

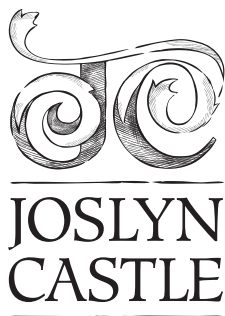
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*From* **GRATITUDE**  
*to* **GIVING**



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Cover: The cover photo depicts a Christmas morning in the Joslyns' home from the early 1900's. It has been slightly colorized to bring out the highlights of the season.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SIDNEY GNANN



Joslyn Castle is proud to announce the appointment of Sidney Gnann as Executive Director. Sidney comes to the Joslyn Castle from Five Rivers MetroParks in Dayton, Ohio, where he served as the RiverScape Manager.

A ten-year veteran of the nonprofit sector, Sidney holds a degree in Financial Services from Wright State University. His specialties include creating vibrant community spaces, event planning, and operations and financial management.

"We selected Mr. Gnann because of his proven leadership and past experience working with public space and programming," said Mary Jewell, Chair of the Board of Directors, "He has demonstrated vision

and creativity that he will bring to the beautiful Castle buildings and grounds with new ideas for using the property and expanding our impact in Omaha."

Sidney also noted, "This city has such rich history of people and places in the community. Joslyn Castle plays an important role in understanding and honoring our past, and I'm excited to develop new ways to share the facets of this Midtown gem with Omahans and visitors."

In his free time, Sidney enjoys spending time exploring outdoors with his wife, Susan, and their two sons. His first official day as the executive director was August 31st. You'll see him at our upcoming events—be sure to stop by and welcome him.

## FROM GRATITUDE TO GIVING, Thoughts from Sidney Gnann

In my first three months at Joslyn Castle I have enjoyed a warm welcome and a flood of support as I acclimate to this incredible place. Clearly there is a network of passionate people who regularly give their time and treasure to protect and preserve this great facility for future generations. This spirit of community engagement is a fitting tribute to the example set by George and Sarah Joslyn so many years ago.

In my short time I've come to understand why you all care so much. The grandeur of the estate, the forward-thinking design, and the pastoral setting all spark my imagination for what used to be and what can be in the future. In this space we can dream big, as the Joslyns did.

As your new executive director, it is my job not only to ensure that we are able to sustain the Castle and grounds but also to share this treasure with future generations so they too can experience the

magic of this urban retreat. To that end we've been planning new opportunities for people to explore all that the Castle has to offer. Keep an eye out for exciting new ventures!

At the beginning of 2018 we will unveil a new membership program as we continue to build our community. I believe as the citizens of Omaha engage with our story, they will appreciate being part of the substantial Joslyn legacy. Members will also enjoy a number of benefits including advance ticketing for sell-out events and discounts on programs and gifts. Please watch for membership information and consider asking your friends to join us in continuing the Joslyn tradition of caring for our city.

Our staff and board members are grateful for your continued support. We invite you to join us as we continue to explore new ways to inform visitors about our past and inspire them for a bright future.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CASTLE BOARD PRESIDENT, MARY JEWELL



There are so many ways to be grateful. For some, gratitude is shown verbally—saying thank you or referring a friend or client to take advantage of excellent service, a product, or an experience that you had. People express their gratitude through financial support especially to nonprofit organizations in need. Others pay back—or pay forward—by their actions; doing a kind deed or activity to help make life easier for someone else or those less fortunate.

I am a believer that it doesn't matter how you say thanks, or the amount of your donation, or even the actions that you take. What matters is that you do something, or more importantly, something!

George and Sarah Joslyn were amazing examples of people who were grateful for all that they had. They gave back to so many different organizations during their lifetimes and at their deaths. The VNA, the Humane Society, and Joslyn Art Museum are just a few examples. A list of a few of their philanthropies is featured in this issue of the *Castle Watch*.

This season of the year focuses on gratitude and giving, and I want to encourage you to be a person who shows their thankfulness for everything that they have been blessed with. There are many organizations in our metropolitan community that are deserving of your acts of kindness, be it as a volunteer or donor, or someone who encourages others to take advantage of a special organization's mission or activity. And the Joslyn Castle would be honored to be the recipient of your gratitude, in any way that you'd like.

