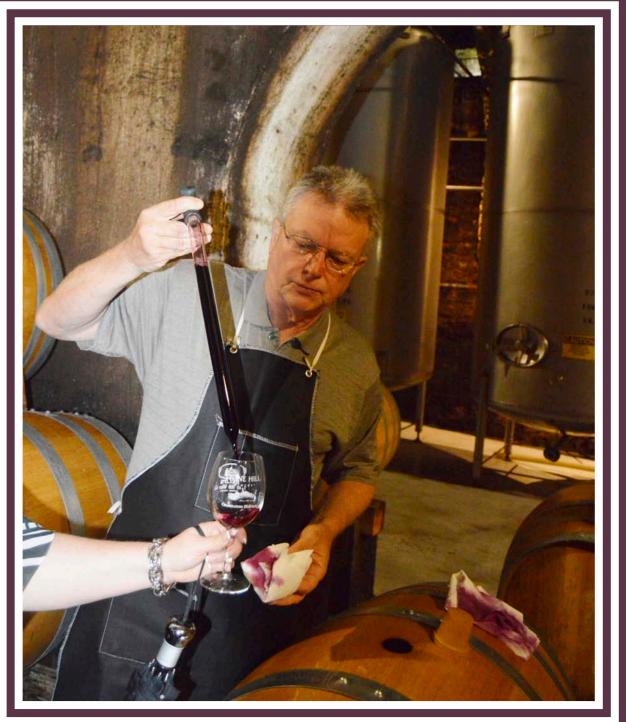
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Held family legacy The re-birth of Stone Hill Winery

Stone Hill Winery is a success story, that we know. But looking back at the beginning, it's those personal little remembrances that make Jim and Betty Held smile at where it all started. They formed a family bond at their Hermann winery--pressing grapes and bottling wine by hand--while their youngest child was sleeping in a crib, watched by a sibling just a few years older.

Stone Hill Wine Co. was a shining star in the business well before Prohibition, with Michael Poeschel's founding in 1847, but then wine-making had to be jump-started in the old cellars in the mid-1960s by a couple who grew the winery one case at time. Under the name Stone Hill Winery, a family has built its own legacy.

Now in their late 70s and early 80s, the Helds have had another memorable year. It was an historic one, too. In July, Stone Hill bottled its 2 millionth case of wine, and a couple weeks later the winery was awarded another high honor when its 2011 Estate Bottled Norton won the Governor's Cup. It's the coveted award given to the highest scoring wine in the Missouri competition.

Jim and Betty Held are pretty sure the first case of wine they produced was probably a Concord or Catawba grape variety. That's mostly what they were bottling in 1966, the year after they bought the mushroom plant in Hermann from Bill and Mary Harrison.

The Harrisons started growing mushrooms under the name of Stone Hill Farms after Prohibition ended winemaking of the Stone Hill Wine Co., the famous Hermann winery founded by German immigrants.

The Helds had a couple acres of Virginia Seedling that were harvested off the old Paul Rauch farm when they started their winery. Stone Hill now owns that vineyard, and more than 180 acres of vineyards.

But there was only 4 1/2 acres of vineyards when the Helds embarked on commercial wine-making.

"We made the wine in the fall of 1965, and bottled it in May of 1966," said Jim Held of Stone Hill's first case of wine. "We sold it at Maifest (the third weekend in May), that's how I remember it."

Oh, how they remember those early bottling days.

Jim remembers with a grin, what he calls their first "filling machine" and how they bottled wine. It was much like the way old-timers made wine in their basements.

"We had a store bought hose with a bellows on top, and a valve, that you had to squeeze to get the wine in the hose," recalls Jim. "It had a spring-loaded valve and we bottled by hand with that hose."

The Helds bottled a modest 1,500 gallons of wine that first year, a far cry from the 250,000 gallons that Stone Hill produces today.

It was a labor of love that developed after the Harrisons came to the small town of Pershing in Gasconade County to visit Jim and Betty Held one Sunday afternoon.

"They knew the writing was on the wall for producing domestic mushrooms, and they were looking to retire," said Jim. "The Harrisons were very much into preservation, and wanted somebody to take over their buildings; keep them the way they were. They talked about wine-making and we listened."

