“Legendary Lawmen of the 70s”
August 15 HCJ Program

Mark Schreiber does not have to research old newspapers, periodicals or history books to prepare for his program to Historic City of Jefferson members on “Legendary Lawmen of the 70s”. Having worked for the Cole County Sheriff’s Office and Prosecutor’s Office, the Jefferson City Police Department, and Missouri Corrections, he needs only draw on his experiences spanning 42 years in law enforcement. The program will be presented on Sunday, August 15 at 2 pm in the Division One Courtroom, third floor of the Cole County Courthouse.

Schreiber will discuss the colorful characters who were the law in Cole County during the turbulent 1970s. His stories will highlight such lawmen as Cole County Sheriff Wyman Basinger, Missouri State Penitentiary Warden Donald Wyrick, Deputy Warden Bill Armontrout, Cole County Prosecutor and later Judge James F. McHenry, Medical Examiner Dr. L.E. Giffen and Judge Byron Kinder.

The 70s was a decade of unrest throughout the country and this unrest did not escape Cole County. There were prison escapes, riots at Lincoln University, murders of corrections officers at MSP, and on-going prison violence. Do you remember the embezzlement and corruption in the Jefferson City Clerk’s office that also brought down the Jefferson City Fire Chief? Schreiber was the lead investigator for the Jefferson City Police Department in the scandal.

This program will be for HCJ members only but this is also a membership promotional event. We hope you will bring a guest with you who can become a member on the spot, with dues payment good through 2011.

For further questions about this event, contact Steve Veile at 635-3265 or steveveile@mchsi.com.
Preservation Pioneer Award Created to Honor Trailblazers

by Steve Veile
HCJ President

The HCJ board has approved a plan to present a new award at the annual meeting, held each year in March. The Preservation Pioneer Award will be given to a person in the community who has gone where no man or woman has gone before in the interests of historic preservation on the local level.

There are several examples of such pioneers in our community, and picking just one of them for the first award will be tough. But the plan is to give an award out every year, so eventually we hope to honor all the trailblazers.

Here are a few examples of pioneers that come to mind:

**Juanita Donehue.** Juanita really stuck her neck out when she purchased the Kaullen Mercantile building at 900 East High Street and turned it into what we now know as O’Donoghue’s Seafood and Steaks. Not only has it become a favorite area restaurant, but it provides living space above with some very unique apartments. Adding to her achievement, her efforts have resulted in additional redevelopment nearby at Prison Brews and The Mission.

**Larry Kolb and Steve Rollins.** These gentlemen have transformed the 100 block of East Dunklin Street with their preservation and redevelopment efforts. They have created new living spaces and attractive new business locations taking buildings that were in decline and making them “new” again. Add new historic lighting and infrastructure improvements and we will see the spark they have ignited on the South Side.

**Beth McGeorge.** This young real estate agent and

Who do you consider to be a Preservation Pioneer? Send me an e-mail and nominate someone. Who knows, they might just end up receiving the very first Preservation Pioneer Award at our annual meeting in 2011.

Contact me at 635-3265 or steveveile@mchsi.com.

HCJ Board Approves Contribution to City for Neighborhood Surveys

The HCJ Board of Directors has agreed to support the City of Jefferson in its quest to secure a Certified Local Governments grant from the state of Missouri. The grant proposal, to be submitted in August, would be a survey of Adams Street and the surrounding areas, cataloguing the homes located within these boundaries and their histories. HCJ has agreed to provide $1,000 in cash or in-kind contributions in support of this proposal.

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Art of Lester Sheperd Parker on Exhibit

An exhibit entitled, *Lester Parker, Capital City Painter, Songwriter and Entrepreneur* is currently on display at the Elizabeth Rozier Gallery.