Personally, I would like to express my gratitude to those who make Joslyn Castle such a special place to visit. We couldn't operate the educational tours and community cultural events without the volunteers that tell the story of the Joslyns. We are grateful to our financial supporters who help to keep the lights on, the doors open, and the Castle restored to its original beautiful buildings and grounds. Thank you to all who have attended one of the many events—the Murder Mystery, the Summer Fete, the Arts and Literary Festival, or maybe an Unlocked event. And last but not least, my utmost gratitude to the Staff and Board of Directors who spend countless hours working together to make sure that everyone who attends or supports the Castle has a wonderful experience. We have much to be thankful for.

## MESSAGE FROM GUILD PRESIDENT, LAURA WORICK



*"I don't want to drive by one day and say, 'That is where Joslyn Castle used to be'."*—Jeanie Owen, incoming Guild President.

Jeanie's words give clarity to why we do what we do, as Guild members, as Friends of the Castle, and as its ambassadors in our community. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to lead such an amazing, generous, and determined group of Guild Board members. When a need is announced, hands go up, checks get written, and things get done. The enthusiasm with which these ladies approach every task is incredible and inspiring.

The generosity of our Guild Board members, the amazing drive of the staff, and the vision of a dynamic new Executive Director, are moving the Castle into 2018 with a reignited focus and energy. There is a renewed motivation to do "a little more."

Maybe it is a little more time—volunteering as a docent, joining the Guild Board, participating on a committee.

Maybe it is a little more outreach—encouraging a friend to become a Castle member, talking to others about hosting events here, helping the Castle staff connect with potential donors.

And, yes, maybe it is a little more financial support—making an in-kind donation of services or products, adopting a window, sponsoring a Castle event, adding a little more to your financial gift.

As I step down as Guild president at the end of this year, I look back with gratitude for the experiences we've had and the positive impact we've made together. I look forward with anticipation to all that will be accomplished in the coming years. And I'm excited to do my part and to do "a little more" in 2018.

## A LEGACY OF GIVING

In this season of giving and gratitude, we reflect on the incredible philanthropic legacy George and Sarah Joslyn left to the city of Omaha. Sarah Joslyn declared, "The possession of great wealth is a great trust and obligation." Many of the organizations closest to their hearts still touch our daily lives in Omaha. Joslyn Castle wishes the beneficiaries of the Joslyns' generosity the happiest of holidays and our deepest gratitude for their continued service to our community.

American Red Cross  
Child Saving Institute  
Fontanelle Forest  
Forest Lawn Cemetery

Joslyn Art Museum  
Nebraska Humane Society  
Omaha Community Playhouse  
Salvation Army

UNO (formerly Omaha University)  
Visiting Nurses Association  
YWCA



## THOUGHTS FROM OUR TENANTS BOB MUNDY AT COORDINATED PLANNING



A recent issue of the *Castle Watch* featured one of the Castle's tenants, Legacy Preservation, in the person of Jim Fogarty. I'm one of Jim's partners, along with David Harding and John Dechant (John is also a Castle board member), but I'm also a tenant for half of the first-floor space for my estate and insurance planning business, Coordinated Planning, Inc. So, although nothing can top Jim's historical recall on all things Omaha, I can share a bit of information about Coordinated Planning.

While Joslyn Castle is a perfect place for a family and business history enterprise like Legacy Preservation, that's also true for Coordinated Planning. In essence what we

do (the we includes Beth Mundy Griffith, Adam Bailey, Dick Dineen, Chase Weaver, and Brandon Dirkschneider) is help business owners coordinate their planning.

What does that mean?

Think of basketball, with Coordinated Planning as the point guard. Your advisors, attorney, accountant, and others are all on your team, and someone needs to coordinate their efforts on your behalf without worrying about who's in the spotlight. That someone is Coordinated Planning.

So, what does Coordinated Planning have to do with history? Well, planning for your estate, business, and insurance planning needs is rooted in your history. It's about family, friends, business associates, assets that have been accumulated over the years, keepsakes and heirlooms, photos that have no market value but are emotionally priceless, a business to preserve or sell, a farm or family cabin to remain in the family, educations to be funded, charitable interests to sustain, lessons learned, values communicated informally, or in precise legal language. We are involved in all of these concerns. In short, Coordinated Planning, like Legacy Preservation, helps to save and organize the history of our clients: past, present, and future.