Jim remembers, too, the Harrisons suggested that they start their winery small, for if it would fail, the fall wouldn't be so hard.

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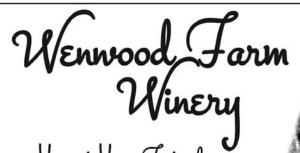
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On the cover... Head Stone Hill Winery Winemaker, Dave Johnson, serves some delicious Stone Hill wine directly from the barrel.

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•Try a FREE Calvin's 1836 Root Beer sample at the Tin Mill Brewing Company. While there check out the stainless vats of beer brewing and go upstairs to see the mill used by the MFA grain elevator.

•Try a FREE grape juice sample at Stone Hill Winery, Adam Puchta Winery, Bias Winery, Hermannhof Winery, Oak Glenn Winery.

• Enjoy FREE German sausage samples at The Wurst Haus, Hermannhof Winery and Swiss Meat Processing •Read the names of the war veterans at the War Memorial (2nd Street)

•Visit Antiques Unlimited/Ye Olde Fire House Museum (2nd Street)

•Take a self-guided walking tour of the cellars at Hermannhof Winery (1st Street)

• Climb "87" steps from 5th Street up to 4th Street (5th Street)

•Sample a FREE piece of salt water taffy at Sugar Momma's (Market Street)

•Visit Creekside Nursery to see the chickens (Hwy. 100 West)

•Climb 46 steps from Hermannhof Winery to 2nd Street (1st Street)

• Search your genealogy and learn more about Gasconade County at the Gasconade County Historical Society (4th & Schiller)

• Hike or bike the Katy Trail (Hwy. 19 North)

• Take your picture overlooking the Missouri River at Oak Glenn Winery (Hwy. 100 East)

• Take one of Hermann Hill's 3-mile walks.

•Visit the Hermann Farmers Market on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Along the River – First Street by the Bridge

•Walk across the Missouri River Bridge. Stop halfway and enjoy the view while resting on the bench. All the way over the bridge and back is a mile.

 $\mbox{``Drive"}$ the steamboat at the Gerald Engemann Memorial Garden

• See the murals at the Gasconade County Courthouse. • Walk through the garden and take your picture with Amenius.

Along the River – Riverfront Park, Wharf Street

• Enjoy a picnic on the grass or at the shelter

• Skip rocks on the boat ramp of the Missouri River (west end of park)

• Visit the Lewis & Clark Memorial Garden (east end of park)

• Take your picture at the Boat Wheel/Flag Monument • Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, the St. Martin's Church Museum and enjoy the 40-acre wooded property at Starkenburg. (8:00 a.m. - 5, buildings; Grounds open until dark. 10 minutes outside Hermann)

At the City Park

•Walk across the bridge over Frene Creek at the park.

• Fish in the city pond.

• Enjoy a picnic or bbq at one of the shelters or on the grass.

• Enjoy several pieces of fun equipment like the swings, monkey bars, and many more.

• Play a game of tennis.

• Play a game of sand volleyball at the sand volleyball court.

•Climb the steps by the Rotunda

•Climb the steps in the stand of the ballpark

On the School Campus

•Take a run on the outdoor track.

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•Tour the Historic Hermann Museum

•Take a guided tour of the cellars at Stone Hill Winery, sample grape juice after the tour.

•Go for a swim and jump of the diving board at the city pool.

• Tour the Deutschheim State Historic Site

• Enjoy a sweet freshly made donuts, cookies, stollens and more from Battocletti's Bakery.

• Enjoy hand-dipped ice cream or soft-serve ice cream from the Downtown Deli or Trios.

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• Visit the Fire House Museum at Station #1 on 2nd Street. Groups of 10, by appointment only.

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Stone Hill

The Helds were raising feeder pigs on a farm at Pershing when they decided to change their agriculture career from pork to grapes. They soon moved to Hermann, where Jim and Betty both graduated high school.

"People ask me how come I changed jobs," said Jim. "I tell them, it's about bouquet--from hog smell to grape smell, and that's a big difference."

Their pig farm was in creek bottoms and Gasconade River bottom. A wine cellar on those family farms was commonplace. Small vineyards produced enough grapes for a yearly barrel of wine. But what the Helds were about to set out to do was a huge challenge, not your grandpa's barrel of wine in the cellar.

