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## Sutter-Meyer Society Newsletter

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*Enriching the present by sharing the stories of our past*

### **Open House — Everyone Welcome** Sunday, October 16, 2011 2 to 5 PM

Tour the house and view the exhibit  
on the Sutter and Meyer families

### **Vote for Sutter-Meyer House!**

We're taking part in Monsanto's Grow St. Louis contest. Projects that win the top three highest vote totals will receive grants of \$15,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000. And YOU can help us win!

Just visit [www.stlgrown.com](http://www.stlgrown.com) from now through October 16 and vote for Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse: A New Museum.

You can vote up to 100 times per day. Once you vote the first time, just check your email and verify that Monsanto has your correct email address. After that, you can keep voting with no need to verify your address again. If you have questions, please call Stefany Brot at (314) 727-1842.

### **Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse Fall Festival**

Sunday, November 6  
2:00 to 4:00 PM



Free fun for the entire family!

Refreshments available for purchase

- ☞ Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse tours
- ☞ Knitting and quilting demonstrations
- ☞ Sack and three-legged races
- ☞ Art activities
- ☞ Storytelling . . . and much more!

Parking is available on Chamberlain Court and surrounding streets.

For additional information, contact:

Stefany Brot 314-727-1842

Mary Pat Gallagher 314-727-7636

Hope to see you at the festival!

## Accomplishments to Celebrate

**Stefany Brot, President**

We have accomplished a lot since our first newsletter last spring:

- We hosted a preview party for the opening of our first exhibit. Despite the rain, it was a great fund-raiser, with over 100 people attending.
- Three classes of 4<sup>th</sup> graders have toured the house. The tours were planned and guided by teacher Mary Pat Gallagher.
- As part of our effort to share the stories of our past, we have produced our first video. U City resident Willie Vassar, aged 90+ years, recounts his experiences in the army, where he met President Truman.
- U City has approved our request to place a transparent cover on the limestone well near the farmhouse.
- We now have an herb garden, planted by a prospective Eagle Scout. Volunteers kept the garden alive during the extreme heat this summer.
- Our old, worn out driveway was replaced by the City of University City.

Thanks for helping us continue our work!

## Membership Drive & Yard Sale

**Jen Jensen, Secretary**

**Membership** — Thank you to all friends of the Sutter-Meyer Society who have renewed your memberships for the coming year! And welcome to all the new members who have joined our effort to preserve our past at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse.

Please tell your friends about us. We need more members like you! For more information, contact me at 314-862-4569 or jenrivenes@gmail.com

**Yard Sale** — We made over \$400 at U City's annual garage sale/flea market on September 17. Thanks to everyone who donated treasures to sell at our tables. It was a perfect day, there was a good turnout — and we had a good time too!

Help us keep the past alive! To donate, volunteer, or share ideas, contact us at:  
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## We Need Air Conditioning at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse

**Greg Paulus, Vice President**

We hope to raise funds to install air conditioning at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse. We need a/c to help control:

- **Dirt:** Dust and dirt can scratch glass and Plexiglas. It also necessitates more frequent cleaning of exhibits and artifacts, which means more chances to damage them.
- **Humidity:** Too much humidity can promote mold and mildew, while too little can cause materials like wood, leather, and plaster to dry out and crack.
- **Temperature:** Over time, big swings in temperature can harm fragile artifacts and exhibits. Controlling temperature will also enhance the comfort of our visitors and volunteers, and help protect our office equipment (we plan to use the upstairs rooms for storage and office space for the Society).

## Sutter-Meyer Society Board of Directors

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