A Dream Come True for Economic Development and Historic Preservation

I had the pleasure of attending the news conference at which Gov. Jay Nixon announced that finally, after nearly 10 years of inaction, something was going to happen at MSP. An agreement had been reached for the City to lease the property for 15 years and for $2 million to be spent to fix the roofs, windows and doors, and get rid of the mold. Nixon said it would be a “pristine site” when the work is complete. Too good to be true? Might well be, but I sure like the sound of it.

Area legislators told me that if something was going to be done, it was the governor himself who had to be the catalyst. How true that proved to be. The governor can leave a lasting legacy here and he just took a giant leap in that direction.

Thank you, Governor Nixon!
Steve Veile, HCJ President

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**Memories of Christmas Past Gathering Set**

HCJ members are invited to share memories of Christmas past at a special holiday gathering at 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 17 at the Lincoln University President’s House, 601 Jackson Street. New Lincoln University President Kevin D. Rome will be introduced to members at the event and he will provide a few remarks.

A chamber music quartet from Jefferson City Senior High School will play Christmas music as members mill about the beautiful home and talk about the good old days and refreshments will be provided.

Members are encouraged to bring old photos of Jefferson City Christmas celebrations from yesteryear. While there will be no formal program, discussions will center around night time Christmas parades, Santa holding court at Exchange Bank, and the days when Herman’s Department Store, Czarlinsky’s, Caplinger’s, Schleer Brother’s Hardware and even J.C. Penny’s all graced uptown streets.

The gathering is free of charge and parking is available in the state lots just to the south and across the street from the President’s Home. Members wishing to attend should RSVP by December 10 by calling Steve or Karen at 635-3265.

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**Heritage Council Renewed Gathering Groups with Common Interests**

A second meeting of the Jefferson City Heritage Council was held on November 1 to follow-up on an effort this past summer to bring similar groups together to discuss common interests.

HCJ hosted a “historic summit” meeting in July asking like-minded groups to come together to share mission statements and information about group priorities. These groups included the Cole County Historical Society, Old Town Development Corp, the CVB, Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Association and Old Munichberg, among others. The gathering will be called the Heritage Council as it continues to meet, taking the name from a similar group that used to meet for much the same reason.

The group plans to meet quarterly to not only enhance communications among the groups, but to focus on community priorities that include historic preservation. Stabilization of the old MSP campus and the problem of “demolition by neglect” in the Old Town area are two of the group’s top concerns as expressed in both meetings held in 2013.
HCJ member Henry Gensky gave an interesting talk on Historic Hotels of Jefferson City at Cliff Manor Inn, owned by Communiqué Inc. His talk was later repeated to a larger crowd at the Capitol Museum After Hours Program. At right Steve Veile welcomed members to the sitting room of Cliff Manor and gave a brief history of this Local Landmark.

Rudi Keller’s new book, Life During Wartime—1861: The War Comes to Missouri will be of interest to local Civil War enthusiasts. Keller, a journalist with the Columbia Daily Tribune, recently talked about his book at the Missouri River Regional Library. He researched historical documents, newspaper accounts, official records and family narratives to create a comprehensive local history.

The number of books printed will be based upon advance orders. You may inquire at 573-815-1600 or pick up a brochure at the library with ordering information.

A Great Gift for the Holidays!

A keepsake deck of cards with photos of Local Landmarks.

Available only at Samuel’s Tuxedos and Gifts
$10 per deck
HCJ member? Get 30% Discount!
What a beautiful day we had to tour six homes and an additional river view during this year’s Homes Tour! Over 630 visited the homes, working artists, and lemonade/apple cider stands, and enjoyed the river view along the way. Also of interest were poster boards featuring additional stories about the area. The following graciously opened their homes for us to “ooh and ah” over: Karen and Kevin McHugh’s Colonial Revival home (1924 Hayselton) features a wide, central staircase and historical furnishings, many from their families. Tami Turner’s home, known as Dr. Suggett’s home (1911 Hayselton) features three main level porches. The river view from the English Tudor-style home of Alice and Mark Steward (1906 Hayselton) was not to be missed! And Carol Roark’s green thumb was wonderfully apparent at the graceful home of she and her husband, Don (1813 Hayselton). Allison and Rob Kingsbury have extensively remodeled the interior of their historic home (1807 Hayselton), including a beautiful stone patio area in the back. And the restored bungalow home of Mark Pauley and Rob Prenger (1608 Hayselton) featured the original blueprint and other documents from the building of the home, along with art work by the original owner, Herbert Patterson. Another exciting river view was from the detached deck behind the home of Terry and John Lyskowski (1722 Hayselton).

