Three years ago, the leadership of Historic City of Jefferson, Inc. had a vision to create a separate entity in order to offer the community an option to invest in the funding of historic preservation. Such funding would serve as individual legacies to leave with the Jefferson City community for years beyond any individual’s natural life. This entity, known as The HCJ Foundation, Inc., now exists to serve as a means to preserve an individual’s own personal interest in the historic significance that this community offers. From monetary gifts and bequests through estate planning, those funds, as managed by a professional Board of Trustees, will grow and be available for historic preservation in addition to supporting the work of Historic City of Jefferson, Inc.

Each member of Historic City of Jefferson, Inc. is invited to learn more about The HCJ Foundation, Inc. as the Foundation will soon be sending information seeking volunteers to assist with Foundation activities. Additionally, an invitation will be extended to assist monetarily, whether by a current donation or by making the Foundation a part of your charitable gifting options or of your estate planning. Benefits of tax deductions exist in that the Internal Revenue Service has determined and approved The HCJ Foundation, Inc. as both a tax-exempt organization and as a public charity. This combination enables favorable reduction of tax liability regarding the deductibility of contributions and the gifts of appreciated property. Please consult your tax accountant as to how such benefits may apply to your circumstances.

In addition to end-of-the-year tax planning, you may wish to have a discussion with family members during holiday gatherings as to what, if any, gifting you may wish to bestow. Your gift, alone or as a family, can serve as a legacy of your appreciation of Jefferson City’s rich heritage and of the need to provide for historic preservation. The Trustees have focused upon a strategic plan and an investment policy that enables the Foundation to raise and retain funds, create a revolving loan program, acquire endangered historic properties, and manage dedicated funds pursuant to donor directives. The HCJ Foundation, Inc. is your opportunity to leave a lasting community gift in the preservation of its irreplaceable heritage.

Stephen Stark, Foundation Chairman

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HCJ December Program: “Remembering Christmas”

This year’s HCJ Christmas program promises to be interesting for several reasons. First, you will be treated to a walk back to Christmas Past from 1860 to 1960, with Mike Michelson and Sam Bushman. The program will feature their collections of feather trees, ornaments, Santas, and candy containers.

“Remembering Christmas”
Thursday December 8, 7 pm
LU President’s Residence
601 Jackson Street

Secondly, Lincoln University President Carolyn Mahoney has graciously opened her residence to HCJ for this program. This will provide a unique opportunity for HCJ members to see this elegant Local Landmark overlooking Lincoln University.

For more information call Sam Bushman at (573) 634-7267.

HCJ Contributes to Habitat for Humanity’s 70th Build

The HCJ Board of Directors voted recently to approve a $5,000 contribution to River City Habitat for Humanity in support of its “70th Build”—a single family home at 819 Clark Avenue in Jefferson City.

The decision came after an appearance at a board meeting about a year ago of Habitat President Mark Johnson and Executive Director Kelly Smith. They explained the project and asked for support, noting that the group is rehabbing an existing structure. Not only is it preserving a home built in the early 1900s, but it is helping to shore up a section of Old Town Jefferson City that has been somewhat in distress for the last several years.

HCJ President Steve Veile toured the now-gutted home in mid-October with volunteer project manager Jude Markway. Veile noted that Markway is well known in the community for quality work, especially when it comes to historic preservation. “It is a worthy project in many respects,” Veile said. “But knowing Jude is part of the rehab effort really helped seal the deal for us.”

Funding for the contribution will come from the accounts of the Thomas Lawson Price Society, Veile said. “I think Society members will be pleased to know that their contributions are not only helping to preserve a home in Old Town, but that this support will help improve the quality of life for a deserving family too.”

Welcome New Members

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The Walls of Jefferson City’s Civil War Homes Can Talk!

It took a team effort of six gracious homeowners, over 100 volunteers, generous sponsors, and a sunny afternoon to bring about a successful HCJ Civil War Homes Tour on September 25. Over 600 viewed historical homes, learning about the Civil War in Jefferson City through military reenactments, public figure impersonations, and home owners as storytellers.