As far as Jim and Betty Held's story goes, a large winemaking operation would require the whole family's involvement.

The Held's oldest son, Jon, was seven when they crushed their first grape harvest. Young Jon would also take his turn at the handle of the crusher, which had belonged to Jim's grandpa.

Their youngest child, Julie, was 3 when they moved to Hermann and started making wine.

"We crushed in that same little cellar where we bottled," said Betty. "Patty and Thomas would sit on the steps, and once in a while they would have to run up the steps and check on the baby."

They picked grapes during the day and crushed them at night. It became a passion for a young couple seeking to make their new farming venture work.

The Helds, in 1965, were the only winery in Missouri with a domestic license when they re-turned winemaking to Stone Hill, which before Prohibition, was the second largest winery in North America. But first, they had to clean out all the manure in the bins that were in the historic cellars.

The first thing Jim did when they made a commitment to the winery was buy a book--a pretty simple beginning for a guy who, along with his wife, built a multi-million dollar business.

"The book was called 'The Technology of Winemaking.' It cost \$67, a lot of money back then. It's still in print today."

His desire to become more knowledgeable about making wine led him to take a short course in the state of California. Jim would go out west for a couple of weeks while Betty would stay home with the kids.

Jim and Betty lived upstairs at the winery's main building for 27 years, then moved into the restored Poeschel house that the Harrisons once owned west of town.

Jim went out to California twice for those shortcourse classes on how to make wine.

Over time, Stone Hill has added new varieties to their production line, and as Jim points out, a lot of people's tastes have switched to drier wines. Thus, the Norton has became one of those. It's a grape that has also been called Virginia Seedling, Virginia or Cynthiana. But the old-timers in the Hermann area called it the "Virginia Seedling." Old writings from 1903 that Jim came across called it that.

Being savvy about making wine for the Helds was keeping their eyes and ears open. They were always looking for suggestions on how to improve their wines.

One year, in the early 1970s, a professor from Switzerland who was touring the country stayed with the Helds for two weeks. He was there during harvest, and worked with the actual wine-making, said Betty.

He also taught Jim a lot, especially about sanitation.

"He said, 'Jim, winemaking is 99 percent cleanliness, and the other 1 percent is cleanliness, too.' "

The Helds were, indeed, Missouri pioneers in modern-day winemaking. Others followed the lead of Jim and Betty, and their first commercial winery. Today there are 100-plus wineries in Missouri.

In the early years, there was a state law that permitted Stone Hill to produce only 5,000 gallons of wine a year. With the help of the late C. M. "Cap" Bassman, then state representative, the Helds got the law changed in the 1970s to 75,000 gallons. Later, it was changed to unlimited gallons.

No one appreciates the Missouri Grape and Wine Board more than Jim and Betty Held. The state agency offers support, both in know-how and marketing.

"When we started there was nobody in Missouri to ask questions," said Jim.

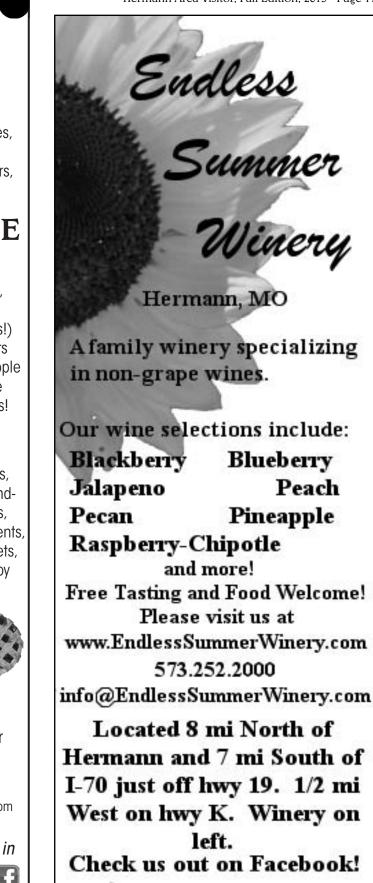
He's forever thankful for that \$67 book he purchased on how to make wine.

