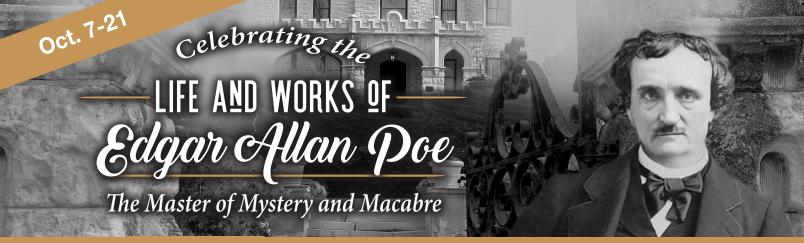


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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SIDNEY GNANN



We have had a busy and very exciting summer at the Castle! Somehow the "lazy days of summer" always get so jam-packed with fun that they fly by. It seems like only yesterday we were watching first blooms in the pollinator garden and celebrating securing the first band for Castlepalooza.

At this writing, I watch as the final assembly of the front stair project takes place and we welcome the arrival of a new friend and neighbor in the Carriage House. I could start to feel a little sad for the passing of the long days and summer travel, but that immediately gives way to excitement for what comes in the fall.

In this newsletter you'll find our fresh take on classic offerings. I'm excited to share our theme for this year's Art and Literary Festival

and the best way we could think of to improve upon the Masquerade. The Historic Home Tour and Boutique promises to again invite you to meet new neighbors while seeing other amazing local homes and load up on the best offerings from local vendors.

While all of the fun of programs and parties takes place, behind the scenes our board and staff will be working on a new strategic plan to set the Castle course for the coming years. We'll also be working hard to understand and fulfill the needs of this grand old place. The work isn't always easy but the reward of preserving this legacy for current and future generations is well worth it. I invite you to join in the effort and the excitement. With your help and dedication, the Castle community will endure for generations to come.

A MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT, JOHN DECHANT

If you've visited Joslyn Castle at some point this summer, it's likely you've seen increased foot traffic on the grounds. Thanks to the additional tours the staff established, more people are now being exposed to the Castle than ever before. They're coming from all over—adjoining counties, faraway states, and other cities. And sometimes they're coming from right down the street, proving that it's never too late to introduce an Omahan to our beloved midtown jewel. In the words of one Omaha couple who I encountered at the Castle this summer, "Wow—this place is really, really special."

This fall, the board of directors plans to take an important step forward by undertaking some much-needed strategic planning. I'm hopeful this will establish a clear focus for both the short-term and long-term goals of the Castle.

The remainder of the year also promises to delight by featuring strong programming, particularly in October, which includes the Art and Literary Festival and the second year of Masquerade at the Castle. And in November, the popular Historic Home Tour and Boutique returns. Everyone on staff puts their heart and soul into crafting compelling programming, and this fall promises to be no different.



Speaking of staff, if you're on the grounds during these last few days of summer, be sure to stop in and say hello. They enjoy visitors, and it's a great way to stay current on all things Joslyn.

A MESSAGE FROM GUILD PRESIDENT, JEANIE OWEN



As fall approaches, the dedicated Castle Guild members can look back over the past months with a sense of accomplishment. The annual Castle Guild luncheon held June 21 was a great success, a perfect time to enjoy the beautiful grounds of the Castle. Despite some sprinkles of rain, guests saw Nebraska's largest English Oak tree and the location of the Joslyns' pools and ponds. They were able to view the bridge in the

same place a bridge originally existed separating the Joslyns' ponds. Surrounding the bridge are pavers honoring the Charter Members of the Castle Guild. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Visitors also enjoyed seeing the work the Guild has sponsored inside the Castle: refurbishing the bathrooms on second and third floor, refinishing the wood floors on the second floor, and the painting and placement of new sconces and chandelier in Sarah's bedroom. Ceilings have been patched and re-painted, and windows damaged by sun and water continue to be refinished. These improvements help preserve the Castle and make it more attractive for visitors and patrons.

