Plans for Elmerine Homes Tour in Full Swing

The Historic City of Jefferson’s 7th Annual Homes Tour will be held September 30, 2012 from 1:00-5:00. This year we will be back to a leisurely walk through the unique and historic neighborhood of Elmerine Avenue.

“Elmerinos,” as they refer to themselves, have always been a close neighborhood with several functions throughout the year. They have an ice cream social in May; a picnic and parade with games for kids on the 4th of July; and at Christmas, their street is lined with luminaries as they go caroling. It is a unique neighborhood with its own newsletter keeping families updated and participating in its many street activities.

Last summer Elmerine received a complete upgrade with new sidewalks, curbs and street. Now everyone can admire the lovely homes instead of watching where their feet are going. We want to celebrate the neighborhood by inviting the community to walk the new sidewalks, meet their families and pets, visit seven homes, walk through three gardens, and generally share in the important history and good feeling of Elmerine.

This year a special feature will be the Trolley Company providing free round-trip rides from two parking lots at the old and new Moreau Heights Schools. Visitors will be dropped off at the HCJ sales tent on Elmerine. There will also be plenty of closer parking along Moreau Drive.

Advance tickets at $12 will go on sale September 4 downtown at Samuel’s Tuxedo’s, 236 E. High and

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Upcoming Events

August 4—Hidden Places, Downtown Jefferson City, 1-4pm

August 11—Golden Hammer Award, Wymore Place - 319 Washington TBA

September 14— Ribbon Cutting and Open House at new HCJ office, 4-6pm, 108 W. Atchison

September 29 — Octoberfest in Old Munichberg 10am-6pm Jefferson & Dunklin Streets

September 30 — HCJ Annual Homes Tour, Elmerine Avenue 1-5 pm

March 24, 2013—HCJ Annual Dinner Meeting, 4:30 pm McClung Park Pavilion
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Heritage Award Winners for 2012:
Art & Essay Contests
Local Landmark Awards

There was an outpouring of generosity from HCJ members following our call for office furniture for the new HCJ office at 108 W. Atchison. We thank the following donors:

Communicne: 2 desks, conference table, lamp, tables, filing cabinet, computer, wall hanging.

Dave and Tammy Boeschen: 26 chairs, area and throw rugs, mirror, screen, easel, coffee pot, hose.

Steve and Kay Veile: Drink container, tools, towels, curtains.

Dorothy Strader: Punch bowl & cups, book, loveseat, bathroom items.

Debbie Goldammer: Table and chairs, shelf, 3 filing cabinets, credenza, storage unit

Connie and Darryl Hubble: Baker’s rack, large coffee maker

Lynn Morrow: Filing cabinet, curtains

Sam and Linda Bushman: Loveseat and chair

Fred Brown: 2 trash barrels

Buzz and Sandy Hopkins: Computer monitor, credenza, storage unit, file cabinet.

Dennis and Lois Heldenbrand: China, painting, easels.

JCMG: Filing cabinet, chair, shelves.

Many thanks to Tammy Boeschen for organizing this furnishing effort.

This year’s winners of the annual Art & Essay contests and Landmark Awards were announced at the Heritage Award ceremony in May. These contests are organized each year by Dottie Dallmeyer and supported by HCJ with the purpose of enhancing appreciation of our historic architecture among our young people. The contests are open to junior-high and high-school aged students and judged by local artists and teachers.

6th—8th GRADE ART WINNERS:
1st place—Chloe Bagnull, “Missouri State Penitentiary”
2nd place—DeVora Shipley, “Central Dairy”
3rd place—Cami Case, “The Hess House”
Honorable Mention— Maddie Arnold, “Cole County Courthouse”

9th—12th GRADE ART WINNERS:
1st place—Lydia Linsenbardt, “122 East High”
2nd place—Kanho Eom, “Exchange Bank”
3rd place—Cody Campbell, “Whaley’s East End Drug”
Honorable Mention—Brittney Maue, “St. Peter’s Church”

ESSAY CONTEST WINNER:
1st place—Jasmine Moore, “Old History Told Today” on the Coke-A-Cola Building

LOCAL LANDMARK AWARDS:
East End Fire Station—915 East Miller Street
Riverview Cemetery—2600 West Main Street

Photos of the Art and the Essay winners, photos and additional information on the awards can be viewed at the Historic Preservation Web page:  http://www.jeffcitymo.org/
HCJ President Steve Veile and Bob Priddy Honored with Greg Stockard Distinguished Service Award

Steve Veile certainly walks-the-talk of historic preservation in his service to Jefferson City. During his five-year term as president of the Historic City of Jefferson, Veile has implemented a number of dynamic programs, including the Oral History Program and the Golden Hammer Award recognition program. In 2011, HCJ established the Preservation Pioneer Award to honor local citizens who have blazed a trail for historic preservation in the Capital City. In addition, Veile is a co-founder of the HJC Foundation and founder of the Thomas Lawson Price Society, both created in 2009.