## OUR LATEST RENOVATION PROJECT: JOSLYNCASTLE.COM

We are excited to launch a new and improved [www.joslyncastle.com](http://www.joslyncastle.com)! Designed to better share our story and engage our community, the new website will usher the Joslyn Castle into 2018 stronger than ever.

Lincoln-based Firespring was selected to create an exciting new interface for our online visitors. The layout is more intuitive, with clearer navigation, a fully-functioning event calendar, and a faster, smoother reservation system. And possibly best of all: the new website will be mobile-friendly!



## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT



The oldest tree on the Castle grounds, a weeping mulberry, suffered severe damage during high winds and sustained an injury that we worried would require us to cut it down. Phil Pierce, our Castle Arborist, to the rescue! Phil propped it up and we should be able to appreciate it for a few more years.

Fall cleanup involved our wonderful board members, Sharon McGill and Ron Crampton, with the help of our dedicated master gardeners, Castle staff, and other volunteers to prepare the property for winter. According to weather forecasters we are in for a snowier than usual and colder than usual winter, so we're prepared for the season. The summer splendor is past and we are all hunkering down for the winter.

There is still a festive look, however, provided by the Joslyn Castle Neighborhood Association who each year provides us with a set of holiday evergreens to be featured during its annual tree lighting ceremony, which happened December 4. We welcome everyone to visit the grounds during December to see the decorations.

Inside the Castle is spectacular as well as being warm and cozy. Holiday decorations abound, and we have many projects in the works to aid in restoration and appearance. Debbie Nelson has done some more painting—specifically George Joslyn's office and the bride's

room. Mark Williamson of the WoodMark Group has been working on the window sills and the piano top, and will tackle our historic dining room table next.

Trevor King, Director of Buildings and Grounds, resurfaced the back steps and knee walls and our next project is restoring the Davenport Street entrance steps leading up to the Castle. Part of our Summer Fete was devoted to a "Raise the Paddle" fundraiser for these steps—which is a large restoration. While we have raised part of the cost, there is still a way to go to finance the entire project.



# JOSLYN CASTLE'S *Summer Fete*

The challenge was simple: Party Like a Joslyn. Over 150 Summer Fete guests on a beautiful August evening ensured we achieved our goal.

The 2017 Joslyn Castle Summer Fete was designed to pay tribute to the original Fete hosted by George and Sarah Joslyn exactly 120 years prior on their newly-completed estate grounds. The Castle was not yet standing (it wouldn't be finished until six years later in 1903), but the 5.57 acre grounds proved a spectacular setting for the property's big debut in the community.

Guests of the 2017 Summer Fete were encouraged to embrace the theme and don traditional garden party attire, and we were pleased how many guests were sporting seersucker and lawn dresses. Guests enjoyed many of the same activities as the original revelers including tarot card readings, Russian tea tasting (provided by The Tea Smith), and traditional lawn games like badminton and croquet. Local violinists and a cellist stationed throughout the grounds performed in the glow of dozens of paper lanterns hung from the trees, creating an elegant backdrop.

Inside the Castle, guests were invited to explore the Joslyns' home, including George's rarely-seen man-cave basement and third floor turrets. Ragtime tunes floated throughout the rooms thanks to Dan McCarthy expertly playing our recently restored 1864 Chickering square piano.

Dinner was served under a white tent with white linens – much like the way the Joslyns' hosted their event in 1897. The feast began with a strawberry feta salad, and was followed by the main course of grilled margarita chicken with a mango salsa, and grilled summer vegetables with fingerling potatoes. The meal ended on a sweet note with a chocolate peppermint with a gilded Joslyn Castle logo.

During the meal, honorary event chairman Brad Ashford welcomed guests and recalled the history of saving the Castle from demolition in the early 1990's. With the challenge to "Save the Steps," guests raised their paddles, generously pledging over \$20,000 in support of the Castle's Davenport street entrance steps restoration projects. All told, our first (modern) Summer Fete raised over \$80,000 for the preservation and restoration of our historic treasure.

The staff and Summer Fete planning committee would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the sponsors, patrons, volunteers, and community partners who ensured the 2017 Summer Fete was a success.



## *A Castle Romance*



Congratulations to our own Molly Hobson, a longtime Joslyn Castle volunteer and docent, on her engagement to Brett Vaida! Molly and Brett shared their first date at a Joslyn Castle volunteer reception. Just recently, Brett popped the Big Question to Molly inside the Castle. Stay tuned for a wedding in 2019, you guessed it, the Joslyn Castle!

