

THE SAINT JOSEPH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Christmas Party went great!!



The Christmas party was a great success. With over 40 guests the Historical Society ran in Christmas with great food, fellowship and a wonderful performance by Harrison Hartley.

Mr. Hartley performed an original parody called "Scroogidoux". The classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge recast and non-other than Joseph Robidoux. The story follows Mr. Robidoux as he encounters three spirits showing him the errors of his life and his need for environmental protection.

Along with the story of Scroogidoux a silent action with items donated by John and Denise Tapia, the Robidoux Row Museum and Convention and Visitors bureau was also held.

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Individual \$20 Family \$35  
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St. Joseph, MO 64501

**Going Digital**

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Going digital. The hot ticket item in our modern-day society. All around us we seem to hear about how this product will make our lives easier because its online all the time. Going digital is also discussed in historical preservation today.

So how do we at the Saint Joseph Historical Society going to deal with digital while holding onto the past. One way that we at the SJHS have approached the digital space is to amplify the physical identity we already have. Using online advertisement to reach a greater audience and weekly Facebook lives are two ways we have approached outreach without changing who we are.

We also need to remember to hold onto what we already have. We need to remember that our physical location and items are just as important as our Facebook following and digital footprint.

**New Mailing Address**

The Robidoux Row/Saint Joseph Historical Society now has a mailbox at the building and has discontinued our PO Box. Please send any mail and Santa's Gifts to the following address:

219 East Poulin Street  
Saint Joseph, MO 64501

**2019 Board**

President: Cole Woodbury

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Denise Bartles-Tapia

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Donna Klein

Secretary: Julia Chambers

Treasurer: Tracy Anderson

Historian: Emily Baumann

John Tapia

Bill Leppart

Kathy Hill- Bahner

Gary Baumann

Previous President: Patrick Squires

There are two spots still available if you are interested please contact Daniel at 816-232-8561.

**DONATIONS TO THE ROW**

**Nigh Johnson** donated historical books.

**Connie Cass** donated a painting of Edmond Eckel (unveiling pictures can be found on page 4)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Board Meeting Robidoux Row 6:00**

**End of Season**  
**December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Non-profits rely on volunteers and members to thrive. Whether it could be a craft class for children or older adults, we need assistance to be able to pull programs together and we need ideas of what people would like to see us do.



### Welcome Mr. Eckel

The Saint Joseph Historical Society has received a very special brand-new item for 2019 beyond. Connie Cass, a local artist has painted a painting of Edmond Eckel for the museum to include in an exhibit about the Architect. The image is currently being displayed in the Archeological room with Eckel's naturalization papers and passport.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Robidoux Row and Saint Joseph Historical Society held an unveiling of the painting and discussed its creation and the motivation for the creation. Below are pictures of the unveiling.



Images by Emily Baumann and Saint Joseph News Press

## Santa's Gift

In this month's gazette you will find an envelope for Santa's Gift. If you would like to include a gift for the Saint Joseph Historical Society please send the envelope back with your gift.



Thank you for your support and helping us to continue our effort in preserving Saint Joseph history.



Margaret Sparrow  
 Carol Inman  
 Michael Rabideau  
 Michael O'Connor  
 Andrea McCoy  
 John Wolfe  
 Annette Clayton  
 Susie Evans  
 Calvin and Sandra Smith  
 August and Lela Bachman  
 Leonard and Mary Smith  
 Dan and Jerre Moore  
 Jerry and Jackie Lewin  
 Bill and Roseanne Mytton  
 John and Herbie Wood  
 Cole Woodbury  
 Marina Trifan  
 Cecilia Brunner  
 Iola Arn  
 Susan Wagner  
 Anita Hendrickson  
 Marilyn Drannan  
 John and Karen Foley  
 Harrison and Liss Hartley  
 Richard Landon  
 Connie Dixson  
 Daniel and Christine Jurenka  
 Amanda Walls  
 Albert Robidoux  
 Susan Robideau  
 Robert and Laverne Robideau  
 Kenneth and Katie Stafford  
 Harold Lister  
 Boudreaux's Louisiana Seafood  
 Lisa Rock  
 Mary Baker  
 Bill and Elaine Guenther  
 Lisa Logan  
 John Grimes  
 Stanley Hall  
 David and Sherril Lewis  
 Nancy Nash  
 Steven and Annette Johnson  
 Kelly and Adrian Alvarado  
 Ron Taylor  
 Jean Martin  
 Denise Kiehnhoff  
 Frank Robidou  
 Barb and Steve Parker  
 Franklin and Carmen Ellis  
 Randy and Donna Klein  
 Medeleine Sanders  
 The Cracker House Project  
 Bowers Bros Inc  
 American Angus Association  
 Julia Chambers  
 Jessica Pierce  
 Tracy Anderson