By Don Kruse, Reprinted from the Fall 2013 Visitor



Jim & Betty Held

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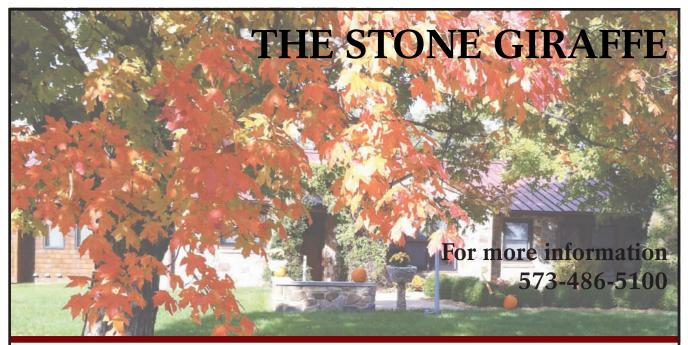
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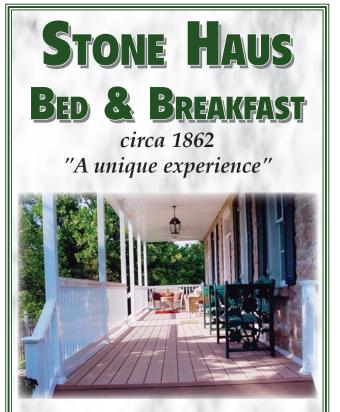
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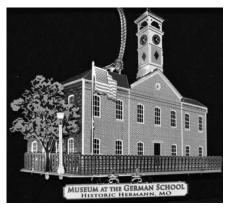
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Back in the late 1800's townsfolk used to gather on the



A Christmas ornament depicting the Museum.

benches outside of the Graf building, now the offices of the Hermann Advertiser-Courier (which features the Clock Tower in their masthead). People kept coming through the doors of the printing shop to ask the time. Wanting to be polite, but needing to be productive, the editor decided to lead a campaign

for a Clock Tower on the German School with a bell to be heard throughout the town.

In 2008 a similar fundraising campaign was led by Historic Hermann, Inc. to renovate the Clock Tower for \$39,000. But keeping accurate time is often a challenge, especially in this digital age

where it's not easy to find someone to repair a sensitive gear-driven timepiece.

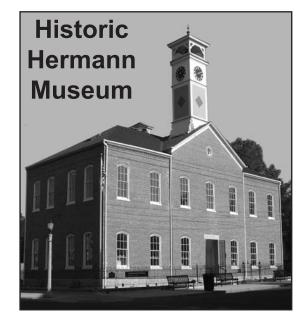
Additional local Clock Tower supporters are still needed to help wind the mechanism three times a week. Call Jon Layman 573-486-2037 to volunteer. Currently the clock winders include Jon Layman, Dave Fagerness, Dean Stucky,



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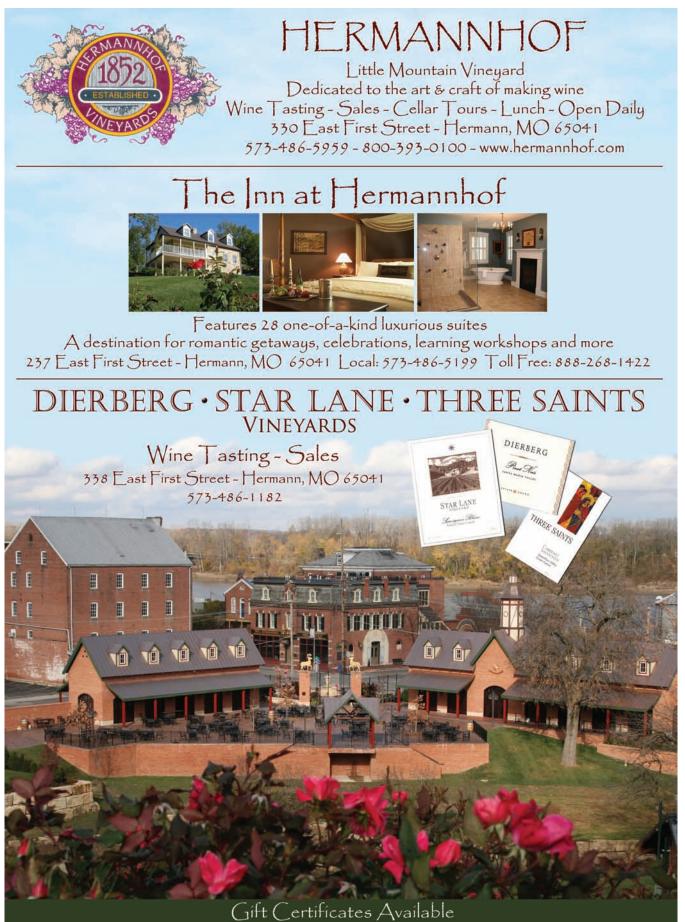
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Taxi on in, always room for one more