After the success of last year's dates for the Historic Home Tour and Boutique, a decision has been made to keep the event in November. This year's dates begin Friday November 9 with a preview and patron party. The home tours will open to the public November 10 and 11, and the Castle will once again host vendors from around the country to sell their wares to shoppers. This is our largest fund-raiser, and an event not to be missed! Please read the article in this month's Castle Watch to find out more about this fun event!

The Castle Guild thanks you for your interest and enthusiasm in our events! We hope you will enjoy seeing the improvements being made to Omaha's treasure, our own Joslyn Castle.

Until next time, hope to see you at the Castle!

KEYHOLDER OPEN HOUSE

The Joslyn Castle hosted a free mixer for our Keyholders and their guests in August. The open house was an opportunity to share firsthand our recent restoration projects and upcoming programming with our dedicated member base.

Keyholders and their guests enjoyed live music from the Burt Street Individuals, light fare, and free tours from Joslyn Castle docents. For the Joslyn Castle staff and board, it was a chance to thank our members face-to-face for their continued commitment to the preservation of the Joslyns' home and legacies.

In addition to appreciation events, Joslyn Castle Keyholders enjoy early registration access to sold-out events, discounts on programming and gift shop items, and free public tours. Become a Keyholder by visiting www.joslyncastle.com or by sending in the form on the back of the Castle Watch.







A VISITOR FROM NEW ZEALAND

We received a phone call from a New Zealander earlier in the year. Warren Couper, who "collects" castles stated he would be in Nebraska in August and wondered if he could stop by for a tour. He came to visit August 9 and was thrilled with the Castle and even asked for copies of the blueprints. This demonstrates again how far Joslyn Castle's outreach has been. We were so pleased to receive him as well as the other international visitors we so frequently welcome.

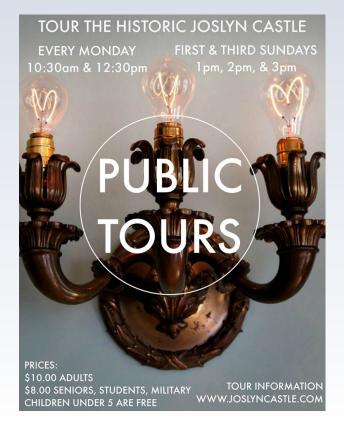
TOUR UPDATE

It's been a busy year at the Joslyn Castle thus far. We have welcomed over 2,300 guests into George and Sarah's home for public, school, and group tours. Visitors have traveled from 38 states and 11 countries spanning 4 continents. Monday Funday tours continue to be a successful addition to our public tour schedule as we have seen record high attendance this summer. The Castle has undergone several renovations in recent months and they are a must-see! Attend a public tour to view the newly-restored Joslyn Castle.









BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT

The Castle has been abuzz with restoration this summer! So many improvements are in the works that the interior is sparkling with enhancements to the many original beautiful rooms. Here are just a few of the activities:

Sarah Joslyn's bedroom has new paint, new sconces, stenciling, and a new chandelier. Our thanks to Debbie Nelson for a beautiful paint job and the Guild for lovely lighting. The Guild also provided new lights in Sarah's boudoir. The linen closet on the second floor also has new paint, new cabinet work, and lights.

Mark Williamsen of the Woodmark Group has continued to restore woodwork in a number of areas: the trim around windows on the first floor men's room and the gold room, the wood trim at the top of the stairs in the library before entering the music room; he repaired and restored a small desk in the library, and finished repairing the dining room table.

Perhaps one of the most impressive improvements are the second level floors by H&H Floors. They received a much-needed facelift thanks again to our Castle Guild! The badly damaged and worn floors were sanded down and varnished. Now they're shining like brand new! Make sure to check them out next time you're inside the Castle.

