



THE MUELLER RECORD

Indian Summer/Fall 2004 Newsletter Edition



Pictured at the Groundbreaking from Left to right: Darrell Jean, Mueller Co., Jim Fouse, Architectural Expressions; Jane Mueller, President, Mueller Museum Board, Paula Cross, former Museum Manager; Betty Wheatley, Museum Volunteer Coordinator & member of Museum Board, Hal Schinzler, Christy-Foltz, Inc.

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HIERONYMUS MUELLER MUSEUM

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THE NEWS AND INFORMATION PAGE

THE GROUNDBREAKING

The Hieronymus Mueller Museum is pleased to announce that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Museum took place in September. The new Museum will be located at 420 West Eldorado across from the Mueller Co. main offices. There is much gratitude to Mueller Co. for making this possible and for providing extensive financial assistance with the construction. Due to the fact that negotiations continue with the Decatur Park district regarding the building the Museum currently inhabits, more details regarding this entire development will have to wait until our next newsletter. But please know that we are very excited about this project and we can't wait to share further information with you.

Jane Mueller
President
Board of Directors.

NOTABLE PASSINGS

Mr. Robert J. Ott passed away since the last newsletter was published. Hired at Mueller's as a field sales representative, he later was named southern district sales manager. Before he retired from Mueller Company in Decatur he had held several executive positions.

Mrs. Sarah Baker, wife of long time Mueller employee, Hugh Baker, passed away on August 2, 2004. She and her husband also had a long association with the Mueller family as well. She will be greatly missed.

VOLUNTEER NOTES

We welcome new retirees Verlyn Burnett, Arlen Burton, Larry Cooper, Gene Hullinger, Charles Mauck, and Ed Oliver who have joined our volunteers since our last newsletter. October was the final month of 2004 when volunteers are present at the museum during our normal hours. We know that many of them will be heading south or southwest during the winter months. We wish them well and look forward to their return next April.

INFORMATION

A NEW STAFF PERSON

We are pleased to welcome Bil Larrick as the new manager of the Hieronymus Mueller Museum. As some of you are aware, our former manager Paula Cross was named the Director of Operations for the State of Illinois Office of Historic Sites and Buildings. Paula and Bil assumed their respective duties on October 1, 2004. Bil has been working part-time at museum since July. He is a lifelong resident of Decatur who previously worked in advertising. In addition he was a staff artist at the Decatur Public Library, a Director of the Downtown Senior Center, and retired from the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging as a Grants Specialist and coordinator of their Senior Community Employment Service Program. It is interesting to note that his Grandfather, Edward William Larrick Sr. retired from Mueller Co. in the 1930's. We are grateful to Bil for his willingness to step into Paula's shoes at this time. Although we hate to lose Paula, she has been given an amazing opportunity by the State of Illinois. It was a political appointment by the Governor which she could not turn down. Bil plans to continue the focus and dedication begun by Paula Cross and her predecessor Nancy Jo Batman. This is both a challenging time for the museum and Bil looks forward to working with all of us on the Board as we complete our new Museum building project. You will hear more about the development as we near our hoped for spring Grand Opening. In the meantime come in to meet the new manager.



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Jane Mueller, President

Mueller Museum Board of Directors.

Annual Membership Information

- Student/Senior Citizen:** \$15
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PLEASE NOTE

Due to the preceding managerial change, in addition to a desire to wait until we could finally share with you the announcement of our new building project, our SUMMER newsletter was not printed. We apologize for that. This newsletter we have labeled our special INDIAN SUMMER edition. It is an edition too late for Summer and certainly in the throes of Fall. We definitely plan to be back on our normal schedule with the Winter edition. We hope you understand our efforts to inform but also be as accurate as possible. We will have more details regarding our new building in our next issue. J.M.