



Historic Murphysburg Preservation invites you to **BECOME A NEW or RENEWED MEMBER**. You may not realize the significance of your membership and donations, but combined with all the other memberships, it is the most dependable source of funding. Member's generosity allows HMP to make substantial progress in the historic district.

End of Year 2017 Accomplishments

OCTOBER - Tied **pink & purple** ribbons on parkway trees for **breast cancer awareness & domestic violence awareness** month – partnered with Freeman Hospital & Lafayette House.

NOVEMBER - Designed a **Murphysburg themed Christmas window** at Joplin City Hall. **Annual Membership meeting** was held at the Unity Church with guest speaker J.D. Colbert on the 100-year-old murder cold case of Sam Adams at the Schifferdecker Caretaker House (aka John Johnson House).

DECEMBER 8th - **Bourbon Tasting** at Scottish Rite Cathedral. **Bus Tour** of Haun's & Hogan's House for the CVB. **DECEMBER 9th** - **Home for the Holidays...in Murphysburg**. Thanks to the **Hauns, Mosleys, Greenwoods, Hogans, Crawford, Walters, and Stephenson**s for generously opening their superbly decorated homes to approximately 600 ticket holders! Funded in part with a Convention & Visitors Bureau grant.

Year 2018 Accomplishments

JANUARY - HMP was represented at community input meetings hosted by Downtown Joplin Alliance.

MARCH - **Women's History Month** on HMP's website and several articles in the *Joplin Globe* newspaper.

APRIL - Promoted the Red Cross/Joplin Fire Department **smoke detector** installation campaign in Murphysburg. HMP was represented at the **Missouri Route 66** monthly meeting held in Joplin and at the relighting ceremony of the restored Wilder's Steak House neon sign. HMP was also represented at Connect2Culture's arts appreciation reception.

MAY - Staffed a booth at **Third Thursday** in celebration of **Historic Preservation Month**. HMP was the City of Joplin's registrar for the Bob Yapp **window restoration workshop**. Collaborators were Joplin Historical Neighborhoods, Inc., Joplin Historic Preservation Commission, and Downtown Joplin Alliance.

JUNE - Installed temporary Route 66 flags and City of Joplin flags along with HMP banners on Second Street near Moffet Avenue to welcome the **Bikes Across Missouri** riders.



JULY - Partnered with Shackles Production on **Joplin History Murder Mystery** at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

AUGUST - HMP was represented at **Joplin's Arts & Culture Preview**.



OCTOBER - Purple Ribbons on Sergeant & Moffet parkway trees for **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**.

Started the process to create a **HMP scholarship** for the *National History Day* competition for a North Middle School student.

Hosted the **annual membership meeting** at the restored Hulbert 200 Block Commons buildings with a presentation by owners and contractors Carolina and Jeff Neal.



Kay Ellis | Emily Ellis | Kavan Stull | Bill Bader

NOVEMBER - HMP depicted the 2005 foreign language film *Joyeux Noel* for the **Joplin City Hall window display** theme of *Winter Holiday in Cinema*. The movie is about the 1914 World War I Christmas Eve Truce. Special thanks to **Kay Ellis** and **Emily Ellis** (aka the Ellis Sisters) for their historic re-enactments during the ceremonies, and **Kavan Stull** and **Bill Bader** for their re-enactments, expertise, plus the loan of their WWI artifacts for the display. Funded in part by the Joplin CVB. [Everyone is encouraged to view the windows until January 2, 2019.](#)

Veterans of Murphysburg History Project... Patriots Who Served

HMP will document what was happening during times of war in what is now the Historic Murphysburg District. Click on the **Event Tab** at www.murphysburg.org to view four stories released weekly leading up to December 26, 2018.

- **David Tandy** --- Why was he awarded land in consideration of **military service** in what is now Joplin and the current Murphysburg Historic District in early settlement years?
- **Mr. Charles Schifferdecker's** connection to the **Spanish-American War**.
- **Mr. Lee Taylor**, the **American Civil War**, the **United Confederate Veterans** (the South), and the **Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.)** (veterans of the Union/North) before Joplin received its charter.
- The Tale of Joplin's Two **United Service Organizations** (the USO) during **World War II**.

ONGOING

- Manage Pinterest, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook accounts, plus Mail Chimp email blasts.
- Manage communications (inquiries about houses for sale, etc.) on HMP's web site.
- Continue HMP's liability insurance coverage for special events
- Manage HMP's inventory at Empire Market storage locker.
- Continue historical research using Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, etc.
- Resolve the dialog with Empire District/Liberty Utilities to meet their **new utility pole specifications** for a safe and secure display for banners, holiday wreaths, and flags.

*Check out the lead story in the **Show Me the Ozarks** magazine!
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