As far as the outdoors are concerned, you can't miss the repair and restoration of the stairs south of the circle in front of the Castle as well as the front steps, which has been carried out by McGill Restoration. It turned out to be a huge project, and we are so happy to have those stairs made whole again. The Castle owes its thanks to the Sherwood Foundation and Douglas County for their assistance in funding these improvements.

Of course, our grounds are as lovely as ever for the summer and we have our dedicated volunteers to thank for it—Sharon McGill, Ron Crampton, Diane Harder, Jennifer Duncan, Mark Covert, Pamela Sears, and others.

If you haven't stopped by lately you will be very impressed with the improvements—come see our summer finery including our pollinators, which will turn to fall colors soon.







CASTLE OFFICES AND NEW TENANT

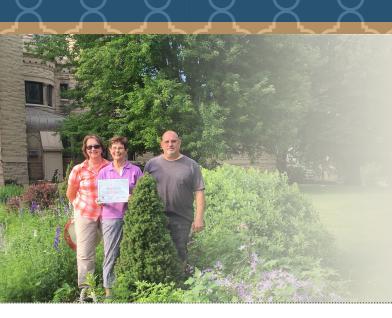
The Castle Offices have moved! Many of you will recall that our offices were housed in the Greenhouse a few years ago. When our tenant moved out of the second floor of the Carriage House, we decided to move there and possibly lease the Greenhouse to another entity. While that did happen, we decided we would be more accessible back in the Greenhouse. Trevor King, our Director

of Buildings and Grounds and his assistant, Martin Digiacomo, refurbished and improved the new offices and we are now happily back there with our beautiful views of the gardens.

And the best news is that we have indeed found a wonderful new tenant for the Carriage House second floor.



Holland Children's Institute and Holland Children's Movement were founded in 2013 by Richard D. Holland. Our vision is for Nebraska to become the national beacon in economic security and opportunity for all children and families. The affiliated organizations are nonpartisan nonprofit organizations. The Institute is a 501(c)(3) organization that works to lift the facts through research, public education, and outreach. The Movement is a 501(c)(4) organization that works to change the landscape of public policy in Nebraska. Learn more about us by visiting our websites: www.hollandinstitute.org and www.hollandmovement.org



POLLINATOR HABITAT AT JOSLYN CASTLE

We are proud to have earned the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Certified Nebraska Pollinator Habitat distinction for our efforts to evolve our traditional garden beds into pollinator habitats! To achieve this certification, our gardeners met the strict standards set by the Nebraska Extension Master Gardeners of providing food, shelter, water, and nesting areas for local species, while eliminating harmful pesticides.

Pictured are key members of our gardening team who made it all happen including Diane Harder, Sharon McGill, and Martin DiGiacomo.

Make sure to come down to the Castle and experience these gardens coming to life while you still can!

MEET OUR DOCENT, ELIZABETH SCHMIDT



Elizabeth Schmidt grew up in Lincoln and went to high school at Lincoln East. She moved to Sioux City, lowa and went to Morningside College for a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a minor in advertising. At Morningside, she met the love of her life, her future husband, Jim. Jim found a job in Omaha after he graduated, so Elizabeth followed him as soon as she graduated.

One day after having lunch at the Blackstone building with her mother they went walking through the neighborhood and discovered the Joslyn Castle. Since she had not started her career yet she phoned and asked if there were any volunteer possibilities and we were happy to have her join us. That was just over seven years ago.

Elizabeth did find her career at Interpublic Group (IPG) in the payroll department. IPG is a holding company for marketing firms, and she processes payroll for agencies in both the US and Canada. While at IPG she also studied and received her Fundamental Payroll Certification through the American Payroll Association.

