



Sutter-Meyer Society Newsletter

Winter 2024

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

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SUTTER-MEYER SOCIETY CELEBRATES THE FARMHOUSE'S 150TH YEAR!

On June 3rd, 2023, the Sutter-Meyer Society celebrated its 150th anniversary of the creation of University City's historic Farmhouse. Board members and visitors enjoyed an all-day party that included music, games, cake and punch, along with speeches by former mayors Joe Adams and Shelley Welsch. A proclamation was presented by University City's current mayor, Terry Crow, and a beautiful watercolor by Janet Muhm was presented to the society on her behalf by Esley Hamilton. We also held our annual meeting during the event. A giant greeting card by Mar-nie Claunch, U. City artist and art teacher at U. City High School, was on hand for anyone to sign!

There was incredibly fine music on the porch by Chad Evans, who did his expert styling on the alto saxophone, as well as amazing balloon decorations by Randy Carter (class of 1988 at UCHS) of BB Balloons. After all the presentations, the cake-cutting proceeded and honors were given to long-time supporter, Kay Drey. The cake depicted a picture of the Farmhouse! The ice cream punch was a big hit. A good time was had by all.



Mayor Terry Crow reads the City Proclamation announcing Sutter-Meyer Day in University City.



Long-time supporter of Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse Kay Drey cuts the birthday cake. In order left to right: UCHS student and centennial park ambassador Cole Patterson; Mayor Terry Crow; former mayor Shelley Welch; state representative and former mayor Joe Adams.



Board member Esley Hamilton presents his gift of a painting of the farmhouse by Janet Muhm.



Former board member Bonnie Tesson and former Mayor Shelley Welch pose for the camera.



Meyer brothers Bob and Bill display antique phone in the farmhouse.

New Search for Artifacts and History at the Sutter-Meyer Farmstead

by Philip Newell



A new project has begun at the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse site in U. City. We will likely get some additional artifacts and may learn a bit more historic details about the Sutter-Meyer Farm and the people who lived there. We are combining archaeological methods and metal detecting technology to

both recover artifacts and record their context. One of the advantages of using metal detecting is that we do not need to excavate the entire lot. We can locate specific items, remove a plug of grass and soil, recover the artifact and replace the plug (while taking detailed notes regarding location and depth of the artifact!).

The project is being carried out by member Philip Newell who is a retired technology and business analyst. His interests include archaeology, history and metal detecting. He has started by gridding the vacant lot at 6818 Chamberlain Ct. (adjacent to the Farmhouse). Ground-level red stakes have been placed to mark a grid of 5-meter by 5-meter squares. Metal detecting was required to find the property boundary survey markers buried along Chamberlain Ct. Board members will be present to observe and assist when available.

What we will find is always a mystery. Some things that we may find are nails from outbuildings, gardening tools, evidence of the watermelon business and horse tack that may be from the Myers' horse, Nellie. Of course, we will expect the unexpected.



Philip Hewell, Chris Blumenhorst and Esley Hamilton enjoy a conversation about the Farmhouse.



Esley Hamilton provides information about a newly framed map to the holiday open house visitors.

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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 the pastlives@suttermeyer.org

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Pershing Elementary students visit the Sutter-Meyer farmhouse.

In Memory of Elsie Glickert