



Sutter-Meyer Society Newsletter

Winter 2020

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

Second Holiday Open House a Great Success!

On December 7, the Sutter-Meyer Society Board of Directors welcomed over 100 people to the beautifully decorated 1873 Farmhouse. According to the raffle ticket addresses, folks came from South St. Louis, St. Peters, Sunset Hills, O'Fallon, and Defiance, Missouri, along with many from University City and Clayton. Visitors were greeted with the sounds and fragrances of the holiday season (Christmas music and clove pine cones), along with hundreds of delicious and beautiful cookies. We had a Christmas tree in the parlor, along with another tree on the dining room table filled with new and antique ornaments for sale. We also had freshly dried herbs in jars for sale from the Farmhouse's own herb garden, thanks to board member Bonnie Tesson, who tends our herb garden.



Jim Adams, SMS board member, in the Farmhouse parlor (Photo by Ingrid Neufeind)



Board members told visitors about the history of the Farmhouse, pastimes in the late 1800s, and life at the Farmhouse over the past 146 years through artifacts in the little museum. Two Meyer descendants, Bill Meyer and Mary Ann (Meyer) Wagner, gave first-hand accounts about growing up in and around the Farmhouse. The Sutter-Meyer Board of Directors thanks all visitors and volunteers who helped out, including those who baked and donated cookies. It all made for another special open house honoring University City's past.



Carol Diaz-Granados, SMS Board President (Photo by Ingrid Neufeind)



Holiday Open House Treats (Photo by Ingrid Neufeind)



Janet Kneller, SMS Board Member (Photo by Ingrid Neufeind)



Visitor helping Jim Duncan to saw a log!



Mary Ann (Meyer) Wagner and Bill Meyer, descendants of the Meyer family, who grew up around the Farmhouse



**Our Summer
House and Garden Tour
is scheduled for
Saturday, June 6, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Watch for details!**

Elsie Glickert Receives State Questers' Award

Elsie Glickert, a board member of the Sutter-Meyer Society, is a founding member of the Gargoyles Chapter #1322 of the Missouri State Questers. A project of the Gargoyles chapter is to assist with the preservation and restoration of the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse, built in 1873. Elsie's mother was born in the Farmhouse, so Elsie is extremely knowledgeable about its history. Elsie has also been active for many years with the Sutter-Meyer Society, which is a non-profit organization that has been working to preserve and restore the farmhouse.

Questers stated, "Not only has Elsie hosted Questers meetings in the Farmhouse, but she participates in community events where she dresses in period clothing. Her efforts with Questers and the Sutter-Meyer Society to preserve and restore this historical Farmhouse have been outstanding. The State of Missouri has greatly benefited from her work, and we are pleased to present Elsie Glickert with the Award of Excellence."



Elsie Beck Glickert



AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Presented to
Elsie Glickert
For
**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION & RESTORATION
IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Signed by
Mary Ann Bingham, President
Missouri State Questers

Honors and Memorials

In Honor of Elsie Glickert

Steve, Carolyn, Heidi, Leo, Justin, and Hannah Glickert
Natalie R. Dohr

In Honor of Esley Hamilton

Carol Diaz-Granados

Thanks to Tracy & Ned Brubeck

The Society is very grateful to Tracy and Ned Brubeck for their recent donations of a cast-iron baby crib, three Victorian chairs, and a tabletop Victrola. These items are now on display at the Farmhouse.

Sutter-Meyer Society Joins Forces with Historic St. Louis

In 2018, the Sutter-Meyer Society joined forces with a larger organization, Historic Saint Louis. The organization is “an effort to combine local historic museums, sites and privately owned homes together to create a larger impact within our community.” Currently, about 26 historic entities are members of the organization. There are monthly meetings to share ideas and to acquaint members with the other properties. Some of the more recent meetings have taken place at the Gittemeier House in Florissant, White Haven in Afton, the Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion near south Broadway and the Field House Museum downtown. To date, the organization has been involved with three joint events, all of which have been well received in the greater St. Louis Community. The most recent event was “A Spirited Holiday Past,” a major open house on December 7. Future events for this group include a Trivia Night to be held Friday, January 24, at Crestwood Community Center. Also, for the second year, there will be an event (to be held June 6) focusing on garden tours at historic houses.

The Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse has greatly benefited from its membership in this organization through the networking it provides. The increased publicity we have received has led to new people visiting the Farmhouse. The Farmhouse also has received a few new items as a result of our membership. So far, this has been a win/win experience that we plan to continue. There is a Historic Saint Louis Facebook Page and website where more information can be obtained, but be sure to spell out “Saint Louis” when searching for it.

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

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Open Houses at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse

For all ages – Free

**Open from 2 to 4 pm
on the following dates**

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Mark Your New Calendars!

Sutter-Meyer Society Board of Directors

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Bonnie Tesson

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Mary Ann Wagner