Those who put this year’s tour together included overall Co-Chairs Tammy Boeschen and Steve Veile, along with Committee Chairs Janet Maurer, Marilynn Medley, Connie Hubble, and Linda and Hank Stratman. To assist them, over 100 volunteers participated in showcasing the area – a huge “thank you” to all of these! We also appreciate this year’s sponsors: Central Bank, Midwest Block & Brick, Edward Jones (Brian Johnson), News Tribune Company, Communiqué, and Hawthorn Bank. We greatly appreciate our ticket outlets: Schulte’s Fresh Foods, The ART Bazaar, and Samuel’s Tuxedos & Gifts. And a special “thank you” to Mira Ghandi, who sold apple cider and cookies and donated her proceeds to the Historic City of Jefferson! Watch for details about next year’s tour.

HOME TOUR VOLUNTEERS!
If you helped with the Homes Tour and took your vest home, please return it to Communiqué or contact Tammy Boeschen (893-4121 or tboeschen@gmail.com). We reuse these from year to year to identify our volunteers. Thanks, again, for a job well done during the tour! We could not do this without you.

Many Thanks to these Homes Tour Sponsors!
Scenes From 2013 Historic Homes Tour

Photos by:
Mark Blume, Chuck Lahmeyer and Steve Veile
Just three weeks shy of 100 years old, Emma Stockard passed away Oct 11, 2012. Emma was the mother of Gregory Stockard who served as HCJ president from 1998 to 2003. Emma and Greg both had a great passion for historic preservation. Upon her death it was with great surprise and appreciation that HCJ was among several recipients of a generous bequest from Emma’s estate. Having out-lived both her husband and her only child, Emma showed her commitment to our cause with her gift.

This was not the first gift HCJ had received from Emma. In 2005 she donated a very generous sum to help pay for repairs at the house HCJ acquired and was renovating on E. McCarty.

Emma Stockard wrote of her eight siblings, sons and daughters of Maggie Dale Strother and Edgar Strother, in her autobiographical sketch in the History of Moniteau County. All nine children were born between 1905 and 1920 on the family farm in Moniteau County, a mile and a half northwest of California, Missouri, a part of the state that Emma personally would call home for nearly one hundred years. The rural America that Emma recalled had “no electric lights, no central heating nor indoor plumbing.” The older children attended a one-room country school named “High Prairie,” a “one and one-half mile walk across a cold, windswept prairie.”

Emma’s family history recounts a childhood of hardships based on poverty, as she and her family, as with so many other American families, survived through two World Wars and the Great Depression. However, Emma and her siblings did not just survive; through self-determination, they refused to give up but contributed to their country as “soldiers, educators, minister, nurse, engineer, and businessmen and women.” Her words speak volumes of the love and pride she held for her Strother family.

Of herself, Emma Katy Strother, born in 1912, wrote that her father described his middle child of nine as “fair and slender, quiet, kind, and agreeable.” Educated at the High Prairie School, where all eight grades studied together, she learned by listening to older students recite, feeling that they all received an excellent education. She proudly recalled knowing about the Great Wall of China while in the fourth grade, her geography lessons instilling an early desire to travel to see the textbooks’ exotic locations first-hand.

Emma was a life-long learner and educator, beginning her teacher training at an early age while taking California High School’s education courses, earning a lifetime teaching certificate. She later attended Warrensburg State Teachers College during summer months and graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in Elementary Education in 1941. Her first teaching position was for two years at her childhood’s High Prairie one-room school, for which she was paid sixty dollars a month. For the next ten years she taught in the Jefferson City public elementary schools, first as an “apprentice” instructor and later at the old Broadway School and West Elementary School. After teaching, Emma worked for Scholastic Publications as a sales representative, for the Missouri Highway Patrol Records Department, and for the Missouri State Senate.