**Lifetime members:**

John and Denise Tapia  
 Dave and Suzy Bradley  
 Marshall and Melanie White  
 Barbara Maxwell  
 Kelly and Ivana Calhoun  
 Debbie Gentry  
 Lynda Franken

Viola Whittington  
 Richard Roberdeaux  
 Patricia Greenich  
 Pam and Gordon Spieckerman  
 Dorothy Frogge  
 Tom and Ginny Rinderknecht  
 Wickie Utley  
 Jerome Goolsby  
 Dolores Kline  
 George and Carol Almanza  
 Diane Waddell  
 Sandra Hamilton  
 Carla Saverino  
 Steven and Jeannie Pitluck  
 Sharon Eggleston  
 Earl Myers  
 Kathy Hill-Bahner  
 Margo Prentiss  
 Mark Culhane Robidoux  
 Jockey Smock  
 CJ and Sue Vetter  
 Donna Boyer  
 Ann Roades  
 Carol and Russell Matt  
 Deborah and Rick Bryan  
 Lloyd Hopper  
 Jack Quinn  
 Judy Dye  
 Henry and Phillis Robidoux  
 William Lauman  
 Fern Rebedeau  
 Brad Cordell  
 Mary McCune  
 Isobel McGowan  
 Tim Stites  
 Frank and Betty Smith  
 Dr and Mrs. Wallace McDonald  
 Joshua and Lindsey Bachman  
 Sandi Baker  
 Brad and Heather McAnally  
 David and Marci George  
 Bill and Sharon Luce  
 Elaine Hughes  
 Patrick and Deirdre Squires  
 Dorothy Smith  
 Kelly Bachman  
 Bob and Susan Fay  
 Shelley Elkins  
 Joan Brugman  
 Josephine Deaton  
 Sharon Kosek  
 Rupp Funeral Home  
 Saint Joseph Public Library  
 Saint Joseph CVB  
 State Historical Society of Missouri  
 Marty and Jo Ann Grey  
 Daniel and Anna Johnson  
 Bridgett DeJong

Anna and Nigh Johnson  
 Alene Tourbier  
 Dave and Bernie Stevenson  
 Rebecca Rotterman  
 Carlos and Carol Moya  
 Sharon Laing  
 Joy Baker

Edward & Rose Mary Hughes  
 David Shepherd  
 Harvey & Karen Robideau  
 Virginia Wickham  
 Francis Peniston  
 Doug and Nan Diedrick  
 Kimberly Schutte  
 Joanna Shaw  
 Sarah Dougherty  
 Bette Tolbert  
 Jim and Elaine Bowers  
 Peggy and Roger Martin  
 Kim Gorman  
 Deann Woodbury  
 Bob Fitzpatrick Jr.  
 Joan Magee  
 Richard and Mignon Deshon  
 J Scott Grier  
 Jim and Suzanne Lehr  
 Jim Root  
 Tom and Janet Hansen  
 Barbara Kelly  
 James and Elaine Spafford  
 Donald and Mary Wilde  
 Bill and Connie Leppert  
 Katherine Stevenson  
 Sharon Laing  
 Rob and Connie Friesen  
 Margi Rabidoux  
 Denise Hoskins  
 John Witt  
 Steve Hofferber  
 Cammie Herrington  
 Paul and Pandora Durbin  
 Doug Dougherty  
 Rosan Bowers  
 Joshua and Caroline Castor  
 Carla Keith  
 Reid and Virginia Woodbury  
 Karl Wellenkoetter  
 John and Brenda Crawford  
 Ann Redmond  
 Lin Werner  
 Michael Depriest  
 Mary Lawhon  
 Terry Oldham  
 Don and Deb Mayer  
 Mary Asbury  
 Linda Rabideau  
 Joan E. Floyd  
 Renee Lawhon  
 Downtown Partnership  
 Kranitz, Sadoun, Carpenter, PC  
 Lake Contrary School Social A/C  
 Dave and Tammy Bennett  
 Hillyards Industries  
 Ted and Karen Hauser  
 Gary and Emily Bauman

Daniel Moser  
 Rebecca Thacker  
 Clyde Weeks  
 Tim Riley  
 Eileen Dyer  
 Stephen and Nancy Wilkes

## Historical Vignettes

Saint Joseph was the launching site for many of the western going pioneers. As such there were many interesting methods of travel used to go west. The following excerpt is from the November 10, 1866 edition of the Atchison Weekly Free Press:

Yesterday morning a party of emigrants passed through and created some excitement, owing to the very novel conveyance made use of. In a 'dog cart' leisurely reclining upon a mattress, were an old woman and a young girl, both enjoying the luxury of a pipe; the old man and his youthful son being hard at work giving the necessary locomotion to the vehicle.

