

Robidoux Reader

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Rentals are taking off
- President Hans is awesome
- Our volunteers make us great
- FIFA comes to town
- The gardens are growing again thanks to Annie

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FIRST THURSDAYS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Robidoux Row is excited to once again be hosting our First Thursdays Summer Concert Series!! Our kickoff this year will be June 4th featuring the talent of Jason Riley as our headliner. The opening act of that concert will be performed by talented young Jack Wing, who will be playing Joseph Robidoux's 1840's era violin. There couldn't be a more fitting opening concert for this years First Thursdays! But,

that is by no means the only thing going on! Back by popular demand will be River Bluff Brewing to provide libations along with crowd favorite LuckyThai food truck for a scrumptious meal option! One thing to note about June 4th: due to the noise level of St. Joseph Avenue, Jack & Joe's violin will be played in the community space downstairs and seating is limited, so arrive early to hear this

special treat! Looking forward, mark your calendars for First Thursdays #2 on July 2nd when we host the fan favorite Jennifer George and her wonderful music! As always, First Thursdays will begin at 5:30pm and run until around 7:30pm. These concerts are free and we encourage you to tell your friends and family about this fun musical time for all!



ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOARD

The board of the St. Joseph Historical Society & Robidoux Row Museum has been hard at work these past few months!

The board members have been cleaning floors, dusting shelves, taking a day to run the museum, and take care of rentals.

We the board are a working board doing all we can to continue, enhance, and solidify the Row as well as promote its historical significance to not just St. Joseph, but the west as a whole. As you know, without the Row, St. Joseph is not

what it is, and that my friends, is something worth celebrating.

We hope you continue to support the Row and help us preserve the one that started it all.

RONNIE'S RENTALS

Since taking on the booking of rentals late last year, 2026 board member Ron Campbell has made the Robidoux Row rental space the happening place for rentals!

We have gotten many calls about renting the Row for all kinds of events and Ron has booked almost all of those calls.

In fact, we have practically every weekend in May

booked with a rental of some kind of event!

So, if you are looking for a space to host something or know someone who is, look no further than historic Robidoux Row!

To book the Row, just call us at 816-232-5861 and book the best space in town (yes, I am biased) today.

Remember, dates are first come first served.



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NEW ROW WEBSITE

First off, our site address is still the same! However, if you go to that address you will notice a different look and feel.

At the end of the last year we began the process of updating our website to better align with newer website guidelines and laws. We have been truly lucky to find and work with BuiltByViv.

Marsha, BuiltByViv's onboarding specialist, has been wonderful during this process. She has made the road much easier and we truly appreciate her help and guidance alongside their design team!

As with any website, it is a living, breathing entity, so, we are excited to have BuiltByViv along for this journey as they

support us and help us further the Row and its history through the world wide web.

If you haven't seen our new website yet, browse on over to robidouxrowmuseum.net and see for yourself the new online threads for the oldest spot in St. Joseph!

FIFA LA FRANCE!

As most have heard, the FIFA World Cup will host matches in the USA for the first time since 1994, and while we are most definitely happy to see the US Team has made the field again, Robidoux Row is FIFA La France!

We at Robidoux Row are the

French Connection in Northwest Missouri and we intend to continue flying the French flag high!

We wish the Fédération Française de Football (or Les Bleus) a great run. As they say, Vers la Victoire!



Kylian Mbappe, FFF Captain

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we approach the FIFA World Cup, I want to ask all museum goers to consider revisiting your local favorites. It's difficult to market our community's historical gems when civic traffic is thin. Tourists are excited about visiting St. Joseph and the surrounding areas, but there's nothing more inviting than a series of smiling faces already enjoying what tourists have traveled a distance to experience.

And if the anticipation regarding the World Cup weren't enough, this summer will be our third season offering monthly entertainment in our patio garden area. First Thursdays have become incredibly popular over the last few years, and we are continuing to slate amazing musicians for your listening pleasure. Coupled with support from River Bluff Brewing and the Lucky Thai food truck, we

intend on making this year's events the best yet. Watch our website and Facebook presence for dates, times, and talents.

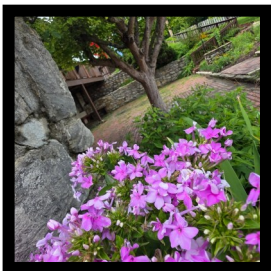
There's so much more ahead regarding Robidoux Row, but I do suggest you peruse our revamped website. In an increasingly digital world, an online presence is necessary for a museum's success, and our board has been dedicated to making ourselves accessible in this fashion. It's just one of many ways our current Board of Directors is leading the St. Joseph Historical Society and Robidoux Row into the future.

We hope to see you at the Row!

Hans P. Bremer, Board President



ANNIE'S GARDEN GROWS



Spring is in the air in Northwest Missouri and our garden is set to come back alive.

Annie has been working like a fiend recently, weeding, planting, and cultivating. A new witch hazel shrub has been added, a plant known by Native Americans for its medicinal qualities. Other plants have been nurtured to attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Coneflowers, bee balm, spider wort, cosmos and columbine surround the Row with color and pollinators. And let's not forget the milkweed that feeds the

colorful larva of the monarch. Did you know that if you send a self addressed, stamped envelope to the Live Monarch Foundation, they will send you free seeds to add to your garden and nourish the caterpillar? The plants bloom at various times to showcase their charms to creatures and humans alike. Come sit in the gardens for a spell to restore your sense of nature.

A HIGH PROFILE VOLUNTEER

Robidoux Row has had many hands touch it the last couple of years, and as you know, many hands make light work. But, when one of those pairs of hands is an elected official, that makes it interesting.

Peggy Campbell, the Collector of Revenue for Buchanan County, has taken on a unique “Jane of All Trades” type of role with the Row. Peggy has been seen staining fence posts, cleaning and shining furniture, helping wipe down floors, cleaning the water fountain, and even helping with trash takeouts and rentals.

The Row would be much worse for the wear without all of our volunteers and we would like to thank Peggy for her time spent so far.

When we have not only the board, but a strong core of volunteers, we can do anything together.



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