



Bolduc House Museum

New Madrid Earthquake Bicentennial Exhibit

December 16, 2011—February 7, 2012

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French Colonial Quebec native, entrepreneur, and Ste. Genevieve resident, Louis Bolduc, and the house he built here circa 1792 both out-lived and out-lasted the 1811-1812 catastrophic series of New Madrid earthquakes. So did many of the other French colonial vertical log structures that still stand in historic Ste. Genevieve, Missouri today. Our earthquake bicentennial exhibit features observations and responses to these quakes from the people who lived through them. In addition, our exhibit includes images and responses from two recent earthquakes: the 2010 Haitian earthquake and the 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

Earthquake Etegami by Dosanko Debbie

Etegami (*e*= "picture"; *tegami*= "letter/message") are simple drawings accompanied by a few apt words. They are usually done on postcards so that they can be easily mailed off to one's friends. Though *etegami* has few hard-and-fast rules, traditional tools and materials include writing brushes, *sumi* ink, blocks of water-soluble, mineral-based pigments called *gansai*, and *washi* postcards that have varying degrees of "bleed." They often depict some ordinary item from everyday life, especially items that bring a particular season to mind. 15 of these prints that were inspired by the 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami are on display. 4 x 6 inch postcards of these images are for sale at the Bolduc House Museum Shop. Proceeds from the sale of these images will be used to help Japanese families who were forced to relocate as a result of the tsunami. This display is at the Linden Hall Gallery where there is always FREE admission.

LeMeilleur Hands-On History Room

- Illustrations and observations of New Madrid earthquake phenomena
- Contemporary responses to the New Madrid earthquakes
- Photographs of the damages caused by the 2010 Haitian earthquake by Ken Shirkey

Cost: General Admission to the Museum

Home School Tuesday January 3, 2012

10AM-Noon—Edible Earthquake Demonstration and more
For home-schooled K-5th graders
Cost: \$4.00/participant
(\$10 maximum/family)

Earthquake Sunday January 22, 2012

1:00—"*Aftershocks in the Courtroom: New Madrid Land Claims & the Genealogist*" by Emily Jaycox of the Missouri History Museum Library

2:00- "*The New Madrid Earthquakes in Historical Perspective*" by Dr. Frank Nickell of SEMO's Center for Regional History

3:00—*Hymns Inspired by the New Madrid Earthquakes*—A SING with the St. Louis Shape Note Singers

Suggested Donation: \$10.00 (includes regular admission)