Comedy Festival will benefit renovation of The Show Boat

Longtime St. Louis improvisor Howie Hirshfield and his improv troupe, Not Quite Right (NQR), are encouraging laughter and helping to bring restoration to a part of Hermann history.

During the Sixth Wine Country Comedy Festival, NQR, Betty Crawford, and the Mike Clark Trio will be performing a variety show of comedy and music.

The Wine Country Comedy Festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, with the doors opening at 6:30. A portion of the proceeds will go to The Show Boat Theatre to aid in the much-needed building restoration.

"We're excited to be back in Hermann for another of these great Comedy Festivals -- and to help the classic Show Boat Theatre back to its glory days as a stylish and active venue," said Howie Hirshfield, NQR founder.

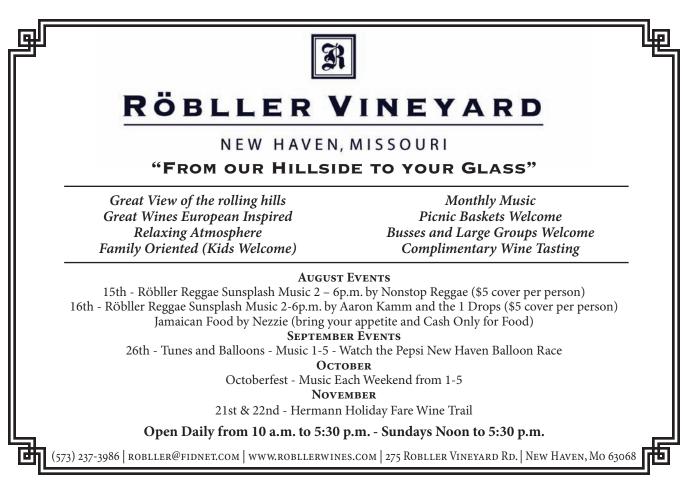
Not Quite Right will host improv games, audience participation and live sketch comedy featuring Howie Hirshfield, Clayton Bury, Sarah Hirshfield, Annina Christensen, Denise Saylor, Jelani Buchanan, Shannon Nara, Apple Alaina and James Scheffel.

In St. Louis, the NQR has appeared in shows at Blueberry Hill, the Lemp Loft and the St. Lou Fringe. Hirshfield co-founded Not Quite Right in 2012 and started the Wine Country Comedy Festival in conjunction with his previous improv troupe, the Arch Rivals.

"We are thrilled to be able to hold the Wine Country Comedy Festival with the Not Quite Right improve troupe at The Show Boat this summer. They are extremely entertaining and will provide a fabulous show for us." said Tim Puchta, Show Boat president. "We are very grateful to NQR for graciously offering to donate part of the evening's proceeds to help in our fund-raising efforts to repair and restore The Show Boat."

All fund raising and renovations for The Show Boat are managed by volunteers and all donations go to restoring and improving the theatre infrastructure and providing new technology for movie and theatre shows.

If you would like to make a donation, send a check to: The Show Boat, Attention: Tim Puchta, 1947 Frene Creek Road, Hermann, Missouri 65041.



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The event will feature costumed impersonators who will bring to life individuals from Hermann's past.

Eight designated graves or family plots in the oldest sections of the cemetery will be visited by those attending the walk. Organized groups of attendees will be hosted by members and friends of The Brush & Palette Club who will guide each group through the walk. At each designated grave or family plot an impersonator will tell the story of the person or persons buried at the site.