# 2017 JOSLYN CASTLE ARTS AND LITERARY FESTIVAL

## FROM SARAH JOSLYN COMES A CELEBRATION OF NEBRASKA'S WOMEN



One of the most beloved traditions at the Joslyn Castle is our annual Art and Literary Festival. In 2017, we celebrated another successful weeklong festival of literature, art, music, theatre, and poetry within the Castle walls.

This year's festival honored Sarah Joslyn's legacy by celebrating Nebraska women. With such an amazing talent pool to choose from, it wasn't difficult to gather the finest artists, poets, musicians, authors, and thespians Nebraska has to offer.

The Festival kicked off with a poetry workshop led by Nebraska State Poet Twyla Hansen for high school students from Central High and Marian High. Other student events included a book reading and signing by 17-year-old author Taryn Smith, a senior at Millard South. Ms. Smith discussed her book *Nevertheless, She Persisted* with middle-school girls from Completely Kids' afterschool program. After asking Taryn questions about writing and her inspirations, each girl received a signed copy of the book to take home.

Other literary events included a discussion led by local author Eileen Wirth about Nebraska's women in journalism, which was told with many personal stories from her time in the *Omaha World-Herald* newsroom. Attorney and writer Sally Bisson-Best also regaled history lovers with tales of Doris Stevens of Omaha, a little-known leader in the suffragist movement. And finally, the Omaha Public Library hosted a book club featuring author Barbara Eymann Mohrman, sharing her book *Four Blue Stars in the Window*.

Music was a huge part of Sarah and George Joslyn's life, and we were excited to feature local musical talent in their home once again. Anne Nagosky, who owns one of the largest private studios in Omaha, led a performance of her violin and viola students who ranged in age from 5-17 years-old. A packed audience in the library consisted primarily of proud parents and grandparents who were thrilled to see their little virtuosos perform in such a historic, unique space.

A new partnership with Benson Femme Fest had the Castle's Music Room rocking! The music performed during the festival culminated in an evening entirely dedicated to local musicians,

"A Showcase of Women Who Rock." Local performers included Edem Soul Music, All Young Girls Are Machine Guns, Nat Budz, and many more.

We were honored to feature Nebraska Shakespeare's "Juno's Swans," an all-female performance group, who remounted scenes from their popular *Richard 3*, after completing a successful run at the Blue Barn Theatre. After the performance, the cast led a discussion with audience members about gender roles and identity in Shakespeare's works.

Providing the backdrop to all this amazing literary art, music, and theatre were fantastic artworks displayed throughout the Castle. Local Omaha native Judith Welk displayed a collection of her pieces inspired by her home: the historic Dundee neighborhood. And, in a repeat appearance, the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA) curated artworks from female artists spanning centuries and many mediums.

For the first time the Joslyn Castle partnered with The Union for Contemporary Art. The Union and girls ranging in age from 8-12 years-old from Girls, Inc., created a stunning collaborative textile mural in the style of Lincoln's Nancy Friedemann Sanchez. The mural contained screen prints from vintage textiles and words of literary inspiration throughout. It looked fantastic hanging in the Gold Room for the duration of the Festival. Another highlight was an unveiling of Tom Kerr's new portrait of Sarah Joslyn. It is a partner for the portrait he did last year of George Joslyn for the 100th anniversary of his death.

Thank you to our many community partners and volunteers for offering their time and talents to create impactful, important, programming. Of course, a festival of this magnitude cannot happen without the support of our local arts champions. A special thank you to our sponsors Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Arts Council, The Giger Foundation, and members of the Joslyn Castle board of directors for providing financial support for the Festival.

As always, our goal was to honor the legacies of George and Sarah Joslyn and their belief that whether you wore overalls or a suit and tie, everyone deserves access to culture and arts.

## A RENTAL STORY UNLIKE MOST

On August 28th, David and Jennifer Hancock, of Bellevue, spent an evening with family and friends at the Joslyn Castle to celebrate the adoption of their three daughters – Ruby (6), Grace (5), and Kate (1). For the Hancocks, this event represented the happy resolution of a much-deferred foster case and an affirmation of the special place each girl has to keep in their family.



