

Old Mines Area Historical Society, Inc.

Societe Historique de la Region de la Vieille Mine



Invites you to our
**2009 French Heritage Seminar
& Annual Meeting**
St. Michael's House – Fertile, Missouri
April 4-5, 2009

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PROGRAM

Saturday, April 5 8:00 a.m. Registration – Continental breakfast (included in seminar registration)

8:50 a.m. Welcome by OMAHS President, **Francis (Fran) Pashia** and Program Moderator, **Dr. Carol Diaz-Granados Duncan**.

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. **Mary Catherine Norbut** – “**The King’s Daughters.**” - Mary Catherine was born in a log house built by her grandfather about 1910 in Old Mines area. She grew up in Old Mines and graduated from St Joachim High School. She is a genealogist and has attended numerous genealogy conferences throughout the United States and is able to trace numerous ancestors back to this group of women.

10:00 – 10:50 a.m. **Dennis Stroughmatt** – “**The Migration of Traditional Ballads from France to North America.**” Dennis is an authority on French Creole music and culture of Upper Louisiana and has performed throughout the United States and abroad. He has recorded 2 CD’s of Old Mines music.

11:00 – 11:50 a.m. **Natalie Villmer and the Old Mines French Singers** – The Old Mines French Singers sing songs handed down by the Old Mines French Settlers who came to this areas as far back as 1723.

Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 p.m. **John Hollingsworth** – “**Washington County and the Civil War.**” - John is a re-enactor and author, and has for the past five years given lectures on local Civil War History. He performs 8-12 re-enactments per year. John is the author of “The Battle of Blackwell”.

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Dennis Stroughmatt – In Performance**

Closing: Closing remarks and break.

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WALKING TOURS

Sunday, April 5, 2008

10:00 a.m. - Carol Diaz-Granados Duncan – Native-American Petroglyphs
Washington County State Park

11:00 a.m. Kent Beaulne – Tour of the Ancient Cemetery of St. Joachim Church which
includes multiple iron crosses

Cost per Person

\$40.00 – pre-registration received by 3/21/09

\$45.00 - at the door

(includes continental breakfast, lunch, beverages,
snacks)

Send checks payable to OMAHS to:

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See Reverse side for directions to seminar at St. Michael House, Fertile, MO

Directions to St. Michael's House

From St. Louis, go south on Highway 21 (Tesson Ferry Road) approximately 40 miles to Washington State Park. Turn south at the intersection of Highway 21 and Highway CC (Cannon Mines Road). St. Michael's House will be on your right about 200 yards from the intersection.



Local Lodgings

Arlington Bed and Breakfast Inn

207 E. Main St. Desoto Mo 63020
(636) 337-0043

Potosi Super 8 Motel

820 E. High St.
Potosi Mo 63664
(573) 438-8888

Washington State Park

Cabin Reservations
(636) 586-0322

Jefferson Square Inn

Highway 21 & 110
Desoto, MO
(636) 586-8700