collected many archive photos of businesses and points of interest in Jefferson City from the 1950s. He then went to each of the sites where the old photos were taken from and took a current photo. On his power point he shows the site, then and now. Mr. Albright created this program for the 55th class reunion of the Jefferson City High School class of 1952. It was received enthusiastically and recommended that it be made available for viewing by others. Come enjoy a trip back in time in old Jefferson City. Bring your memories to share with the oral history committee after this entertaining presentation. For more information call **635-8512**.

### July Golden Hammer Award Winner Holds Open House

**Presentation of the July Golden Hammer Award:**  
**Sunday, July 20**  
**1128 Jefferson Street**  
**1-3 PM Open House**

The house at 1128 Jefferson St. is the very type of restoration effort the Golden Hammer Award was designed to recognize....a restoration that brings life back into old neighborhoods. This house is our July Award recipient and is now home to The Therapeutic Touch Wellness Spa. For many years the four-square red brick house was boarded up, vacant and on the decline.

When the building was bought in 2007 by the current owner, Gloria Baker, after years of neglect she had an overwhelming renovation project on her hands. But now, one year later, it is a treasure sitting prominently at the top of Jefferson Street near the viaduct. The owner invited HCJ members to a reception and tour on Sunday, July 20.

**"The 3 Rs....Reminisce, Recall and Record"**  
**Wednesday, July 30**  
**Missouri River Regional Library**  
**Multipurpose Room**  
**214 Adams Street**  
**6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

# An 1881 Carriage Ride In Jefferson City

## Can you guess the route?

*A reporter for the Daily State Journal in June 1881 gave the following account of a carriage ride in Jefferson City. Their starting point was Richmond Hill. Can you guess the route these travelers took on the streets of Jefferson City today? This is not the usual quiz in that we don't know the answer! Can you help? If you know the places mentioned please contact Debbie Goldammer at 414 Crest Dr. JC 65109 or [dgoldammer@mchsi.com](mailto:dgoldammer@mchsi.com) We will report the answers in the next newsletter.*

“By the favor of **Major Clark** and his estimable lady we were treated to a delightful carriage ride along with them to the country Wednesday morning out to the end of the track of the new railroad. Out over **Richmond Hill** past **Shockley's** at whose gate we noticed two gibbets one on either side of the gate, for the benefit of tramps, we suppose, and in one of whose field we saw as fine a field of wheat, we doubt not, as there is in the county; past **Clem Ware's** handsome home; past **Babbitt's** who has another handsome field of wheat; past **Railton's and Wells' and McCall's and Dwight's and Dix's**, and past one broad and endless field of ripening, beautiful wheat. We were looking for the road builders, but we saw much else besides. Some as beautiful scenery as there is in the world. Through the deep vales we would catch glimpses of the silvery sheen of the Missouri river. The verdure-clad hills of Callaway and Boone loomed up grandly in the distance. On the right rumbled the mighty trains of the Missouri Pacific, on the left crept, sinuously, the track of the great road to the southwest. Beyond **Railton's gate** we crossed the iron arms of the latter. Further on, opposite Steel's door way we passed under them, suspended by a mighty trestle. Thence the highway and the iron railway hug each other closely. On past **Dix's to Wyatt's crossing**. Here, since Sunday, the road builders have been at work, and they have done a giants work. The end of the track was within 200 yards of **Wyatt's crossing**. There stood the rail truck and all along the hundred armed track-layers – with pick and spade and bar and spike hammer. The woods about abounded with the tents of road builders. Women and children remained to possess them, while the men were

out pushing forward the huge work. It was a busy scene. ‘How far is the road graded beyond’ asked the Major. ‘Might near to the Moreau’ was the reply and then we returned, taking the **Dulle road home**. It was a delightful ride. The air was cool and bracing

“We were looking for the road builders, but saw much else besides. Some as beautiful scenery as there is in the world.

and spiced with rich odors from the fields of new mown hay. But we could but observe that the county roads are in a most abominable condition, full of ruts, rough and ugly greatly hindering travel. However, we won't need these wagon roads much longer in this direction. Hurrah for the road and the new boom, with thanks to Major and Mrs. Clark and to their sprightly ponies for a charming ride.”



**View of the Mill Bottom area from the Capitol Dome looking west up West Main Street circa 1880**

*The Major Clark referred to here may be Joseph Clarke who came to Jefferson City after the civil war and engaged in the banking business. He was president of the First National Bank of Jefferson City and was a founder and official of the Christian Church. He purchased Bragg Hall and gave it to the city for use as city hall in January 1890. It continued to serve that purpose until 1983. The railroad is possibly the Bagnell Branch spur from the Missouri Pacific mainline. The branch reached from Jefferson City to Russellville by the fall of 1881.*

# Results of HCJ Member Survey Shows Strong Support

Soon after our new President Steve Veile was installed, he designed a membership survey to get feedback on how well our current efforts are supported and for suggestions on how to proceed into the future. About 50 members responded. Here is a brief summary of those responses.