Ruby, the oldest child, came into the Hancocks' home in 2012 as a one-year-old toddler, shortly after David and Jennifer became certified for foster parenting. Two months later Grace arrived – straight out of the hospital at four days old. Ruby and Grace are biological sisters, and have been very close. While the Hancocks supported efforts to reunite the children with their biological parents, they were also offering foster care to adoption. The importance of permanency for the children grew over the long course of their foster case. As David and Jennifer raised the girls, they also developed relationships with the biological parents. Ultimately, in the best interest of the children,

a mutual decision was made for their adoption in place. After this decision was percolated through the legal system, Ruby and Grace were finally adopted in August 2017.

In the meantime, little Katie was born to the Hancocks in 2016 – also an adopted child. Katie was adopted as an embryo, and although she is genetically unrelated, Jennifer was able to carry and deliver the baby. Today there are over 700,000 frozen embryos in the United States available for adoption, and waiting for the chance to be born. After learning this, David and Jennifer worked with the Child Saving Institute in preparation for another adoption, and received the embryo transfer in 2015.

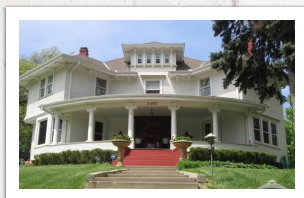
The older girls' surnames were changed with their legal adoption from foster care, but they had begun using them much earlier. Anticipating this change, the Hancocks gave them "princess names" to use during their dress-up and playtime – "Princess Ruby" and "Princess Grace." Before long, they claimed these names for themselves, and began to use them everywhere.

Rather than downplay the girls' adoption as an overdue formality, the Hancocks decided to make a royal event of it, as an opportunity to affirm and establish the girls. "We want them to know that they are loved, that they are wanted, and that they belong right where they are. We plan to celebrate the kids' adoption day just as regularly as their birthdays, so it was important to mark the original occasion with a special party." David and Jennifer were joined by their family and church friends at Joslyn Castle for the "Adoption Coronation." There, in royal fashion, the girls were crowned as princesses and presented as members of the Hancock family. With music, dancing, visiting, and family photos, the Castle was a perfect setting for this occasion. It is even more fitting, considering George and Sarah Joslyn's own involvement with the Child Saving Institute and the adoption of their daughter Violet.

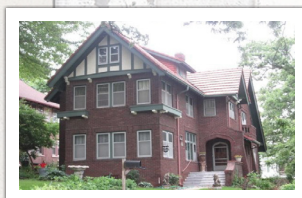
## HISTORIC HOME TOUR & BOUTIQUE

The Joslyn Castle Trust enjoyed a fantastic Historic Home Tour and Boutique in November! This popular annual event would not be possible without the support of our historic home and building owners and boutique vendors who make the experience so unique for our patrons.

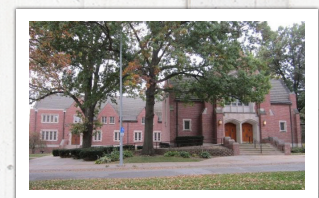
In 2017, we were proud to partner with the following home owners and vendors:



Joe Pittack's home, which is was built in the Eclectic Movement style from the late 19th and early 20th century.



David and Michaela Doyle, whose home is a perfect example of Tudor Revival style.



Augustana Lutheran Church and Pastor Jan Peterson, whose church is not only historically significant but was also featured in a 1966 documentary film about congregation integration.

Boutique Vendors:  
The Afternoon  
Christian Nobel Furs  
Family Jewels KC

grae  
HUSH la boutique  
Icon Images  
Lips That Last

MAM Candy  
NE Humane Society  
Pampered Chef  
The Paper Route

She.la  
The Simple Man  
Snowman Junction  
Stella & Dot

Usborne Books  
Village Pomegranate  
Wildtree



## MERRY AND BRIGHT



'Tis the season for embracing holiday traditions, and three special designers have embraced their love of decorating and design, filling the Joslyn Castle with holiday warmth and cheer. Ric Klaas of Omaha Interiors & Design Inc., Diane Luxford of D-Lux Interiors, and Susan McMannama of Susan McMannama Interiors once again decorated our 'home' for the holiday season. "This year we are going to enhance the interior architecture of the castle with Christmas décor," said Ric Klaas. "Several rooms will have themed Christmas trees that complement their usage and color palate."