Elizabeth says, "One thing that I really enjoy about being a docent is seeing the reactions people have as they tour the Castle. Whether it is the look of awe as they walk through the front door, the amazement at the hand-carved woodwork, or the astonishment of seeing innovative touches the Joslyns' had, like the lights that turn on automatically when the door opens. Even though none of these features are new to me, they are new to our guests on many of the tours I give, and I enjoy being part of that experience every time. The Joslyns' have an inspiring 'rags to riches' story, and I hope to leave a legacy the same way that they did, either through my community service or financial assistance, just as they did."

When not working or volunteering at the Castle, she spends time volunteering and socializing at the Tangier Shrine, another non-profit that raises money for medical care for children. She is also an avid gardener, tending to her garden and the rest of her yard, and has a boxer/terrier mix dog who in spite of weighing 60 lbs. still thinks he is a lap dog. She rounds out her life with running and yoga.

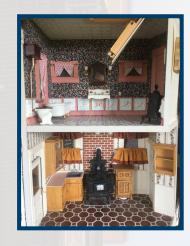
A VICTORIAN DOLLHOUSE



The Joslyn Castle is excited to welcome a new addition to our Violet's World tour stops! Walter Scott, Jr., local philanthropist and friend of the Castle, recently donated a stunning Victorian doll house to the Joslyn Castle Trust.

The doll house features a real brick fireplace, kitchen appliances, functioning lamps, and a tiled kitchen floor – no detail was overlooked in the construction! Each room is fully furnished – down to tiny little forks in the kitchen and a toilet paper roll in the restroom.

The doll house will be utilized to better illustrate what life was like in a Victorian estate for local students touring the Castle. The Violet's World tour is a glimpse into "growing up Joslyn" told through the eyes of the George and Sarah Joslyn's daughter Violet, complete with interactive engagements with Victorian-era household items and a scavenger hunt on the Castle grounds. Thank you Mr. Scott!



WELCOME KEITH HART



We are pleased to announce the addition of Keith Hart to the Joslyn Castle family. Keith has joined the staff as Tour and Membership Coordinator.

Keith is well known around the Omaha arts and cultural scene, having just come from the Blue Barn Theatre where he was the Managing Director. Prior to that he held the position of Business/Grant Manager for The ARTery, now renamed Arts in Motion. Past positions

include Education Coordinator for the Omaha Community Playhouse, Education and Development Director for United Methodist Ministries,

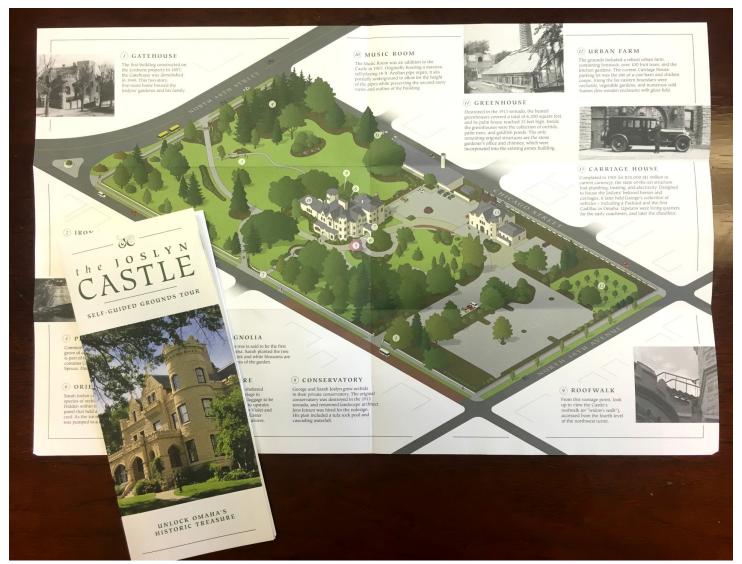
and Arts Coordinator for the Kroc Center. A former public school teacher, Keith holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Northwest Missouri State University and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. He has worked extensively as a freelance scenic designer and music director for various area theatre companies and has taught in the theatre department at Iowa Western Community College. Keith is also the piano accompanist for the River City Mixed Chorus.