An added opportunity for those who find the steep terrain of the cemetery difficult to



navigate will be a performance of the impersonations, accompanied by a visual presentation of the gravesites included in the walk, at the Rotunda in the Upper City Park at 6 p.m. on the 25.

Admission to the event is \$10 and will be paid at the cemetery or Rotunda on the day of the walk. In case of cancellation of the event at the cemetery due to rain, all are encouraged to attend the evening performance of the impersonations at the Rotunda.

Proceeds of the event will benefit The Brush & Palette Club's ongoing project of Hermann City Cemetery restoration.







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2016 Hermann Garden Tours feature in-town, country sites Event will be marking 22nd anniversary

For the 22nd Annual Garden Tour, set for June 4 and 5, 2016, the Hermann Garden Club will feature two types of tours: the Town Tour, a walking tour of lovely small gardens hidden behind houses in the Historic District, and the Country Tour, a driving tour to magnificent country gardens in the hills around Hermann.

Tickets for the two tours will be sold separately; each tour is \$10. However, a Town & Country Combo ticket will be offered for \$15. Discounts will be available for groups of 10 or more if reserved ahead of time.

Group Tour info/contacts can be found on the Group Tours page on the tour website. Garden Tour tickets and plants will continue to be sold at the German School Parking Lot on Fourth Street from 9 until 4 on Saturday and 9 until 2 on Sunday. Gardens open at 9 a.m. and close promptly at 5 p.m..

The special pre-tour Luncheon and Auction on Friday is at the Historic Rotunda; this event requires additional by-reservation-only tickets. Visit www. hermanngardentours.com for up-to-date events, ticket prices, contact numbers and photographs of past tour gardens. All your questions are answered on the Events page and the new FAQs page on the website. "Like" us on Facebook at "Hermann Garden Club Tours."

According to Garden Tour Chairman Alice Calhoun, the gardens on the 2016 Tour will be exceptional, and many will be new to the tour. Town Tour gardens often are either lovely cottage gardens or riverview gardens. Country Tour gardens tend to be much larger than Town Tour gardens and have different elements and features. Calhoun says, "To get an overview of the beauty of Hermann's gardens, visit our website at www.hermanngardentours.com. On our website, you will see gardens that have been on previous tours. And you will be amazed."

The much loved Garden Art Flea Market will continue as part of the Plant Sale in 2016. There will be many native Missouri wildflowers, herbs, and perennial cultivars along with many tried and true plants from our members gardens. The types of plants offered can also be seen on the website.

The ever-popular Demonstration area will return in 2016 at the Deutschheim State Historic Site. There will be information about crop rotation, companion planting, and heirloom plants. Visitors will also be able to sample pink lemonade and lavender Springerle cookies.

On the Friday afternoon before the tour (June 3), a Silent Auction and Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Historic Hermann Rotunda. Guests will feast on fried chicken and brisket while they bid on auction items. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (573) 294-6242 or emailing Bartow Molloy at bartowmolloy@centurytel.net. Visit the "Hermann Garden Club Tours" Facebook page to see pictures of the 2015 Luncheon/Auction.

Starting in mid May 2016, you can see items that will be included in the 2016 Auction; new items will be posted every week.

Hermann, named "the most beautiful city in Missouri" and a Missouri DREAM city, has seven wineries, over 50 bed-and-breakfasts inns, many antique and specialty shops, and galleries. Plan to spend the night and spread the tour over both days.

For more information, visit the Hermann Garden Tours website: www.hermanngardentours.com or contact the Garden Club at info@ HermannGardenTours.com. Many of your questions are answered on the FAQs page on the Hermann Garden Tours website. You may also call the Hermann Welcome Center at (800) 932-8687 or go to www.visithermann.com for information about lodging and restaurants.

The Garden Tours are always the first weekend in June. Dates for 2017 are June 3 and 4. Funds raised in these events are used for civic beautification and scholarships.



Historic Shrine will be site of Fall Pilgrimage

The Historic Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine at Starkenburg will host its annual Fall Pilgrimage on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The special day will begin at 10 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Pilgrims will then carry a replica of the White Lady, an image that has been at the Shrine since 1852, in a rosary procession through the Shrine grounds, stopping at each of the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

A traditional German meal of fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, slaw and dessert will be served by members of the Church of the Risen Savior from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Valentine Hall.