The team began a year ago when Deedie Bedosky and Sam Bushman met with prospective home owners to coordinate the tour. Next, co-chairs Janet Maurer, Karlene Diekrroger, and Tammy Boeschen matched HCJ volunteers with each home. Steve Veile and Hank Stratman arranged maps and logistics. Veile, Maurer, and Bushman conducted publicity and radio interviews, while Bushman and Mark Schreiber coordinated the National Cemetery Tour.

The oldest Civil War-era home was the 1830 Wallendorf two-story enclosed dogtrot log house. HCJ volunteer Gloria Overfelt noted visitors were interested in Missouri Farm Bureau’s painstaking reconstruction of the house at the Farm Bureau Office Park. A great-grandson of the Wallendorf settlers added stories of his grandmother’s special parlor where children were not allowed. The afternoon’s highlight was a young Confederate drummer dressed in his blues.

The Col. Lewis Bolton Home in Wardsville was filled with spirits of a Civil War soldier and mistress of the home, reenacted by HCJ members David and Carol Mallory. The Greek Revival home, built in 1833 by slave labor, was historically restored by local contractor Jude Markway. The mysterious wall decorations of a triangle of three dimes, possibly a superstitious charm to ward off evil spirits, remain a mystery.

The Dulle-Vogel Home, an imposing two-story brick built in 1846 on Dulle Hill (now St. Mary’s Boulevard) offered a tour of the period home plus a live Union encampment and musket shoot. Fifth-generation owner Edith Dulle Vogel told family stories wrapped in Civil War legends while her sister Rose Mengwasser related family meals around the wooden table in the lower-level kitchen.

Visitors to the 1860 Philipp Hess House, the German one-story structure on Washington Street, heard memories of the home by great-granddaughters, Juanita Heinrich Muck and Gladys Heinrich Gladden. Adding to the history, owner Megan Wadley displayed an 1869 city map showing the home and the hand-written land deed to Thomas Jefferson’s nephew.

The Burch House, built in Old Munichberg in 1865, came alive as owner Steve Rasmussen and family members donned Civil War uniforms and period dress. A unique feature of the home was the main entrance’s shift from facing the Capitol to the present front door on Jefferson Street.

The 1888 Marmaduke House featured the spirit of Confederate Colonel Darwin Marmaduke recounting his career as Warden of the State Penitentiary, in the form of Roger Baker, local historian. A highlight was the stained glass skylight over the staircase. The mansion was constructed by prison inmates and, in the 20th century, carefully restored by Robert L. Hawkins III for use by his law firm.

More spirits and storytelling took place in the National Cemetery where historian Mark Schreiber, under a 100-year-old tree, spoke for buried Civil War veterans, and President Abraham Lincoln, alias Mark Rehagen, held forth on the War Between the States.

A successful HCJ Homes Tour could not exist without dedicated sponsors: Volunteer t-shirts by Coca-Cola Bottling, Designer Kitchens & Baths, and Markway Construction; floral arrangements from Busch’s and River City Florist, Gerbes East, Hy-Vee, and Schulte’s. Tents donated by Central and Jefferson Banks, with additional tour support from Communique; Cook, Vetter, Doerrhoff & Landwehr; Freeman Mortuary; and Markway Construction. Full stories of HCJ Homes Tours and photos may be viewed on the HCJ website.
The turn of the 20th century brought with it a surge of industry to Jefferson City. The Supreme Court Building and St. Mary's Hospital were built by 1905 and by 1911 a streetcar system was installed. In the same year, the state capitol building was destroyed by fire. The Capitol Redevelopment Project expanded the capitol grounds, displacing many from their homes. These homes largely belonged to the wealthy and with the availability of the new streetcar line, the well-to-do were able to look beyond the city center to relocate.

The Moreau Drive area, named for the nearby Moreau River, was generally undeveloped at this time. It most notably was the site of the county fairgrounds and the Lincoln Institute Farm. The farm was located where Elmerine Avenue is currently and was likely the result of Lincoln Institute’s designation as a land grant university under the 1890 Morrill Act. There is little evidence of the farm today with the exception of the farm house at 1203 Moreau Drive. It has been so substantially altered that it no longer portrays its age.

