



Friends News at the Park



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Enable the Park to fully serve its appropriate functions in providing recreational and cultural activities and aesthetic enjoyment, and

Preserve and restore the Park's historic features, including its Victorian landscape, and

Promote greater public understanding and appreciation for the importance of Tower Grove Park as a community treasure & National Historic Landmark.

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Martinis at the Mansion: 2011 A Beautiful Success

On September 16, over 200 friends of Tower Grove Park gathered at this sold out event in support of the Park's Living Landscape. Hosted this year by Dr. Peter and Mrs. Diane Wyse Jackson at their historic residence in the Missouri Botanical Garden, this popular event was again a great success. Guests enjoyed themed martinis such as "The Emerald Isle" and "The Tremendous" and a wonderful display of hors d'oeuvres, amid the beautiful grounds of the Garden President's home. They dance to music provided by Michael Fitzgerald and had the opportunity to participate in a lively silent auction.

Thanks to Dr. Peter and Mrs. Wyse Jackson, the Planning Committee chaired by Janine Lawler, beverage donors Luxco, Anheuser-Busch, and Chandler Hill Vineyard, and all of the financial supports of Martinis at the Mansion: 2011. This year's event raised funds for support of the Park's horticulture and arboriculture programs.



Janine Lawler, Nancy Suelflow, Shirley McPherson



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Hosts Peter and Diane Wyse Jackson with Park Director John Karel

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(July 1 to September 30, 2011)

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"9-11: A Day of Remembrance" Messiah Lutheran's 9-11 Tribute

Messiah Lutheran Church held a special ceremony in Tower Grove Park on September 11, attended by several visitors, and marking the tenth anniversary of the infamous 9-11 attacks on our country. The event featured a concert by the Erin Bode Group, a jazz group which has toured the world. Following the concert, visitors listened to first-hand recollections of the day by Reverend Bill Wrede, who served



as a pastor in New York during the attack. Rev. Bill was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the disaster.

It was a meaningful experience for all in attendance.

Left: Veterans remember the 9-11 attacks.

Right: Rev. Wrede tells his first-hand story.



Tower Grove Park Calendar of Events

2011

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Through Oct. 31 **Muckerman Fountain and Pop Jests on for season**
Hours of operations:
Sunday – Friday 10 AM – 7 PM
Saturday 8 AM – 7 PM
For more info call: 771 -4484

Through Nov. 12 **Tower Grove Farmer's Market**
Back for its 6th year! Look for us just west of the Pool Pavilion in the center of the Park.
8 AM– 12:30 PM – Saturday only
For more info call: 772 -3899

Dec. 6 **St. Louis Symphony Chamber Concert Series**
Piper Palm House
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Concert begins at 7 PM
FREE and everyone invited
Space is limited and no reservations will be taken. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

2012 Dates

Feb. 14 **St. Louis Symphony Chamber Concert Series**
Piper Palm House
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Concert begins at 7 PM
FREE and everyone invited
Space is limited and no reservations will be taken. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

April 10 **St. Louis Symphony Chamber Concert Series**
Rarely Heard Literature for Wind Quintet
Piper Palm House
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Concert begins at 7 PM
FREE and everyone invited
Space is limited and no reservations will be taken. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Alexander Von Humboldt Ceremony

On September 11, the German American Heritage Society of St. Louis again celebrated the birthday of Alexander Von Humboldt in Tower Grove Park. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon, and Lansing Hecker of the German American Society placed a wreath at the base of the statue and offered interesting historical commentary about Humboldt.

John Karel, Park Director, also spoke briefly, regarding the history of the Park's statue. Light refreshments were shared following the ceremony.



Visitors gather at the Humboldt statue for the ceremony

Children Concert Series 2011

Thanks to all who attended the 2011 Summer Children's Concert Series! The concerts were held on Wednesday mornings in the Piper Palm House, June through August. The 2011 series concluded on August 17th, with the "Drum Out the Summer," a hands-on percussion concert. Children also enjoyed concerts throughout the series such as, "Peter and the Wolf," "Gone With the Woodwinds," "Baroque and Bach," "Stringing Along," and many more. The concert series is a fun, yet educational, way for children to learn about music.

The Friends of Tower Grove Park receives funding from the Regional Arts Commission and the Missouri Arts Council in order to provide this free event to the public.



Festival of Nations



The incredible sized crowded at the Festival

The International Institute of St. Louis hosted yet another successful Festival of Nations in Tower Grove Park on August 27 and 28. It is estimated that over 100,000 people from St. Louis and surrounding areas attended this celebration of world cultures, making it quite possibly the largest event ever in the Park. The Festival of Nations offered a tremendous variety of music, crafts, and demonstrations, with over 40 different food booths from countries all over the world. It was a wonderful event, which the Park has been pleased to host and sponsor since its inception in 2000.

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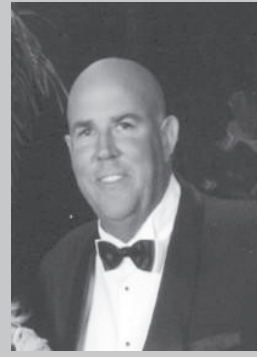
Annual Staff Picnic

On September 30, the employees of Tower Grove Park gathered for the annual staff picnic. Located at the Sons of Rest shelter in the Park, the staff dined on barbeque while socializing and enjoying the wonderful fall weather. Three employees were honored for their service and commitment to the Park: Grace Fernandez for 5 years as an employee following many additional years as a volunteer, Willie Harris for 15 years, and Darrell Pyatt for 20 years of service to the Park.



In Memory of Craig Doiron

After a lengthy battle with cancer, Tower Grove Park Commissioner Craig Doiron passed away August 16. Craig was the corporate vice president of global product management for Emerson. As a Park Commissioner, he served as chairman of the Development Committee. Craig shared his passion and enthusiasm for the Park and its role in the life of the city with family, friends, and colleagues. Everyone at the Park will miss Craig greatly. His family asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Park in his honor.



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From the Director

The unusually hot and dry summer has come to a close, and cooler weather is at last upon us. Despite the heat, Tower Grove Park had a full summer Season. From the Farmers' Market to the Festival of Nations, there has hardly been a dull moment in the Park.

Martinis at the Mansion was a great success again this year. Congratulations to the Friends of Tower Grove Park for putting on such a splendid event, and special thanks to Peter and Diane Wyse Jackson for hosting us at their lovely home. Thanks as well to the attendees, donors and supporters who made the event so successful. The Park will be more beautiful as a result.

As fall develops, the Park's trees show off their annual miracle of color and change. I hope you will have the opportunity to visit and experience for yourself the magic of this special season.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John Kavel'.

From the President

I am so glad that Fall is here. It was a brutal summer. Even though each season is 3 months long, it seems like summer and winter are longer.

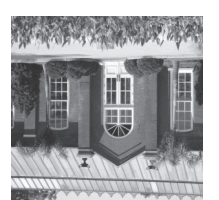
Spring and Fall are more like fleeting moments.

The trees are turning their beautiful colors of red, orange and yellow--just like they always do. The cool nights are enticing the leaves to start falling.

Tower Grove Park is so dependable for us. We can always expect a spectacular display of foliage. And it always delivers. Whether it is a snowy wonderland, a field of daffodils, a canopy of shade or a rainbow of leaves -- it's all here with each season.

I hope you can either walk, bike, run or drive through the park before the miracle of Fall is over. It's Summer's goodbye to winter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Shelley Donaho'.



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