In 1944, Emma married Gregory C. Stockard, who at the time was Missouri’s Secretary of State. Emma commented that even though her husband held a high-profile position, their lives were similar to other citizens during the war years, limited by their ration stamps for

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food and gasoline. After his term expired, Gregory returned to his general law practice representing most of the state’s Rural Electric Cooperatives. Gregory, Sr. passed away in 1993, leaving Emma with their son Gregory, Jr. Their son was the joy of Emma’s life. She described Gregory Stockard, Jr. as “showing great compassion, kindness, and empathy toward people of all ages and tender love to pets and animals.”

Greg attended Westminster College in Fulton and graduated with honors from Lincoln University, Jefferson City with a degree in Business Administration, and was later employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol in the Information Systems Department. Emma and Greg continued to enjoy travel together.

The Gregory Stockard Distinguished Service Award is presented annually by the City of Jefferson Historic Preservation Commission to individuals who have shown distinguished community service in their commitment and dedication to Historic Preservation in Jefferson City. The award was established in 2004 in honor of Emma’s son Gregory who served as president of HJ from 1999 to 2003 and was himself devoted to the Historic Preservation causes in Jefferson City.

Her early love of geography instilled in Emma an interest in the world’s cultures and peoples as well as a passion for travel that lasted her entire life. In the 1960s she traveled with her husband and son throughout Mexico and the northwestern part of Canada and cruised the Caribbean. The 1970s took Emma on two professional tours for Scholastic Publishing to England and Continental Europe. Later in the decade, she traveled to the Middle East, touring Greece, Egypt, Jordon, Israel, and Turkey, as well as a return to Central Mexico and Acapulco with her husband. In the 1980s, she traveled throughout the British Isles, the Chinese Mainland, and the Far East, touring Malaysia, Thailand, India, and Nepal.

In her retirement years, Emma apparently did not believe in retiring. In addition to a life-long love for travel, Emma enjoyed flower gardening and cheering for the St. Louis Cardinals. She was an avid walker and especially enjoyed playing tennis matches with friends Betty Coil, Meg Doll, Marge Blosser, and Cathryn Adams.

Philanthropist and community volunteer were two more of Emma’s hats that she wore with grace. In 2009, Mrs. Stockard was inducted into the Hall of Leaders by the Jefferson City Public Schools Foundation as an Outstanding Foundation Donor, her unrestricted gifts supporting the early expansion of the Foundation’s programs. Emma was an enthusiastic volunteer in her church, First United Methodist, P.E.O. Chapter BW, Century Study Club, and the Jane Randolph Jefferson Chapter of the DAR. She also volunteered for the Republican Party, as a Docent for the Missouri Governor’s Mansion, and assisted with Senior Citizens Tax Preparation.

Emma Stockard passed away on October 11, 2012, a few weeks before celebrating her 100th birthday.


MY MEMORIES OF EMMA…….

The Stockards and my parents were friends and my brother and Greg, Emma’s son, were friends. I mostly remember Emma from church; she was so pretty, always dressed well, with heels, gloves and the perfect smile.

My favorite Emma story is from the 1960s. My parents were having a barbecue at our farm in Callaway County, a very rustic, but beautiful, setting. The invitation specified casual, comfortable clothes and noted that guests should park in the pasture at the foot of the driveway, which was difficult to navigate, and rides to the top of the hill would be provided by a tractor-pulled wagon. Apparently the Stockards arrived while the tractor was taking a group up the hill, so they decided to walk. We were in the yard and the tractor was turning around to head back down when over the hill appeared the Stockards… Mr. Stockard in casual slacks and shirt and Emma in a dainty white blouse, pencil skirt and high heels. We couldn’t believe she had walked up the rocky, bumpy, winding driveway in those heels and tight skirt. And she still looked perfect and smiling when she arrived at the top.