Members were asked to prioritize 8 HCJ sponsored program ranking them 1-8, "1" being the highest priority. The program that garnered the highest priority ranking was the Historic Home Tours conducted in June each year, followed by the Oral History Project and the establishment of a revolving fund for preservation of historic buildings. Respondents gave the lowest priority rank to the continuation of the Ice Cream Social and to the rehabilitation of the property at 1102 E. McCarty. Other projects; the Golden Hammer Awards, Heritage Month Activities and Evening Educational Programs, fell in the middle of the lowest and highest priorities mentioned above.

Although some programs did not rank high as a priority members still felt that they were worthwhile. An example of this is the evening educational programs; 85% agreed or strongly agreed that they are worth while. The rehabilitation of the 1102 E. McCarty house, while ranking low in priority, still, 56% agreed it was a worthwhile endeavor. 80% agreed that our efforts to save the Bassmann and Lohman houses were worthwhile.

Members were asked about dues. Surprisingly, 59% said dues were too low, 40% said dues were just right and 0% said dues were too high.

Overall, survey responses were positive and have given the Board direction in how to proceed. Projects that received low ranking, the Ice Cream Social and the volunteer-driven restoration of the 1102 E. McCarty property, will no longer consume our efforts.

Thanks to all who took the time to give their feedback.

## Award Winners Recognized at City Hall Ceremony May 15th

Many thanks to Dottie Dallmeyer whose efforts make the Art and Essay Contest possible.

Art and Essay Contest prizes awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$25, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$15, Honorable mention - \$10

### Heritage Essay Contest Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** "The Tergin Apartments" by Becca Horbison

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** "The Wallendorf Cabin" by Sam Haynes,

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** "The House of God" by Rachel Severance

**Honorable Mention:** "History With an Edge" by Emorie Beck

### Heritage Art Contest

#### **9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** "Oberman House" 400 Woodlawn. Pencil drawing by William Dunn

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** "Lester Shepard Parker House" 624 Capitol Avenue. Pencil by Emily Armstrong

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** "Missouri River Bridge" by Callie Norment

**Honorable Mention:** "Cole County Court House" 301 E. High, pencil by Alexa Beck

#### **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** "Groner House" 1301 E. High Street, Watercolor by Brittney Maue

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** "The Schaefer House" 618 Broadway Street, watercolor by Elizabeth Gernander

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** "Busch's Florist" 620 Madison Street, watercolor by Rochelle Grice

**Honorable Mention:** "Riversong Spa" 109 W. Ashley, watercolor by Hayley Pardoe



**Above:** Junior High artists pose with their winning work.



**Right:** HCJ Past President Mary Ann Hall receives the Gregory Stockard Distinguished Service Award at City Hall ceremony. The award was presented by the City's Historic Preservation Commission.

## HCJ Awarded Grant for Oral History Program

President Steve Veile is happy to announce HCJ has been awarded Grant money from **The Richard S. Brownlee Fund** available through **The State Historical Society of Missouri (SHSM)**. This grant money was awarded to cover expenses associated with conducting the HCJ Oral History Program. It will cover the training of volunteers and the recording and archiving of interviews. SHSM Director, **Dr. Gary Kremer**, notified President Veile the grant is in the requested amount of \$320.

More information on the Oral History program can be found on the HCJ Web site.

## Record Set at June Homes Tour

The **Adams and Woodlawn Homes Tour** on June 1st was yet another successful event. With six homes all within a block, it was a very pleasant walk and quite a social event to visit this lovely neighborhood. We can't thank enough the families who opened their homes for this wonderful day. Nearly 700 people went through the homes. A record number. We could not have done this home tour without the 75 volunteer hosts and the talents of our Home tour coordinator, **Mary Ann Hall**.

HCJ benefited in many ways from this well received and attended event. We gained some new members, public awareness and \$5000 in proceeds. People are already asking where next years home tour will be. We are inquiring about two potential areas that will provide a nice walking tour again. It will again be the first Sunday of June 2009.

Visit a Home Tour photo gallery on our web site.



## Warwick Village Open House a Big Success

Despite the threat of rain, 115 people turned out for the Warwick Village Open House on May 10th. There were many new memberships received and a few renewals of membership. HCJ commends the preservation spirit of owners, **Hank and Linda Stratman**. We thank them for reviving this Jefferson City Landmark and will be watching with interest as their dream for Warwick Village unfolds.

Right: Bob and Bobbie Herman with Tom Sater, Warwick Village Open House.



Below: Home tour of the Veile home (left) and Herman home (right) on Adams Street



*Looking back*

*Moving forward*

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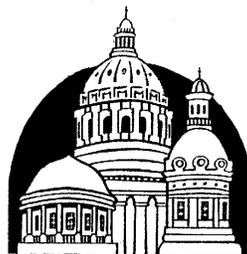
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*To proactively preserve our historic resources and create an environment that makes preservation a central focus for the future development in the City of Jefferson.*



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