We are so fortunate to have someone with his vast experience join us, and we ask that you join in welcoming him.

SELF-GUIDED GROUNDS TOUR

Want to explore the Castle grounds? Explore the estate with this handy guide, designed by Oxide Design Co. and provided by Douglas County Nebraska grant funds. Guides are available at the Joslyn Castle administrative offices located in the greenhouse building behind the Castle.







On June 2nd, over 1,000 neighbors joined us on the Castle grounds for a celebration "115 years in the making." Castlepalooza was a neighborhood festival celebrating where we've been and where we're looking to go!

Festival-goers noshed on food from the Dundee Dell, HyChi, and Kona Ice, browsed the vendor market, and enjoyed live grassroots music from local bands Colin Roberts, Clarence Tilton and Travelling Mercies. There was something for even the littlest members of the family including face painting, games, and live critters from the Papio Missouri NRD.

Thank you to our volunteers who contributed their time and talents, as well as our event sponsors Kutak Rock, Security National Bank, HDR, and Mutual of Omaha for ensuring Castlepalooza's success.

See you next year!

















KIEWIT KIDS AND EXPLORATION AT THE JOSLYN CASTLE



Girls Inc. of Omaha gives "A Day at the Castle" a 10 out of 10!

The Joslyn Castle was proud to host another summer of "A Day at the Castle" in partnership with the Peter Kiewit Summer Fun Program, Kiewit Kids. Students were taken back in time and experienced what life was like for children growing up in the early 1900s. This fun-filled day consisted of a docent-led tour of the first and second floors of the Castle, an "Exploring the Discovery Trunk" activity, and a scavenger hunt around the gardens of the 5.7 acre estate.

The Castle welcomed eight different summer programs throughout June and July including: Completely Kids, Marrs Middle School, Girls, Inc. of Omaha -

Katherine Fletcher Center, Westside Boys and Girls Club, Henry Doorly Zoo - Castelar Elementary School, Completely Kids Highland Elementary, Spring Lake Boys & Girls Club, NorthStar Foundation, and Henry Doorly Zoo - Bancroft Elementary School. In total, 269 Omaha students ranging from 1st to 7th grade visited the Castle.

This program is one of the most popular in our outreach to the community, and we are so appreciative of the partnership with Peter Kiewit in bringing this to Omaha students. The Joslyn Castle looks forward to hosting more Kiewit Kids in summer 2019!

SUMMER FUN SERIES

This June, the grounds of the Joslyn Castle were transformed into a classroom for our inaugural Summer Fun Series. Each Wednesday evening, we welcomed local experts from partner organizations to educate nature-lovers of all ages on Bats, Bees, Birds, and Bugs. This free event was in honor of George and Sarah Joslyn's passion for environmentalism and education. We'll see you next summer!























CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2018

October 2 TedXOmaha Community

Conversations: Placemaking

with Sidney Gnann

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

FREE Admission

October 6 Joslyn Castle Unlocked

Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.

October 7-21 2018 Art and Literary

Festival: The Life and Works

of Edgar Allan Poe
Daily programming.

October 8-11 Joslyn Castle Excursion:

Upper Hudson and Berkshire Mountains

Daily excursions.

October 26 and 27 Masguerade at the Castle

7 p.m.-11 p.m.

November 2018

November 9 Holiday Patron Party

and Boutique

5 p.m.-8 p.m.

November 10-11 Historic Home Tour

and Boutique

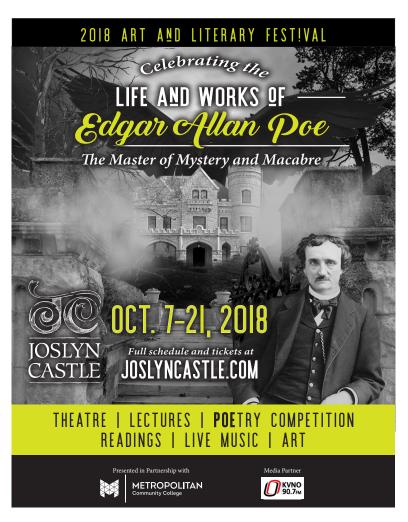
10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday

December 2018

December 8 Joslyn Castle Unlocked

Doors open at 5 p.m.,

dinner at 6 p.m.