The original Cole County fairgrounds were directly northwest of the Lincoln Institute Farm where Fairmount Blvd, Oakwood Drive and Fairmount Court are today. Not surprisingly, Fairmount derives its namesake from the fairgrounds. Fairmount Court was the location of the dog racetrack and retains its shape today.

Prior to its residential development, this area was a host to some Civil War activities. Union troops preparing for General Sterling Price’s attack on Jefferson City in 1864 were said to have stayed at 1122 Moreau Drive. Luckily for the Union, not but two blocks south, General Price ceased his advance at what is now the intersection of Hough Park Street and Moreau Drive.

Referred to as Vineyard Place, 1122 Moreau Drive, built in 1847, still survives and is one of only two buildings within the survey area that has a firm build date before 1900. The other pre-1900s building is at 1302 Moreau Drive. It was built in 1870 and was primarily the main structure of the Leslie Dairy Farm. This property is at the intersection of Moreau Drive and Leslie Boulevard (developed in the 1960s). The build date of the Lincoln farm house is not known.

Moreau Drive’s principle developers were George Wagner, Louis Ott, and Mayme Vineyard. Wagner developed the first subdivision known as Wagner Place. The boundaries for this subdivision were Atchison Street to the north, Moreau Drive to the east, Fairmount Blvd to the west and south and included Oakwood...
housing boom which resulted in the creation of Vineyard Place and Shaw and Pollock subdivisions south of Wagner and Fairmount Place. They likewise attracted wealthy home owners. Development in the 1930s and 1940s primarily consisted of building homes in the open lots of these subdivisions.

Louis Ott, a local lumberman, was both developer and resident of the area he acquired and platted. He became known as the “Lumber Dr” via his articles for various lumber publications throughout the Midwest. He built his luxurious family home at 1201 Moreau Drive in 1930 at the corner of Moreau and Elmerine Avenue. He and his wife, Hilda, had two children, Elmer and Irene, Elmerine being a combination of their names. He built sizable homes for his children at 1117 and 1119 Moreau Drive. Behind these houses, Ott designed “Ott Park,” which still exists.

Additional notes from Editor: Another of the early developers of the Moreau Drive area, Mayme Vineyard was also a prominent and colorful resident of the area. Her father was Frank Haviland of the Haviland China Company. Her mother, Mary Hammen Haviland, was from Jefferson City. Mayme lived in Kansas City with her husband, W.E. Vineyard, but after his death she moved to Jefferson City to live with her mother. She acquired the house at 1122 Moreau Drive from her mother in addition to 15 acres surrounding the property. She had big plans for this acreage on which sat a huge house, a milk cow, and chickens in the yard. On the acreage surrounding Vineyard Place, as it became known, she planned and contracted up to 23 homes on Vineyard Square, Moreau Drive, and Elmerine. Mostly four-square but none identical, many of her houses had a common feature of a sunroom with a morning exposure. They were quality-built homes that reportedly were sold at very reasonable rates. In fact, maybe too reasonable as there is some evidence that she died in debt at the age of 81 in 1949.

The purchase of the Lincoln Institute Farm, upon which Elmerine and Moreland were developed by Wagner and Ott, came about in an interesting manner. Lincoln Institute decided to sell this farm only after a letter signed by early residents of Moreau Drive urged the curators to replace the colored resident of the Lincoln farm house at 1202 Moreau:

"...we beg you one and all to let your good judgment rule in this matter and until the farm is exchanged for one near their own school to refrain from appointing a colored man to superintend and live at the farm, thereby ruining the neighborhood and depreciating the value of our home.” Lincoln kept their superintendent but decided to vacate the area entirely and moved their farm to its present location on Greenberry Drive.

HCJ has committed $1,000 toward the cost of the application for the Moreau Drive Survey area to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This application will be coordinated through the City of Jefferson Community Development Department.
Getting to Know You

Fred Brown

Why did you join HCJ?
I joined HCJ ten years ago because I love history and felt I could learn more about the history and heritage of Jefferson City through HCJ.

What do you like best about being a member of HCJ?
I like being a member of HCJ because I have learned so much more about the history of Jefferson City. I also like being a member of HCJ because of their preservation efforts of saving historical buildings in Jefferson City.

