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## Sutter-Meyer Society Newsletter

Spring 2012

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

### Open Houses at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse

A new community museum

For all ages — Free

2 to 4 pm  
on the following dates:

- Saturday, March 10, 2012
- Sunday, March 11, 2012
- Saturday, April 14, 2012
- Sunday, April 15, 2012
- Saturday, May 12, 2012
- Sunday, May 13, 2012

See our exhibit on  
St Louis' rural past

View photos, illustrations, and descriptions about the pioneering Sutter and Meyer families. Talk with members of the Sutter-Meyer Society about the exhibit, the house, and stories of our past.

### Accomplishments to Celebrate

**Stefany Brot, President**  
**Sutter-Meyer Society**

The Sutter-Meyer society had many accomplishments to be proud of in 2011. Here is just a partial list:

- We opened the farmhouse museum to the public with a successful preview party of our first exhibit, created by an UMSL graduate student.
- We held a successful membership drive in September, receiving contributions that totaled \$3300.
- Our first Fall Festival in November was a hit. It included tours of the farmhouse, games and art activities, story-telling, weaving, and vendors selling old-fashioned crafts and food products.
- Through our educational outreach program, we brought three Jackson Park Elementary School classes to the farmhouse for hands-on learning activities.
- We produced our first DVD, beginning our efforts to collect shared personal histories.
- Eagle Scouts planted a herb garden near the house. The garden was watered by member volunteers during the dry summer months.
- We replaced the broken-down floor in the back room with recycled wood flooring (it has been sanded and stained, and looks beautiful). Other floors were cleaned and refreshed to show off their original wood.

(Accomplishments continued on back)

## **Sutter-Meyer Society Annual Meeting** **Jen Jensen, Secretary**

The annual meeting of the Sutter-Meyer Society will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012 at the Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center, 737 Kingsland Avenue, University City, beginning at 6:30 pm

- Our program will include a showing of Bill Streeter's film, "**Brick, by Chance and Fortune.**" Mr. Streeter is a well-known St. Louis film maker and designer. This film, a documentary on the past, present, and future of brick-making and building in St. Louis, was funded by a grant from CALOP (the Commission for Access and Local Original Programming) in University City. Bricks, you ask? What could possibly be interesting about bricks? You'll be wonderfully surprised when you see this film. You will look at brick structures in St. Louis in a whole new way.
- We will also hold our annual **silent auction** during the course of the evening. We'll have some really great items, including English bone china trios (five of them in different patterns that we'll be selling together), and beautiful leather Harley Davidson jackets and riding chaps. And much more! You won't want to miss out.

## **Accomplishments (continued):**

- We landscaped in front of the house and around the ramp, also replacing deteriorated front walkway with donated sod.
- U City installed a new driveway.
- U City approved our plans for a frame and cover for the limestone well.
- We received a grant from Gargoyles to repair the dilapidated back porch.
- We installed picture molding to hold panels in the exhibit.
- Our annual meeting featured a talk by historian Esley Hamilton about the history and architecture of Pershing School, which was later demolished. We received a donation of bricks from the school building

Thanks to all our members and volunteers for making these accomplishments a reality!

**Watch for our second exhibit, coming this summer: "Well Preserved"**

**Help us keep the past alive! To donate, volunteer, or share ideas, contact us at:**  
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## **Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse Cloisonné Lapel Pins** **Greg Paulus, Vice President**

We are pleased to offer cloisonné lapel pins featuring the distinctive brackets that adorn the front porch of the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse (see picture below). The proceeds from the sale of these pins will support our ongoing work.

These beautiful hard-enamel pins are 3/4" square (bracket in hunter green on white background).

Cloisonné lapel pins: \$18.73 each  
Black velvet gift pouches: \$1.87 each  
Special discounts available — Free shipping



For more information, contact the Sutter-Meyer Society at 314-704-3507.

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