From wall sconces to chandeliers and windows to fireplace mantels, the spirit of the season is spread throughout. The festive mood is set as the Castle glistens and glows throughout the first floor. Festive ribbon, beautifully adorned wreaths, and tree limbs intertwined with elaborate ornamentation have decked our halls bringing joy and cheer to those who visit.

The Castle is quite a magnificent sight to see extending hospitality to our holiday guests and making their experience merry and bright. Come celebrate the season and experience the holiday magic of the Joslyn Castle. Thank you Ric, Diane, and Susan for your time, talent, and treasure of giving back to the Castle.



## JOSLYN CASTLE BY THE NUMBERS 2017

The Joslyn Castle welcomes, entertains, and educates many guests throughout the year. From charter bus group tours to students of all ages, each person walks away with an appreciation and admiration of Omaha's Castle. Every guest at one of our programs or events helps support the Castle and our mission to preserve the home and legacy of the Joslyns.

Here is a snapshot of this past year, by the numbers...

**202**

Kiewit Kids  
Summer Fun  
Students

**358**

Guests to  
Car Cruise

**360**

Unlocked  
Attendees

**503**

Students  
Visiting the  
Castle

**700**

Charter Bus  
Tour Guests

**1,044**

Guests to  
Murder Mystery,  
Masquerade,  
Historic Home  
Tour, Arts & Lit.  
Festival,  
Lecture Series

UNLOCK  
OMAHA'S  
HIDDEN  
TREASURE

ONE BLOCK NORTH ON 40TH



Perhaps you've noticed that Joslyn Castle has a new billboard on Dodge and 41st. If you're driving west on Dodge you can't miss it!

**14TH ANNUAL  
JOSLYN CASTLE MURDER MYSTERY**

*A Tasteful Murder*

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22  
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.**  
Show and Dinner to Follow at 7:00 p.m.

**\$75 PER PERSON**  
\$85 per person after January 11  
Includes Dinner & One Drink Ticket

**TICKETS SELL OUT FAST. GET YOURS NOW!**  
For ticket purchases or sponsorship opportunities,  
please call 402.595.2199 or visit [www.joslyncastle.com](http://www.joslyncastle.com).

*Tickets make great holiday gifts for family, friends, and employees!*

**SAVE THE DATE  
MURDER MYSTERY**

The time is fast approaching to once again answer that infamous question.....WHO DUNNIT? Mark your calendars to join us for our 14th Annual Murder Mystery - 'A Tasteful Murder' on Thursday, February 22nd, Friday, February 23rd, and Saturday, February 24th. The incomparable Joslyn Castle Players will serve up this tasty treat of murder, along with a deadly dose of southern hospitality and charm, as brought to life and death by renowned Murder Mystery writer and director, Colleen Fogarty.

We're headed back to the '70's for this 'far out' production just as mobsters are booking it 'straight' south. Pappa Peppe and Senator Sebbie have organized a 'Do Not Whack' order and Tennessee is the destination for these 'mobsters turned chefs' new gig. Join us to find out how Elvis-themed cuisine is the recipe for....murder!! Can you dig it, man?

The Murder Mystery entertains guests with fun and intrigue in the mysterious setting of the Castle by blending great theatrical arts and community engagement with George and Sarah Joslyns' magnificent home. The program serves as a great way to bring new visitors to the Castle. The ticket cost is \$75 per person before January 11th, and \$85 after, which includes a delicious dinner and this fabulous production. Tickets make wonderful holiday gifts, and these performances always sell out, so buy your tickets today. Tickets can be purchased via the Joslyn Castle website, [www.joslyncastle.com](http://www.joslyncastle.com), or by calling 402.595.2199.

**JOSLYN CASTLE**



**IS STILL UNLOCKED**

The chance to explore all of the historic Joslyn Castle continues to be a big draw. Our Joslyn Castle Unlocked tours have sold out since we began offering them in spring of 2016 and their popularity is not subsiding. By attending, you will enjoy a privilege extended to very few people—a top to bottom look at this beautiful, Scottish Baronial Castle that George and Sarah Joslyn called home. The goal of this 'behind the scenes' tour is to educate our guests and help them learn more about the Castle, its history, and George and Sarah Joslyn, who made their mark on the Omaha community through philanthropy.