History buffs of Jefferson City know Lester Parker mostly as an early 20th century industrialist. Local historic preservationists know him for his stately home that graces Capitol Avenue. Like other entrepreneurs, Parker seized upon the opportunity to employ cheap prison labor at his shoe factory, The Parker Boot & Shoe Co. This was at a time when the state required inmates to pay for their upkeep at the Missouri State Penitentiary. Parker was a Renaissance man and after he made his fortune he indulged his creative yearnings. He went to Paris and studied painting, primarily the impressionistic technique. Parker created at least 16 oil paintings of the Capitol from different vantage points and in different lighting conditions. The paintings have been assembled for this Exhibit at the Elizabeth Rozier Gallery from various sources including the capitol building, governor’s mansion and private donors. He was also a songwriter.

Parker had an incredible talent and the exhibit of this local artist is a treasure. The gallery’s hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Winners of Heritage Art and Essay Contest

At the May 27th Heritage Award ceremony at City Hall, Historic City of Jefferson recognized the winners of the Heritage Art and Essay contests. These contests are organized each year by HCJ member Dottie Dallmeyer. Our congratulations goes to these talented and creative students who have shown an appreciation of our Jefferson City history.

**In the Essay contest the winners were:**
1st place, Ray Schneider for “The Library Forged from Steel: The Carnegie Library”
2nd Place, Peter Hanson for “The House at 100 Madison”
3rd Place, Ian Murphy for “One Hundred Years of History: First Christian Church”
4th place, Johnny Bakewell for “Cornerstone of a Red Brick Building: Grace Episcopal Church”

**In the Art Contest, 9th-12th grade division winners were:**
1st place, Ashleigh Talbert for “Cole County Courthouse”
2nd place, Alex Eickhoff for “Missouri State Capitol”
3rd place, Alexa Beck for “St. Peter Church”
Honorable Mention, Patrick Mahoney for “First Christian Church”

**In the Art Contest, 6th-8th grade division winners were:**
1st place, Elizabeth Gernander for “The Marmaduke House”
2nd place, Chloe Bagnull for “315 E. Dunklin Extension”
3rd place, Sam Goeke for “The Capitol of the State of Missouri”
Honorable Mention, Kylie Claypool for “Busch’s Florist”
Because of a chance meeting between Adolph E. Schroeder, Professor of German at the University of Missouri, and Lynn Osvold, great-great-granddaughter of Henriette Geisberg Bruns in June 1974 in Westphalia, Missouri, Dr. Schroeder agreed to translate and edit the German letters and autobiography of Jette Bruns. The 1988 publication of Hold Dear, As Always: Jette, a German Immigrant Life in Letters reveals the courage and determination of one immigrant woman to persevere amidst a life of extreme hardships and loneliness in the isolated Westphalia, Missouri Settlement.

And because members of the Thomas Lawson Price Society have made a commitment to support the important work of the Historic City of Jefferson, a special event will be held for Society Members at 2 pm Sunday, September 19 at the Westphalia Inn. Dr. Adolph Schroeder will present a program on his edited books about the life and historical times of Jette Bruns, as told in letters and autobiography: Hold Dear, As Always and My Life Story (2008). A spirited 94-year-old, Dr. Schroeder exudes enthusiasm and passion about this pioneering woman—even twenty-two years after publication—as he again brings Jette to life.

Henriette Giesberg, called Jette by her family, was born in 1813 into a large, devoutly Catholic family, daughter of the mayor and tax collector of Oelde, Germany. She later referred to her family as the “so-called distinguished people” of a Westphalian city, an educated family accustomed to reading, music, and socializing. At eighteen, Jette married Dr. Bernhard Bruns, fifteen years older, leaving the security of her father’s home against family objections. Not surprising then are Jette’s concerns and fears about her husband’s plan to emigrate to America two years after their marriage. She confesses that her husband’s “emigration fever” was for her “a hard struggle between inclination and duty,” [Life Story, 20] again leaving against her family’s wishes.