Following the meal, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be heard. The day will conclude with Benediction at 1 p.m. and Mass at the Outdoor Altar at 2 p.m.

Religious articles will be available for sale and will be blessed during Mass.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is located in Montgomery County, just two miles north of the Katy Trail, on Highway P. Directions to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows:

From Jefferson City: Take Highway 94 to Highway P. Turn left, go two miles. Starkenburg is on the left.

From Hermann: Take Highway 19 North to Highway 94 West. Go through Rhineland, and continue to Highway P. Turn right on to Highway P, Starkenburg is on your left.

From I-70: Take the New Florence/Hermann Exit and go south on Highway 19. In Big Spring, turn right onto Highway K. Turn left onto Highway P at Americus. Go about five miles, Starkenburg is on your right.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is handicapped accessible. The Shrine and St. Martin's Church Museum are open daily for visitors. For more information about the history and other events at the Shrine, visit www.historicshrine.com.

You may also contact Shirley Koenig at 573-252-4551 (evening).

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Adam Puchta Winery wins 19 medals Hermann business claims gold, silver, bronze

Adam Puchta Winery received a Gold medal, eight Silver medals and 10 Bronze medals in the Ninth Annual Mid-American Wine Competition held at the Des Moines Area Community College campus in Ankeny, Iowa.

"The quality of Midwestern wines continues to improve," said Bob Foster, director of the Mid-American Wine Competition (MAWC). These are high quality wines that wine lovers should seek out and try."

The competition was held July 10-12 and included wines from 12 Midwestern states. Professional wine judges from throughout the United States awarded 95 Gold medals, 167 Silver medals, and 167 Bronze medals. Full results can be found at www.midamericanwine.org.

"This marks the ninth consecutive year of the MAWC and we have had the distinction of watching the local wine industry develop into a great representation of our region," said Chief Judge Doug Frost of Kansas City. "The wine industry throughout the Midwest has evolved into tourist destinations, where



wine enthusiasts visit local wineries. This helps the local economy and area wine industry."

The judges were selected by Frost, who has earned both the coveted Master of Wine degree and the Master Sommelier title. The judges, who have over 200 years of cumulative experience, are experts in wine production, service and distribution.



The Hermann Wine Trail offers quaint stops along Missouri River

The Hermann Wine Trail is made up of seven wineries in and around the historic German community of Hermann. The trail meanders 20 miles along the Missouri River from Hermann to New Haven. It accounts for about a third of the state's total production. Their story is rooted in a fascinating chapter of America's winemaking history.

In 1837 a band of German settlers from Philadelphia arrived at the site of their new colony, later to be called Hermann, expecting a land of milk and honey. Instead, they stepped off the last steamboat of the season into a howling wilderness. Inspired by the tangles of wild vines that covered the craggy hillsides, the resourceful Germans planted grapes and began making wine.

Town fathers nurtured the infant wine industry by selling "grape lots," vacant city lots a settler could buy or \$50, interest free, over a fiveyear period. The only condition was that the lot had to be planted in grapes.

A total of 600 grape lots eventually were soldthe entire town was growing grapes, building wine cellars and making wine. Home wine cellars were common, and wine halls were a favorite Sunday gathering place where families socialized after church.

The quality of the wines improved dramatically in the 1840s, thanks to the introduction of the first cultivated grape varieties--Isabella, Virginia Seedling, Catawba and Delaware--and the work of George Husmann, a self-taught scientiest whose father had purchased a Hermann lot while the family was still living in Germany. Husmann studied soil types and crossed wild and cultivated grapes to create hybrids that could tolerate Missouri's hot, humid summers and freezing winters. Some of his vines still thrive today at OakGlenn Winery in Hermann.

Husmann's research proved invaluable in the 1860s when the vineyards of southern France were devastated by phylloxera, a bug blight spread by aphids.

Missouri grape growers shipped 17 carloads of phylloxera-resistant root stock to France. In commemoration of the event, two statutes were erected in Monpellier, France. One depicts a young woman cradling an old woman in her arms-the New World saving the Old World.

