



Sutter-Meyer Society Newsletter

Summer 2022

Preserving and celebrating University City's oldest building/house
Built in 1873 ▪ Located at 6826 Chamberlain Court

Sutter-Meyer Society ▪ PO Box 300285 ▪ University City, MO 63130

Upcoming Events at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse by Christopher Blumenhorst

Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse Turns 150 Years Old in 2023!



Spring 2023 will feature the farmhouse's 150-year birthday celebration. If you would like to participate in planning the birthday bash, please contact us at thepastlives@suttermeyer.org.

Welcome to the summer newsletter of the Sutter-Meyer Society! As we move into fall, please note that our open houses are moving from Sunday to Saturday. We will host three open houses this Fall: October 1, November 5, and December 3 (the first Saturdays of the month).

Please stay tuned for more information about the open houses by visiting our Facebook page (Sutter-Meyer House) or our web page <http://suttermeyer.org>.



Checking out china at the Farmhouse



Geraldine Smotherson

Voices of University City

Our summer garden tour and open house featured three University City authors discussing their books.

Thanks to authors Geraldine Smotherson, John Wright, and John Ramsay for helping make our summer celebration a success!



Visitors enjoying author discussions



John Wright

Open House at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse



Saturday
October 1, 2022
2-4 pm

Open House at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse



Saturday
November 5, 2022
2-4 pm

Holiday Open House at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse "A Spirited Holiday Past" in partnership with Historic St Louis



Saturday, December 3, 2022
10 am - 4 pm

Archaeology at the Farmhouse by Dr Carol Diaz-Granados

Did you know ... that what began as archaeological excavation activities around the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse property over 12 years ago turned into the Sutter-Meyer Society? For four summers, volunteers excavated four 1-to-2-meter units to discover artifacts that would help us understand the people who lived on this site in the late 1800s (pictures of some items discovered accompany this article). Materials found at the site were classified as glass bottles and fragments, ceramic dishware and fragments, metal items, buttons and bones (there were lots of bones from contemporary meat processing activities – mostly pork).



All the materials help to “tell the story” of the past. However, some of the more interesting items found include historic marbles, a small brass candlestick, a toothbrush handle from Paris(!), the entire bottom of a large ceramic vegetable bowl, a porcelain doorknob, and both bone and mother-of-pearl buttons. The materials excavated are not “valuable” from a monetary standpoint, but rather from an informational one!

The glass bottles recovered are mostly from tonics and condiments, plus some fragments from liquor bottles. Some of the items found dating to more recent times included a small toy metal car and the remnants from someone working on a car or truck.



Be sure to check out the display case in our kitchen museum when you come to visit the Farmhouse.

Tribute Donations in Memory of Elsie Glickert

Thanks to the following donors who have contributed in memory of Elsie Glickert: Kathleen C. Anconetani ~ Manfred Cewe ~ Diane Davenport ~ Natalie Dohr ~ Nancy Glickert Flynn ~ LaVerne Ford-Williams ~ Katherine Gray ~ Wayne & Annaliesa Hanebrink ~ Donald & Julie Hennon ~ Pat & Brigid McCauley ~ Barry Mizes & Ellen Bern ~ Elizabeth Ann Norton ~ Art & Meg Wyncoop ~ Bonita Yoder & Peter Burgers

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 If you are interested in volunteering at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse or have a construction service that could help us with our many needs, please contact Chris Blumenhorst at thepastlives@suttermeyer.org

Sutter-Meyer Society Annual Meeting

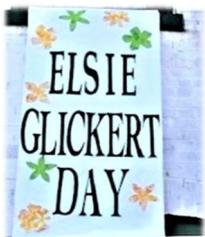
On May 2, the Sutter-Meyer Society held our annual meeting, during which we approved our new officers and board of directors (see list at right).

Andy Wool, a 1987 University City High School graduate, gave an interesting talk on the history of the spotlight on top of University City city hall. Andy currently is working on a project to restore the spotlight and create a documentary showing the spotlight in operation and describing its history.



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Celebrating Elsie Glickert

On April 3, we held a special open house to honor the memory of our good friend (and board member) Elsie Glickert. She was a founding member of the Sutter-Meyer Society and played a leading role at every stage of our work. Thanks to all who helped us celebrate Elsie’s extraordinary life!