“Saving Historic Schools in Missouri”

Missouri Historic Schools Alliance

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Overview of our presentation

• Background on Missouri Historic Schools Alliance
• Case studies on the restoration of three different historic schools
• Information on how you can get involved

Form is your opportunity to respond:

• Ask for more information/questions
• A prompt for action 3 months from now
• Will be sent information on legislation
Timeline of interest

- Began school research in 1997
- National group formed in 1999
- Book on one-room schools in 2000
- By the middle of the decade interest in Missouri and nationwide had exploded
- Media coverage growing: cover story in two national magazines this month
Missouri Historic Schools Alliance

- Founded in 2010
- Mission: to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the one-room school experience in Missouri
- See our website for five key ways in which we believe that can be done and how it will benefit heritage tourism.

http://extension.missouri.edu/greene
Missouri Historic Schools Alliance

- Host school related events
- Event assistance and communication
- National conference benefits
- Raising the level of interest in subject
- Statewide directory being developed
- Quarterly newsletter for members
- Quarterly public educational phone conferences
Mt. Pleasant School, Ozark, Mo.
North Star School, Strafford, Mo.
Flint Hill School, Willard, Mo.
Kelly Chapel School, Rogersville, Mo.
Wooley Creek School near Cape Fair
Rocky Point School near Marshfield
Sycamore School, Lawrence County
Old Dry Valley near Mt. Vernon
Chapman School at Jolly Mill (Pierce City)
Newcomer School in Columbia
Enterprise in Saddlebrook
CASE STUDIES

- Different examples of historic school preservation
- Represent three different methods and you will hear equally from all three of these today
  - Cave Springs School (Sarcoxie, Mo)
  - Mt. Gilead School (Kearney, Mo.)
  - Alice School (Houston, Mo)
HISTORIC CAVE SPRINGS
SCHOOL
1838 - 1966
Civil War Union Militia Hdqs.
Jasper County Courthouse
1865 - 1866
RESTORED 2007
CAVE SPRING SCHOOL
1838 - 1966

THIS SCHOOL WAS USED FOR 128 YEARS
AS A SCHOOL, CHURCH, AND AS A COURT
HOUSE DURING THE CIVIL WAR WHEN
CARTHAGE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND.

BRICKS AND LAND DONATED BY
WILLIAM & ELIZA (POTTS) DUNCAN

PRESENTED BY
RHODA FAIRCHILD CHAPTER
NSDAR
The school was moved to pour a new foundation
Field Trips
MAX.
1804.
LEWIS
Aoo.
CLARK

Clark Graham
Recess & Games in the school yard
Historic Mt. Gilead School

Mt. Gilead School located just west of Kearney, Missouri, operated for over 100 years until it closed its doors in 1945. The present two story school was built in 1879. Historians believe that Mt. Gilead was the only school in the area to continuously hold classes during the Civil War.

One-Room School Program

Clay County Historic Sites offers a unique field trip opportunity to experience history in a one-room school. A teacher in period costume instructs the class in late 1800's style with McGuffey readers. Pupils practice penmanship and perform arithmetic problems using slates. The four-hour program accommodates up to 30 students and complements required school curriculum. This popular field trip requires advance reservations. Contact Clay County Historic Sites at (660) 738-9600 to schedule your group.

Mt. Gilead School
from Official Photos of Clay County, Missouri on Efd.
Historic Mt. Gilead School

Historical Note: Located in Kansas City, Kansas, Historic Mt. Gilead School was established in 1872. It served as a Consolidation school until 1958, and is now part of the National Register of Historic Places.

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On Tuesday, June 12th, the National Archives at Kansas City opened a new exhibit, "School House to White House: The Education of the Presidents." Sounds like an interesting exhibit, definitely worth a visit.

School House to White House

University of Missouri
Other recent restoration examples

- Liberty School (Springfield, Mo)
- Bethel School (McDonald County)
- Mt. Sterling (Gasconade County)
- Greenwood School (Webster County)
- Banneker African-American School (Parkville, Mo.)
Mt. Sterling in Gasconade County
Greenwood School in Webster County
Liberty School in Springfield, Mo.
Bannaker School in Parkville
New Bethel in McDonald County
How to get involved

– Become a member of MHSA
– Host regional events
– Sponsor a quarterly affinity phone conference
– Help get legislation passed in Missouri like Iowa
– Submit information to our quarterly newsletter
– Host a regional oral history event
– Use MHSA fundraising and event publicity assistance
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