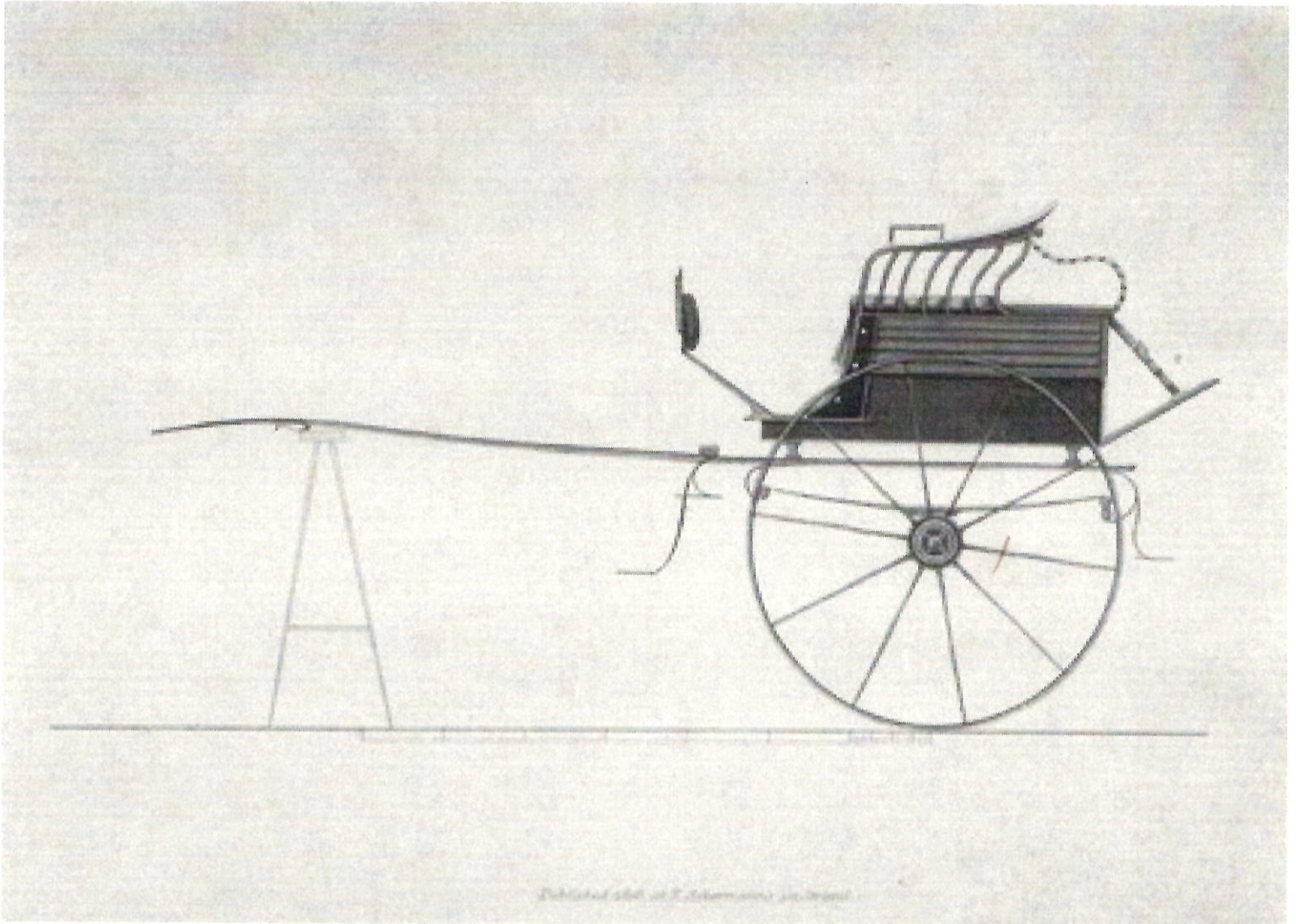


Image of dog cart

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