



Historic Florissant, Inc. Protecting, Preserving and Maintaining the Rich History of Florissant

Dear Gittemeier Friends and Family,

Thank you for supporting Historic Florissant, Inc.! We are proud of our accomplishments and anxious to continue our work by protecting our local historic landmarks, preserving Florissant archival records and documents and restoring the beautiful Gittemeier House which will be celebrating its 160th anniversary! Our history makes our community unique and a place young as well as established families flourish.

You share our conviction that Florissant derives identity, pride and hope from our shared heritage. We hope that this conviction moves you to participate in this annual appeal. Donations ensure an investment in the future of preservation advocacy, preservation of archives, and future restoration efforts.

Our 2019 achievements testify to the important role Historic Florissant, Inc, plays in the Florissant community.

- Assisted multiple local families with research and genealogy and photos
- Digitized documents and photographs
- Refiled documents in acid free archival sleeves, envelopes and files
- Provided photographs for business displays
- Advocated for endangered properties and reinstatement of County Historian
- Restored all rooms in the Gittemeier House
- Painted exterior of Gittemeier House
- Repaired windows, shutters, doors and trim of Gittemeier House
- Rebuilt hatch and repaired parking lot (Steve and Peggy Gettemeier)
- Trimmed trees
- Held fundraising events including two Annual Holiday Tours, House and Garden Tour, Annual Benefit Dinner, paranormal events, three ghost tours, garage sale, Rosemary Davison Day
- Sponsored Coffee Talks with Edith and Chester Tesson, Norma Farrar, Marvin Overy, Tucker Kohnen, and Laura Moellering
- Participated in Fall Festival, Florissant Wednesday Nights Out, Main Street Missouri Activities, Valley of the Flowers Activities
- Completed tax exempt process with the Board of Equalization
- Applied for NEH Grant and received American Family Non-Profit Grant and Brownlee Grant
- Updated website, social media and marketing, increased Facebook followers
- Participated in Historic St. Louis Meetings, St. Louis Landmarks Meetings, City Council Meetings, Old Town Partner Meetings, Regional Historical Society Meetings
- Received multiple furniture donations and monetary donations
- Provided historic presentations including History Expo at the St. Louis Public Library
- Presented Zimmerman Awards to home owners
- Attended grant professional development sessions
- Launched Capital Improvement Campaign – Virtual Brick Wall
- Hosted tours for Girl Scouts, Meet Up St. Louis, Ladies Group, DAR, Historic Saint Louis
- Featured in St. Louis Post Dispatch
- Attended FVHS Luncheon and the Shrine's Happy Hour
- Redesigned the Green Line Tour

In light of true transparency, Historic Florissant's expenses include:

Monthly Expenses:

One – Time Purchases:



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House Insurance and Liability	\$210	Exterior Painting and Repairs	\$11,715
Flo. Valley Quarterly	\$48	House Furnishings	\$1257
Lawn/Yard Maintenance	\$100	Book Purchases	\$180
SimpliSafe Security	\$15	Electronic Equipment	\$218
WebDesign/Maintenance	\$60		
Ameren	\$137		
Spire	\$197		
MSD	\$36		
MO American Water	\$13		
Monthly Total	\$816		

2020 Needs Include:

Roofing	\$30,000
Tuck-pointing	\$10,000
One Office Printer	
Two Office Scanners	
Archival Supplies	

Annual Costs:

City of Florissant Sign Fee	\$40
State of MO Business Fee	\$20
Old Town Partners	\$50
Historic STL	\$50
STL Genealogical Society	\$40
MO Preservationist	\$45
Regional Historical Society	\$20
Office Expenses	\$258
Annual Total	\$523

A second Gittemeier Family reunion is being planned for fall of 2020 to correspond with the 160th anniversary of the Gittemeier house. Details will follow. Watch on Facebook, the Florissant Quarterly, or US mail for details.

Currently we are conducting a capital improvement campaign entitled, "Restoring the Gittemeier House", by selling bricks for our Historic Florissant virtual wall. The virtual wall is dedicated to honoring and remembering all those who love the city of Florissant and its heritage. It is displayed on Facebook and on our website www.historicflorissant.com. Once our campaign goal is reached, a grant for matching funds will be submitted. Our goal for "Restoring the Gittemeier House" campaign is \$25,000.00. Monies raised from the Historic Florissant virtual wall will be used for the much-needed restoration and upkeep of the house. Here's how you can support this campaign:

- Sponsor a virtual brick of \$25 or more in your name or a name of your choice
- Sponsor a virtual brick of \$100 or more in your business' name
- Send a donation by phone or mail.

We have made donating easy! To use your credit or debit card simply call 314-565-1468. To pay by mail simply send a check or money order to:

Historic Florissant, Inc.
1067 Dunn Rd.
Florissant, MO 63031

Please know that every donation is meaningful and a gift for which we are truly grateful. On behalf of Historic Florissant's Board, all of our volunteers and those who appreciate our local heritage, thank you for your continued support. We cannot do our work without you!

Sincerely,
Gina Siebe
President Historic Florissant, Inc