



Sutter-Meyer Society Newsletter

Winter 2019

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

First Holiday Open House a Success!

by Bonnie Tesson

This past summer the Sutter-Meyer Society became part of the Historic St. Louis consortium. December 1st marked the initial joint event for this group, after months of planning. All 26 historic homes and locales in the consortium were open to the public on this one day from 10am-4pm. The Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse was pleased to host over 175 visitors! Because the weather was great, guests enjoyed strolling around the farmhouse grounds to see the butterfly garden, the herb garden, and the farmhouse well. Guests could also watch Jim Duncan demonstrate his historic carpentry skills outside the farmhouse.



Inside the farmhouse, guests were greeted by holiday decorations in the parlor, dining room, and kitchen. The decorations were done by board member Bonnie Tesson, her son (volunteer Cameron Tesson), and society president Carol Diaz-Granados.

The parlor featured fresh cedar garlands and a tall lighted tree decorated in silver and blue. The kitchen contained a lighted Santa tree and German Christmas Cookies, many baked by board members.



Bill Meyer, Bob Meyer, and Elsie Glickert (all descendants of the original Meyer family) told stories about their ancestors and life at the farmhouse. A big thank you to all the board members and volunteers who helped make this event a success – and thanks to our many visitors! Many of the locals who visited the farmhouse were previously unaware it even existed!





Holiday Tree Prizes!

At our holiday open house, eight uniquely decorated 2-foot trees illuminated the dining room table – and served as raffle prizes. The tree designers and prize winners were:

Beautiful Botanical Tree

by Mary Dee Schmidt
won by Nick Doelger

Music is Golden

by Carol Diaz-Granados
won by Mara Diaz-Granados

Dazzling Dogs

by Bonnie Tesson
won by Mari Teter

Christmas Red

by Carol Bever
won by Liz Gruenbacher

Origami Christmas

by Stephanie Jenkins
won by Lexine Pranschke

Fabulous Forties

by Sharon Logan
won by Lynne Roney

Shimmering Winter

by Cameron Tesson
won by Sharon Logan

City Snowmen

by Carol Bever
won by Jen Jensen



Bob and Bill Meyer with Stephen Hanpeter (center), head of the historic homes consortium

Honors and Memorials

Lee and Kristin Sobotka ~ In Memory of John Reilly

Natalie R. Dohr ~ In Honor of Elsie Glickert

Steve, Carolyn, Heidi & Leo Glickert ~ In Honor of Elsie Glickert

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Our Butterfly Garden!

This fall, the Sutter-Meyer butterfly garden was all abuzz with activity on the purple asters. Board members were also buzzing as they voted to continue the garden (with some modifications). A few board members met with a delegation consisting of Beth Skelton, Linda Fried, Eric Karchand, and Floyce Scherrer to discuss ways to improve the garden's overall appearance without compromising its purpose.

Beth Skelton and husband Ed Shafer recently added paving stones and mulch to the garden. It looked wonderful for the holiday open house!



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