



Sutter-Meyer Society  
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## Sutter-Meyer Society Newsletter

Autumn 2012

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

### Well Preserved

**The Next Exhibit at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse  
Co-chairs: Janet Kneller and Stefany Brot**

We're making final preparations for a new exhibit at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse. The star attraction will be the property's 19<sup>th</sup> century well, which has been excavated and restored. The well has a new stained deck and frame, and is lighted so that visitors can view its walls and interior.

An architect and professional archaeologists will be on-site to talk with visitors, answering questions about the well's construction and function, and how we were able to locate it through excavation.

Inside the farmhouse, we'll have beautifully designed panels with information about wells and water supplies. They will answer questions such as:

- When were wells first built — and why?
- How was the Sutter-Meyer house well discovered?
- In what architectural style is the well built?
- How do we obtain drinkable water today?
- What water issues are in the news?
- What legal rights pertain to the use of water?
- What can we do to protect our water supply?

We'll notify you soon with the date of the exhibit preview party. As members, you can be among the first to view the well and the new exhibit.

### From the President

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

I will retire as president of the Board of Directors of the Sutter-Meyer Society effective December 31, 2012. Since the Society began six years ago, I have served in many capacities. I helped found the Society, then served as the first treasurer, chair of fund-raising, and finally as president. Throughout this time, we have worked to transform the oldest standing house in University City into a community museum.

But we still need to do much more: paint the outside of the farmhouse and garage, spot tuck-point the worst areas, build an accessible bathroom, improve the drafty windows and doors, and install air-conditioning. To accomplish even one of these improvements, our treasury needs substantially more funding. So please consider making an end-of-the-year tax-deductible contribution.

I am very proud of our accomplishments during these past six years. I also appreciate all the help we've had from our members, the University City municipal staff, the City Council of University City, and the many wonderful professionals who have donated their time to help us accomplish our goals.

## Sutter-Meyer Society News

Jen Jensen, Secretary

**Membership:** Thanks to all Friends of the Sutter-Meyer Society who have renewed your memberships for 2012-2013. Your contributions will be put to good use as we prepare to do more restoration on the Farmhouse. For those who haven't yet renewed, or who would like to join for the first time, please see our contact information below. As the old song goes, "We Want You, We Need You, We Love You."

**Annual U. City Yard Sale a Big Success:** On Saturday, September 15th, we held a very successful yard sale to benefit the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse. We could not have done it without the help of our members, supporters, and volunteers. Our "gems and junk" brought in just under \$600.00 that will be added to our general fund for updating the farmhouse. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We can hardly wait until next year to do it all over again.

**Farmhouse Gardens Thrive:** Despite the dry, hot summer months, the gardens at the farmhouse have thrived. The canna bulbs planted in June at the north side of the garage won't stop growing! The small rose garden in the backyard looks beautiful too (several are slips from Elsie Glickert's home garden). The herb garden is in its second season and continues to produce tarragon, sage, oregano, thyme, chives, and dill. Stop by anytime and pick a bit for your favorite recipe. Thanks to our volunteers, Dan McClain and Jon'Lee Lipsey, for keeping the gardens watered.

**Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse Cloisonné Lapel Pins for Sale:** 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 ¾" square (bracket in hunter green on white background). They make terrific gifts!

Contact Jen Jensen at 314-862-4569 or jenrivenes@gmail.com for more information.



Help us keep the past alive! To donate, volunteer, or share ideas, contact us at:

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### Pershing School 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Visit the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse Elsie Glickert

On Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, a picture-perfect fall day, Pershing School 5<sup>th</sup> graders came to visit the historic Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse. Accompanied by their teachers, Kea Daniels and Vida Weekly, as well as resource officer Cynthia Gill, 25 students visited in the morning and another 27 in the afternoon.

At the farmhouse, Jen Jensen and Elsie Glickert conducted indoor tours, while Jim Duncan, a retired University City teacher, held outdoor tours. Jim's costume included a pair of shoes dating from the 1860s. The children were a delight — well behaved and courteous, a credit to their families and teachers.

On the previous Saturday, an antique plow and seeder had arrived at the house. These proved to be major outdoor attractions — as was the newly acquired pump at the excavated well. Inside, the students were most interested in our collection of memorabilia depicting farm life in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Each child received a brochure on the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse and a sprig of herbs from the garden. One little girl said as she was leaving, "I would love to live here."

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