Husmann, who was recognized by the French government, later moved from Hermann to California, where he became a founding father of the Napa Valley wine industry.

Hermann held its first Weinfest in the fall of 1848, a tradition that continues in today's Octoberfest celebrations.



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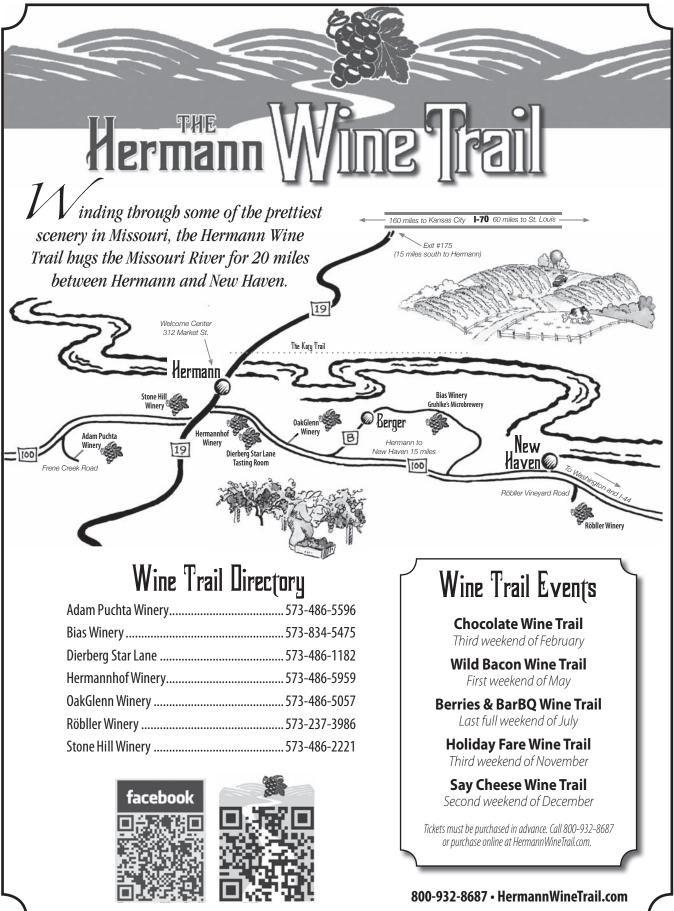
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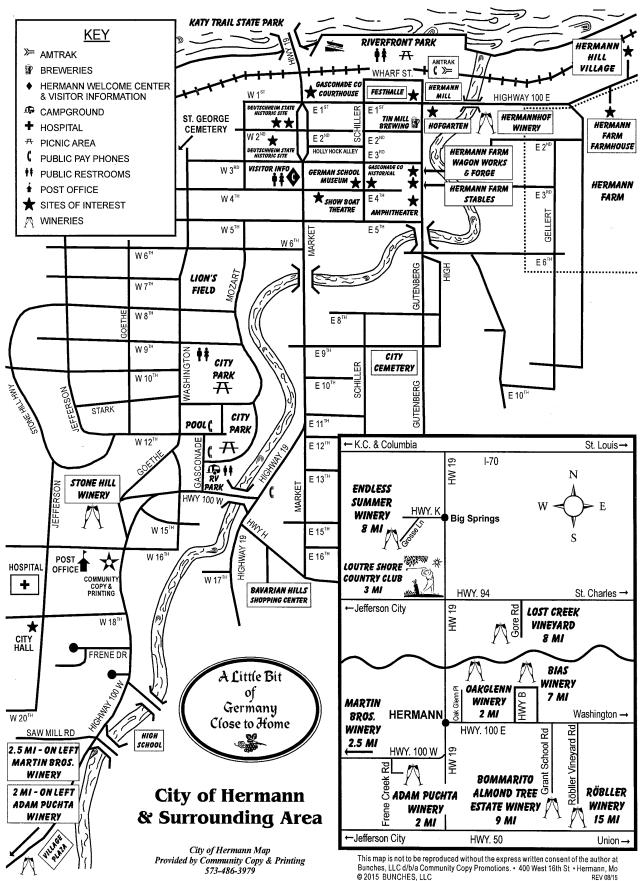
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