Deedie Bedosky
**Getting to Know You**

**Jenny Smith**

**Why did you join HCJ?**

Former HCJ President Greg Stockard and I were employed in the same building. He had a nose for people who shared his passion for old architecture. I was an easy target. He was the nicest guy ever. You couldn't say NO to Greg, anyway.

**What do you like best about being a member of HCJ?**

It is very rewarding to be a part of an organization with the goal of preserving our past for future generations. Dr. Gary Kremer best expressed the importance of HCJ’s mission, “HCJ exists because its members believe that place is important...a place is a location of experience. The experiences associated with a place do not happen anywhere else - they belong to the place. How do you recreate the place when the buildings are gone?”

**Do you have a favorite HCJ program or activity?**

I love the Homes tour. Not only are the homes beautiful, warm and homey, they have shown us that these old homes can be adaptively re-used for modern and practical living.

**Do you think we have made progress in Jefferson City on historic preservation?**

Not enough! Tony and I moved to JC just a few years before the old City Jail was demolished. It traumatized me! I want to think we have made some progress since then but we have continued to lose buildings and houses for parking lots. I do think our presence and our advocacy for historic preservation makes developers think twice about robbing our community of its past. We need more public awareness and to stress the economic benefits of historic preservation.

**If someone asked you the benefits of HCJ membership, what would you say?**

It is inspiring, fun, and interesting to be around like-minded people. Also, I love the history programs sponsored by HCJ.

**What might HCJ members be surprised to learn about you?**

I give workshops around the country to forensic scientists on the analysis of duct tape used by criminals in their commission of crimes. Yes, duct tape! Also, I have made five backpack trips down into the Grand Canyon. Also, I play the fiddle with a group of musicians called, The Slo-Jammers.

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**Donna Deetz**

**Why did you join HCJ?**

I believe that if you know where you’ve come from and what was important in the past, you’ll know yourself and community better and then can move forward in making our community the best it can be.

**What do you like best about being a member of HCJ?**

Sharing with folks with the same interest in our history and in rehabbing our community.

**Do you have a favorite HCJ program or activity?**

Not a particular one, but have really liked the annual meetings and presentations.

**Do you think we have made progress in Jefferson City on historic preservation?**

Yes, but important to do it in cooperation with other such groups so that we are not reinventing everything and can share resources.

**If someone asked you the benefits of HCJ membership, what would you say?**

A key benefit is the networking with like-minded individuals who can be resources and mentors and a “learning” atmosphere where we can always keep learning about our history.

**What might HCJ members be surprised to learn about you?**

That I do a lot of the actual construction/reconstruction on the buildings that we rehab — also in my personal history, I’ve been a television reporter, newspaper reporter, special education teacher, professional trainer, grants writer, and that I love hands-on work of any kind.

**We should mention:** Donna and husband Michel were recently honored by the Historic Preservation Commission with the Gregory Stockard Award for their renovations of several older properties in the 700 block of E. High and also for their involvement in promoting the downtown and the Hidden Spaces, Secret Places tours. Jefferson City is a better place for their involvement!
This classic craftsman style house at 119 Forest Hill was built in 1925 by local jeweler Phillip Dallmeyer and his wife Bertha C. (Lena) Natsch Dallmeyer. Phil Dallmeyer died in 1954 and Lena continued to live in the home until her death in 1976. Current owner Dr. Patricia Macfarlane has done a beautiful renovation of the front porch. She was very careful about keeping the renovations authentic to the period. One example of this is the side porch that was updated with new stone. It is hard to tell that it is not original.

This charming bungalow was built circa 1917. Cousins Jameson Morrow and Sally Owens purchased the property 3 years ago with the goal to keep the charm of the bungalow home and upgrade it to be as maintenance free as possible. The home had been rental property for many years and then vacant over a year before the cousins purchased the property. Jameson moved into the home and started doing most of the work himself with help from friend Kyle Bax.
SAVE THE DATE!

Memories of Christmas Past
A special holiday gathering for members
7:00 pm December 17, 2013
Lincoln University President’s Home, 601 Jackson St.

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