



BOLDUC HOUSE NOUVELLES

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Celebrating Our Volunteers



Bruce Pendleton, a retired photographer who lives in Fairfax, Vermont, gave three weeks of his time during November to shoot the entire Museum collection. His wife, Georgia, worked alongside

him as did Sam Sampson, our curator. You can see many of the images on our redesigned website. Bruce's career as a still life photographer included illustrating several books. *One Hundred Great Guns* by Merrill Lindsey, for example, required Bruce to travel to many of the museums in Europe to photograph antique arms and armaments. His experience with lighting makes the images he created for our museum uniquely beautiful. His art prints will be on display at our museum galleries during the Fourth Friday Art Walk on March 26, 2010. Saturday, March 27, 2010, Bruce will teach a Master Photography class at the Museum as well. Thank you, Bruce and Georgia Pendleton.

Bo and Beth Caldwell have contributed a combined total of around 40 hours in January 2010 to help us with the serious error suffered by our shop's computer system. The shop could not be up and running in its new Linden House location without their help. Thank you, Bo and Beth Caldwell.

Jane Chouteau Krack created and maintained the museum's website for several years. We are grateful for her expertise and help. She was an invaluable coach as we transferred the domain name to a new server and began the work of redesigning a more interactive presence on the web. Thank you, Jane. Krack.

Bobby Davis, Robert Van Ness, and Scott Kincade have been the volunteers who have painted the Linden House Gallery in time for our debut participation in the Fourth Friday Ste. Genevieve Art Walk. Thank you all.

Our other volunteers whose gifts of time have been tremendous helps during this transformative season include: Whitney Bair of Springfield, Missouri, Chris Rushton of Bethany, Oklahoma, and Jan Mitchell of Florissant, Missouri. Thank you, all, very much.

New Volunteer Orientation on March 3, 2010

If you are 14 years old or older and would like to volunteer at the Bolduc House Museum, please sign up for our new volunteer orientation on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, from 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon. Get a free tour of the museum. Meet the staff and learn about the many different kinds of volunteer opportunities available. Whether you enjoy working with people, digging in the garden, working in the office, the shop, or helping with our archives, we would love to have you spend time with us. To sign up for the March volunteer orientation session, please call Roscella at 573-883-3105 or email: bolduchouse@sbcglobal.net.

Eighteenth Century Quimper Faience Exhibit Now through March 25



The table in the Bolduc House Museum keeping room is kept set for a family meal. Several of the plates and the large serving bowl are pieces of Quimper Faience. Faience refers to a type of glass-glazed hand-painted earthenware. Quimper is the town in northern France where these beautiful pieces have been produced without interruption since the time of the Roman Empire. Usually visitors to the museum are unable to see these pieces under good enough light to really appreciate their

colors and detail. From now through March, though, visitors to the Linden House gallery can view the 18th century pieces in our collection on display in our brand new lighted glass cabinet. We included some examples of more modern Quimper Faience in the display as well. And, we carry a large selection of Quimper Faience in our museum shop. (Photograph above by Bruce Pendleton)

Know What's Happening at the Museum

2010 marks the start of a lot more things to do each week at the Bolduc House Museum. For the first time, we did not close the Bolduc House or the period room in the LeMeilleur House for the winter. Since there is no heat in the Bolduc House, however, we are giving "Cold Tours" that are a bit shorter than the average tour for a donation. The Bed & Breakfasts have been sending a regular stream of guests to visit the museum in spite of the chill. Beginning with the March 27th Spring into Ste. Genevieve weekend, we will be fully staffed and open for visitors to explore the museum, the galleries, gardens, and shop at their leisure. This winter we have weekly events at the museum on Friday evenings—we're calling them Vendredis (*vendredi* is French for Friday). Children's bedtime stories happen each first Friday of the month and the kids can come in their pajamas. The fourth Friday of the month is the Ste. Genevieve Art Walk. For our debut participation, January 22, we have art quilts made by local quilters on display at the Linden House Gallery and antique quilts collected by people in Ste. Genevieve on display in the LeMeilleur Gallery. Friday, February 12th, is when Roscella will facilitate a make and candle-wick a fabric Valentine. Anyone who is at least 8 years old can register for this class. Friday, February 19th, will be the first of many Sam's Show & Tell. Our curator, Sam Sampson, will present information and the opportunity to get close looks at the textiles in our collection. We've planned a French Colonial Missouri History Class for home schooled high school students that will begin February 2 and continue for twelve weeks on Tuesday afternoons. We are excited about the Webster University's graduate education course, Museum Goes To School, which will happen during the last week in June featuring our Bolduc House Museum. Lots more is planned and we're excited to keep everyone informed. That's why there is a page on our website called "This Week". Check it out to see what is going on and, please, tell a friend that the Bolduc House is a great place to visit with lots of exciting things to do.

Hands-On History Room Planned

A major priority for this year is to make the Bolduc House Museum more fun for the children who come. So, we're adding a hands-on history room in the LeMeilleur House where the shop used to be located. Children will be able to touch and play with replicas of many of the items in the Bolduc House. Large maps and a timeline will help to set the context for the French Colonial American history of Ste. Genevieve and even grown-ups will learn a lot from the things we make available in the hands-on history room. This will be developed incrementally according to a master plan. If your business or family would like to become one of the Hands-On History Room sponsors with a financial gift of support, please let us know by calling 573-883-3105 or emailing the Museum.