ART AND LITERARY FESTIVAL

The Joslyn Castle, in partnership with Metropolitan Community College, is excited to announce the 2018 Art and Literary Festival: The Life and works of Edgar Allan Poe.

The Festival runs from Sunday, October 7th through Sunday, October 21st and will feature theatre, lectures, a juried POEtry competition, and artwork. In addition, our media partner KVNO will bring their Classical Kids performance to the Music Room on Sunday, October 14th.

There's no business like Poe business! Five of Edgar Allan Poe's stories and four of his poems will be performed in different rooms throughout the Castle in MCC's prodution of "Tales of Poe." The dramatizations will include The Tell-Tale Heart, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Cask of Amontillado, The Masque of the Red Death, and The Imp of the Perverse, as well as the poems Annabel Lee, The Spirits of the Dead, and The Raven. The audience, in small groups, will move from room to room.

The scheduled dates are Tuesday, October 9 through Saturday, October 20th. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. A reception will be held following each performance.

Prior to the Thursday performances at 6:30 p.m., a lecture on Poe's creative process and his essay, The Philosophy of Composition, will be given.

Reservations are required and can be made at: www.joslyncastle.com. Stand-by seating may be available. Admission is \$25 for the general public, \$22.50 for Joslyn Castle Keyholders and \$15 for Metro Community College Students (must present valid Student ID).



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Janicek Home 40th and Chicago



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HISTORIC HOME TOUR AND BOUTIQUE

Gather with family and friends to visit Omaha's beautiful historical buildings, shop in the warmth and beauty of the treasured Joslyn Castle, and be our guest as we host our Historic Home Tour & Boutique on Friday, November 9th, through Sunday, November 11th. This event is quite a showcase for the Castle and its mission in Omaha, not only drawing new faces to the Castle itself, but promoting the preservation of other historic homes.

A Patron Party with preferential shopping at the Boutique will take place on Friday, November 9th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Joslyn Castle. This evening kicks off the weekend festivities. Guests enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and shopping in the fabulous gift boutique located inside the Castle. Your reservation to the patron party also

gives you a ticket to the Joslyn Castle Historic Home Tour & Boutique on Saturday and Sunday. Admission to the Patron Party is \$75.00.

The Historic Home Tour and Boutique will run from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 10th and 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 11th. In addition to the Castle, the tour features four historic properties in the Joslyn Castle Neighborhood: the Fogarty home, two Janicek homes, and St. Barnabas Catholic Parish. Admission to the Historic Home Tour and Boutique is \$20.00.

This event brings together people who love historic properties and helps reinforce the value and beauty that they bring to our community!

Tickets available on www.joslyncastle.com.

MASQUERADE AT THE CASTLE

The Joslyn Castle's sell-out October event is back! Our inaugural Masquerade was the talk of the town and we can't wait to open our doors for the 2018 Masquerades at the Castle. That's right, back by popular demand and doubled! You have two opportunities to experience a crisp, fall evening at the Castle.

Masked in mystery and draped in decadence, this event is a showstopper. The event starts at 7 p.m. and guests will enjoy fire

artists and hoop twirlers on the lawn as they arrive. Indoors, a string quartet will be playing a mix of classical and modern pieces followed by a DJ and dancing. Guests will enjoy a free photo booth in the library, and tarot card and energy readers on the second floor.

Admission is \$85 dollars per person – heavy appetizers and a cash bar with signature drink will be available. Join us Friday, October 26th, or Saturday October 27th.





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