Do you have a favorite HCJ program or activity?
My favorite activity or program is the historic home tours HCJ has arranged. Being able to view the interior and total landscape of these historic properties is a huge thrill to a lover of history like me. It is even more thrilling to learn about these historic properties from the owners and/or family members.

My second favorite HCJ activity is the Annual Meeting in March which allows members to meet and greet one another in person including a wonderful dinner. The guest speakers are always excellent as they provide historical and preservation activities and information about Jefferson City but the State of Missouri also. I also get to play bartender for an evening in helping to select and serve the wines that are donated for the meeting.

Do you think we have made progress in Jefferson City on historic preservation?
The efforts of HCJ have had an enormous impact in saving historic homes and buildings in Jefferson City and Cole County. I think the City of Jefferson Historic Preservation Commission, the HCJ and the Cole County Historical Society should continue to have more discussions about historic preservation in Cole County and Jefferson City.

If someone asked you the benefits of HCJ membership, what would you say?
The benefits of being a member of HCJ include seeing and helping in the efforts of HCJ to preserve, promote and instruct the history of Jefferson City.

How long have you been on the board?
Ever since I was abducted by Sam Bushman and Steve Veile on High Street! I have not regretted one minute of serving on the Board with such dedicated historians. Also their historical knowledge as a group is amazing.

What one thing might HCJ members be surprised about you?
HCJ members would be surprised that I once managed Pat’s Place Pub on West Main Street when it was owned by Little Theater icon Wyn Riley and had way too much fun, especially with the Capitol so close. They also would be surprised that during the mid-nineties I hosted the “Live on Friday Night” TV interview and variety show on JCTV at Lincoln University, which was produced by Michael Moyer.

Sam Bushman

Why did you join HCJ?
Because I am proud of our community and its history. We are a very active organization with our homes tour and educational programs. We do so much. It’s good, it keeps you interested. And, I’d like to think that we contribute a lot to the community.

What do you like best about being a member of HCJ?
We have so many interesting, educational programs. Having lived here all my life I think I am knowledgeable of our history, but Mark Schreiber, Gary Kremer and Bob Priddy have taught me things I never knew about Jefferson City.

Do you have a favorite HCJ program or activity?
Probably our homes tours. We have such wonderful neighborhoods and homes that have been preserved. But we have so many diverse programs, like the one we had out at Zion Church. With the Golden Hammer Award we’re spotlighting homes. It instills a little pride in the neighborhood and it can be the catalyst to make others improve their properties as well.

Do you think we have made progress in Jefferson City on historic preservation?
Definitely! Just look at what is going on Downtown and on the Southside. We are bringing our buildings back to their original state and also their interiors. For a long time we were just tearing buildings down and then putting up a plaque to say this building was here. I think people are beginning to realize the historic aspect of these buildings. We are proud of our community and we maintain our community. The whole concept of Old Town is what we’ve been preaching for a long time. Restore and preserve.

If someone asked you the benefits of HCJ membership, what would you say?
Preservation, education, and restoration. We are preserving Jefferson City’s heritage, teaching our history, and having fun doing it.

What one thing might HCJ members be surprised to learn about you?
I’ve never grown up, and I love Christmas! We put up at least a dozen Christmas trees each year at home, and we have over 400 Santas in our collection. I also buy and sell old classic toys, old cars and gas pumps.

GOLDEN HAMMER AWARDS WILL RETURN IN APRIL
August
LANDMARK LODGE AT THE VILLAGE SQUARE
1507 East McCarty

Hank and Linda Stratman receive Golden Hammer Award for renovation of the historic Warwick Village, renamed Landmark Lodge. Built in 1935, the English Tudor lodge with its small cottages in the back are reminiscent of a quaint English village. Each cottage has its own stone fireplace.

September
STEVE & ANITA LAEL
Owners
1005 Moreau Dr.

Steve and Anita Lael had much hands-on work renovating this cozy bungalow in the historic Moreau Drive neighborhood.

October
CENTRAL MISSOURI REALTY COMPANY
101 West High Street

Constructed in 1889, this Victorian Gothic style commercial building originally housed the Merchant’s Bank. It was purchased in 1937 by Central Bank, its current owners. A beautiful renovation of a classic downtown building, it adds to the architectural richness and diversity of our community.
SAVE THE DATE!

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