Veile’s community leadership is evidenced as a former member and chair of the City’s Historic Preservation Commission and his serving three terms on the Jefferson City Council. Veile is founder and CEO of Communique, Inc. that provides public relations services to local, regional, and national clients. In addition to community preservation efforts, with his wife Kay, Steve lives “historic preservation” in a 1925 Adams Street residence and he established his firm’s offices in the 1873 Ewing House on Capitol Avenue, both Landmark-designated buildings.

Bob Priddy, news director of The Missourinet, a statewide commercial radio network, has documented state and local history in his five books, including a three-volume work based on his daily radio program “Across Our Wide Missouri.” His fourth book is a biography of Thomas Hart Benton and the artist’s depiction of the state’s social panorama in the Missouri Capitol mural. His newest work, “The Art of the Missouri Capitol,” is an extensive review of the Capitol’s art history in canvas, bronze and stone, co-authored with Jeffrey Ball. Priddy is a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Historical Society of Missouri. He was President of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Missouri Archives for nine years.

HCJ Hosts Civic Dinner for Local Officials

This was HCJ’s 4th year hosting a reception for civic leaders, but the first year hosting it in their new office on Atchison St. The reception was very well attended and the nice May weather allowed for a pleasant evening in the front yard of the office. Many thanks to Connie Hubble for organizing the event.
Missouri’s Capital City boasts several old historic cemeteries, three on East McCarty alone—the well-recognized National Cemetery first utilized for Civil War soldiers in 1861; the Old City Cemetery established in 1826; and situated between these two, Woodland Cemetery, dating back to 1837. Many names of 19th century dignitaries and city-founding families can be found on these grave stones and monuments. But, for 20th century historical figures, one needs to look no farther than the Riverview Cemetery on West Main. The beautifully manicured grounds of the Jefferson City Riverview Cemetery, established in 1906, was selected by the Historic Preservation Commission as this year’s recipient of the Local Landmark Award.

Most people are surprised to learn that the cemetery is governed by a board of civic-minded volunteers known as The Riverview Cemetery Association. The Association prides itself on being Jefferson City’s only nonsectarian, nondenominational, and nonprofit cemetery. Riverview Cemetery has been preserving Cole County’s history for over a century. The original 88-acre tract was purchased for $7,000 from former Cole County Sheriff Samuel H. Sone, who was allowed to use the undeveloped portion as pasture for his cattle. Visitors to the cemetery will note that many monuments pre-date the 1906 opening as these are burials and memorials which had been moved from the Old City Cemetery and Woodland Cemetery.

However, it wasn’t until March 18, 1910 that the first burial took place after a thirty-one-year-old actor from Kansas City, Charles B. Donnell, died of accidental burns. The first monument placed in the cemetery was that of Addie Stark on October 20, 1912. Prominent landscape architect Sid J. Hare was engaged to lay out long-term design plans for the property. Mr. Hare—who is known for the design of several celebrated Kansas City locales, including the vast J.C. Nichols Country Club Plaza—pioneered the “memorial park” movement among cemeteries, which advocated a park-like pastoral environment as opposed to the cluttered churchyards of old. His influence remains a guiding philosophy at Riverview Cemetery today.

Riverview Cemetery offers the opportunity to visit the final resting places of several prominent historical figures, including General Thomas Lawson Price, Jefferson City’s first mayor; Judge George Tompkins, who boldly

By Samantha Renner, Riverview Cemetery Manager
set legal precedent with his anti-slavery stance on the Missouri Supreme Court, later blatantly ignored in the controversial Dred Scott case; and Annie White Baxter, the first female county clerk in the United States and the first elected female official in Missouri—a full thirty years before her gender gained the right to vote!

