

Friends of Rocheport Newsletter

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State Historical Society President To Address October 15 Meeting

The next Friends of Rocheport General Meeting will be October 15, 2017 at the Rocheport Community Hall. This meeting begins a new format to include a guest speaker in addition to the traditional carry-in dinner and business meeting at the Community Hall. As usual, the dinner will be at 5:00, followed by the speaker at 6:00, and then the business meeting will conclude the evening.

With the construction under way for a new Center for Missouri Studies by the State Historical Society of Missouri (SHSMO), it is an opportunity for our members to hear details of the project. **Bob Priddy**, President of SHSMO, will provide those details. Abigail Anderson, Senior Advancement Officer for SHSMO, also will be attending.

The new center will be a cultural venue at Seventh and Elm in downtown Columbia, an expanded research center, art museum, document retention center, classrooms, and performance venues for visitors to enjoy presentations, films, programs, and special events.

Priddy spent forty years writing the first page of history while he covered Missouri politics and government as the news director of The MissouriNet, a statewide radio network that provides news, sports and other programs to about sixty radio stations. He remains a Contributing Editor, continuing his "Across Our Wide Missouri" program that recounts things that happened on specific dates in Missouri history, covering motorsports for the MissouriNet sports webpage, and continuing commentary with his blog, bobpriddy.net.

He's the author of five books including his latest one about the art of the Missouri Capitol and a separate book about Thomas Hart Benton's capitol mural. He hopes to send his next manuscript to the publishers in a few weeks, a book about the construction of the Capitol and the struggle of Jefferson City to remain the seat of state government.

He and Nancy, live in Jefferson City. They have a grown daughter, Liz, who lives with her husband in Columbia, and their son, Rob, who lives with his wife and two daughters in Longmont Colorado.



Bob Priddy

Chili/Ham & Bean Dinner And Bake Sale – Nov. 11th



The Friends of Rocheport Chili/Ham & Bean Dinner and Bake Sale will be November 11, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Rocheport Fire Station. We will have chili, ham and beans, hot dogs, cornbread, Amish pies, carrot cake, tea and coffee. Adult tickets are \$8.00 and kids 12 and under are \$4.00.

Steve and Lynda Baumgartner have generously donated a country ham for the prize in a raffle for everyone who purchases their ticket prior to the day of the event. You can purchase your advance ticket at the Rocheport Historic Museum from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday through October. You can also contact **Mary Hall** at 573-698-4855 for a ticket. As always, we will need lots of volunteers for this event. If you are able to donate a bake sale item or work at the event, please contact **Mary Hall**.

There are always delicious baked items at our bake sale and we will also have green tomato relish and Friends of Rocheport t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats for sale. This would be a great opportunity to pick up some Christmas gifts or a treats.



MUSEUM NEWS

The final day that the Rocheport Historic Museum will be open this year is Sunday, October 29, 2017. If you haven't made it in to visit yet, there are just a few more weekends for you to do so. The museum is open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who donate their time to work at the museum. In addition to everyone who worked at the museum this year, we would like to thank several people for their work related to the museum – **Mary Hall** coordinated the volunteer workers, **Stockton Mercantile (Diane Dunn)** served as the pick-up and drop-off point for the volunteers and **Albert Taylor** made sure that all maintenance issues at the museum were handled .



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped our organization this year. The success of our organization depends upon all the volunteers that we have and all the support we receive from the community. Thank you !

**Winner of 2017 Friends of Rocheport
T-shirt Photo Contest
Sponsored by Conrad & Dixie Yates**

It's a tie!! The winners of the 2017 Friends of Rocheport T-shirt Photo Contest are **Mike and Caitlin Campbell** with their picture taken at Old Faithful at Yellowstone National Park and **Rosemary Christensen** at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, Israel. Conrad & Dixie are generously going to provide breakfast for four (4) at Yates House for both winning photos.

The Friends of Rocheport would like to thank everyone who sent in photos and **Conrad & Dixie Yates** for sponsoring this contest again this year.



Mike & Caitlin Campbell



Rosemary Christensen

50th Anniversary Celebration

The Friends of Rocheport celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the organization on August 20, 2017. Bluegrass/folk music was performed by a local band, **The Meanwells**, which included FOR board member, **Greg Kinkeade**. **Bill Clark**, another FOR board member emceed the event and **Monett Lite and James Mauser**, contributors to the *Rocheport Memories* book also spoke.

For more pictures from the celebration, visit the Friends of Rocheport Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FriendsofRocheport) or website (www.friendsofrocheport.org).



The Meanwells

Photo by: **Gene Baumann**



Face painter - **Ines Hernandez**

Photo by: **Sherry Moreau**



Monett Lite

Photo by: **Gene Baumann**

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Friends of Rocheport's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is tentatively set for **December 3, 2017**. Of course, we will need to check to see if Santa is free then but we are going to try to get on his schedule for December 3rd.

It's a little early to think about Christmas but this is our last newsletter of the year so we wanted to give you a heads up about this event while we have the opportunity. As always, we will light the Christmas tree on 2nd Street between the Rocheport Christian Church and the Christian Church Annex. We hope to sing Christmas carols at the church after the tree lighting and then move to the Rocheport Community Hall for refreshments and a visit from Santa and, possibly, Mrs. Claus.

In addition to the festivities, we will be collecting donations for the Central Missouri Food Bank at the Community Hall.

Watch for final plans for this event!!! We will have signs up in downtown Rocheport and post information on Facebook, Twitter and our website, www.friendsofrocheport.org once we have confirmed the date and plans.

We hope you will be able to join us!!!



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