During the Unlocked dinner tour every door and every floor will be open, including the much sought-after basement where George's private bowling lanes can still be seen. Original blue prints and our collection

of Joslyn furniture, clothing, and personal belongings will be on display. The tour will also include family stories from their time in Omaha and tales sharing how the late George, Sarah, and Violet have made their presence known to this day!

We invite you to visit us next year, as our 2018 tour dates have already been set. The chances for you to see Joslyn Castle Unlocked are available on January 20, April 14, June 16, July 21, August 11, October 13, and December 8. We are excited to share the tale of a young couple who came west to make their fortune and who succeeded beyond their wildest expectations. We promise you will go away with an appreciation of how much these amazing people achieved for themselves and for their adopted city of Omaha!

# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

## TOURS

**Tour Sundays-** First and Third Sundays of each month – 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00 p.m.

**Fun-Day Monday Tours-** Every Monday at 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

**Weekday Tours-** Scheduled by appointment only

## JANUARY 2018

**Thursday, January 18th:** Speakeasy Series • Doors open at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, January 20th:** Joslyn Castle Unlocked • Doors open at 5 p.m. • Dinner served at 6:15 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 2018

**Thursday, February 15th:** Speakeasy Series • Doors open at 7 p.m.

**Thursday, February 22nd, Friday, February 23rd, & Saturday, February 24th: Murder Mystery**  
Doors open at 6 p.m. • Performance begins at 7 p.m.

## MARCH 2018

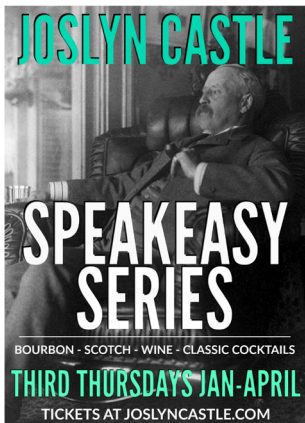
**Thursday, March 15th:** Speakeasy Series • Doors open at 7 p.m.

## APRIL 2018

**Mondays, April 9th, April 16th, April 23rd, April 30th: Spring Lecture Series - Landscaping**  
Doors open at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, April 14th:** Joslyn Castle Unlocked • Doors open at 5 p.m. • Dinner served at 6:15 p.m.

**Thursday, April 19th:** Speakeasy Series • Doors open at 7 p.m.



## ANNOUNCING THE CASTLE SPEAKEASY SERIES!

We've hosted Scotch and wine tastings in the past but we're going a step further for Winter 2018!

George Joslyn loved to entertain in what is considered the "original man cave." He and his friends would gather for billiards, cocktails, cigars, and even bowling in the Castle basement. We imagine many lively conversations were had amongst George and his guests.

We've partnered with some of Omaha's finest aficionados to bring you a new 2018 series that George would happily open his door for. The

Joslyn Castle Speakeasy Series is a monthly meet up that will feature tastings presented by professionals in their fields. January through April, on the third Thursday of the month we will host a tasting featuring one of the following: Scotch, Wine, Bourbon and Classic Cocktails! Limited space is available so save the dates as this series is sure to be VERY popular!

**January 18th – February 15th**  
**March 15th – April 19th**

More details will be coming soon!

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2017 CASTLE CONSERVATORS

### STEWARD

Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation

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The Mammel Foundation  
Dan and Shirley Neary

### PRESERVATIONIST

Bruce and Gerry Lauritzen

### CARETAKER

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## FROM GRATITUDE TO GIVING

As we look forward to a new year we invite you to consider how you might be a part of the Joslyn legacy of giving.

There are so many opportunities to join with this caring community.

**Membership** – A new membership program will begin in January 2018. Watch for details!

**Conservatorship** – Make a donation of \$500 or more to play an important role in preserving this important home and grounds.

**Year End Campaign** – Make any size contribution to help the Joslyn Castle start 2018 in a strong position for success.  
This campaign allows us to offer a variety of programs to the community.

**Volunteer** – Call to be part of our story by giving of your time and talent.

However you choose to join us in the telling of the Joslyn story of patronage for our city; whatever you're able to give to protect and maintain this incredible Omaha treasure, makes a difference. We thank you and wish you a prosperous New Year.

**Yes**, I would like to make a contribution!

**Yes**, I would like to volunteer!

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Donations can be made online at [www.joslyncastle.com](http://www.joslyncastle.com) or by calling 402.595.2199