Jette’s descriptive letters, preserved by three generations of the Geisberg family of Münster, Germany, chronicle seventy-two years—from June 1827 to November 1899—from before her marriage, through her immigration journey to Westphalia Settlement and the ensuing “crop failures, floods, and epidemic illnesses” that, adding to her longing for family, filled

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Jette with “an emptiness that letters from home could not fill.” [Hold, 10] From letters to her brother Heinrich, we hear of her life among Osage Indians, the settling of Jesuits and *Father Helias* in Westphalia, the household slaves, and the loss of three children to cholera in three weeks of 1841. More than a dozen years after settling in Westphalia, she writes Heinrich of her loneliness: “The customs, the morals, the language, people without feeling, everything is foreign and cold.” [Hold, 144]

The move to Jefferson City in 1854 did not initially improve the emotional state of Jette, now caring for her five children and her brother’s three, in addition to her husband’s depression and pneumonia. But a successful business built on High Street with living quarters above improved their situation while Dr. Bruns became prominent in local and state politics.

In 1856, Dr. Bruns took Jette back to Germany to visit her family, with bittersweet emotions at the disorientation she felt in her homeland. Returning to the state capital, the family built an imposing residence on High Street where the U.S. Post Office now stands, across the street from the Thomas Lawson Price home.

The Civil War brought difficult times to the Bruns family as pro-Union sympathizers fought for control of state government against elected officials sympathetic to the South. The family again faced death as both their son Heinrich and nephew Caspar died from war wounds. Then Dr. Bruns died in 1864 while serving as mayor of Jefferson City, leaving his business affairs in disarray. Being ever resourceful, Jette opened a boarding house, letting rooms to many prominent German legislators who filled the dining room with intense political discussions that filled her later letters.

Dr. Schroeder concludes that in “speaking for her silent contemporaries” on the American frontier, Jette “represents an important feminine experience during a critical time in our national development.” [Hold, 16]

Adolph Schroeder’s talk for the TLP Society members promises to entertain and inform.

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**HOLD DEAR, AS ALWAYS**

*Sunday September 19, 2:00 P.M.  Westphalia Inn, Westphalia, MO*

*This special program is exclusively for Thomas Lawson Price Society members.*

*For more information on becoming a Thomas Lawson Price Society member, contact HCJ President Steve Veile at 573-635-8667 or email him at steveveile@mchsi.com. Your support would mean much to HCJ and to our historical preservation efforts.*
Over 700 people went through the seven homes on HCJ’s 2010 Home Tour on June 6, raising over $6000 for HCJ operating expenses and projects. This year’s homes were on the West End within walking distance from the W. Main/Dix Road intersection. The tour’s theme was “Meet at the Four Corners”.

The weather cooperated with a gorgeous day with low humidity and a nice breeze. Most visitors took their time, enjoyed the stroll and supported the local neighborhood lemonade stands along the way.

A huge thank you goes to the seven homeowners who graciously opened their homes for us to enjoy. We were shown how these older homes can be adapted beautifully to modern needs.

Gina Volmert—2023 West Main
Shannon and Jami Wade—1914 West Main
Don and JoClare Meyer—1904 West Main
Jim Carlson and Lyn Konstant—117 E. Circle
Maurice and Patricia Schulte—1930 N. Circle
Brett and Jennifer Baker—145 Boonville Road
Jon and Marcia Burton—150 Boonville Road

This was tour organizer, Mary Ann Hall’s 5th successful Home Tour with every year topping the previous. She is incredible! Thank you Mary Ann for the many talents you bring to HCJ.

Many thanks also go to our 75 tireless volunteers, without whom this event would not be possible.
Golden Hammer Awards

**MAY**—108 W. Atchison St., owners: the F. Joe DeLong II family

Crowd gathers with Betty Jo DeLong and her son Joe DeLong III in front of the restored family homestead.

**JUNE**—1106 Vineyard Square, owners: Greg & Jeri Bemboom

The Bembooms rescued this distressed home to the delight of Vineyard Square neighbors. This was their second renovation on the street. The home was recently showcased in the Capitol Lifestyles Magazine, summer issue.

**JULY**—1905 N. Circle Drive, owners: Scott & Tina Sellner

This nine-year renovation project for the Sellners included restringing all the window counterweights and the addition of the front porch. The home was built in 1937.
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