Other historically significant interments include three Missouri governors: Herbert S. Hadley (1909-1913), Sam A. Baker (1925-1929), and James T. Blair, Jr. (1957-1961). Longtime residents of this area will recognize the namesakes of local landmarks, such as Burr McCarty, Ernest Simonsen, Thorpe Gordon, Fred Binder, and Louis Lohman. In addition, approximately 2,500 men and women who heroically served our country in conflicts from the Civil War to present day have been laid to rest in Riverview Cemetery. Monuments honoring their sacrifice are located throughout the grounds.

As Jefferson City grew, two displaced burial grounds were relocated to Riverview Cemetery. Temple Beth-El, the oldest temple west of Mississippi and a Jefferson City landmark, found itself in this position when McCarty Street was widened. In November 1932, the Jefferson City Hebrew Cemetery’s monuments and interments were moved to Riverview. Congregation Beth-El entered into an agreement, which still stands today, with Riverview Cemetery whereby Section 10 of the cemetery would be dedicated and reserved exclusively for the use and benefit of Beth El Congregation and members of the Jewish faith.

Central United Church of Christ, formerly the German Evangelical Central Church, is another congregation with a rich history. In existence since about 1850, the original church cemetery was located in what is now the 1000 block of Broadway. In 1965, however, it became clear that a move was necessary as construction on Highway 54 South encroached on the cemetery plots. The parish cemetery was completely relocated, grave by grave, to Riverview Cemetery, while maintain-

Riverview also features numerous monuments representing a variety of architectural elements, including that of the ornate Victorian era. Arguably the most recognizable feature of the cemetery is the Hawkins mausoleum, erected in 1940 by Mrs. Winfield Pope Hawkins to the memory of her son, Scott Pope Hawkins. Aviation Cadet Hawkins was lost at sea during a search and rescue mission following the 1938 crash of a U.S. Navy bomber. Designed by W. Ridgely Young, an architect who popularized the “St. Louis style” used in many affluent residences and commercial edifices in the St. Louis area, the monument features an inscription by poet Janet Williams Gould, a former Jefferson City resident.

Every effort is being made by the cemetery’s management and board of directors to safeguard Riverview Cemetery’s history so that it may continue to connect generations with those who came before. To educate the community, Riverview Cemetery volunteers will be offering cemetery and grave-marker history tours to school and organizational groups.

Ernest Simonsen, born in 1858, made his fortune in the steam heating business. After his death his widow donated the land upon which the Simonsen ninth-grade building sits.
Why did you join HCJ? I joined in the mid 80s because I wanted to receive the newsletter, but was not very involved. Fell off the rolls for several years until I met Greg Stockard in 2000... the rest is history.

What do you like best about being a member of HCJ? I like the contagious enthusiasm for everything, and the wonderful volunteer base.

Do you have a favorite HCJ program or activity? The fundraising Ice Cream Social was my favorite, until we started doing the Historic Homes Tours. I especially enjoy the annual meetings social hour.

Do you think we have made progress in Jefferson City on historic preservation? Absolutely! Progress has been slow, and we’ve lost buildings along the way, but we’ve steadily seen more positive attention, acceptance and actual activity.

If someone asked you the benefits of HCJ membership, what would you say? The benefits include a wealth of information from within the group, and life experiences shared about our hometown, the mutual interests in our history and the friendships made over the years.

What one thing might HCJ members be surprised to learn about you? When I was 30 years younger and slimmer, I taught and performed Belly Dancing.
MAY - 2027 West Main

Owners: Duncan and Linda Kincheloe

HCJ kicked off the 2012 Golden Hammer season at this classic art deco home on the west end. There is nothing quite like it in Jefferson City! The Kincheloes started sprucing up the outside first and are working on the inside. Apparently, President Ronald Reagan visited this house!

JUNE - 1212 Moreland

Owners: Jeremy and Kelsey Hilburn

This charming Swiss-style cottage has been transformed into something out of fairy tales. It was built in the 1920s and was the home of Mayor Means Ray. The Hilburns bought it in 2008. They have done most of the work themselves, carefully preserving the Craftsman-style interior.

JULY - 712 East High

Owners: Laurelanne Belleze and Michel & Donna Deetz

Built in 1900, this stately Italianate was once a funeral parlor. Beautifully renovated, it is now available for office space, conferences and receptions. This project has greatly enhanced the East High Street resurgence.
Come and See!

4 p.m., Friday
September 14
Ribbon Cutting and Open House

New HCJ Office
108 West Atchison

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 30, 2012, 1-5pm

Historic City of Jefferson’s
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