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THIS PLACE MATTERS

To the Heritage Adventurers Chapter #1478, of the Questers, this place certainly matters. The newest chapter from Heritage of Hawk Ridge, Lake St Louis has found a project they feel very strongly is worthy of their attention, the Augusta Historical Museum. It is a local gem, showing visitors a glimpse of life in this area 150 years ago.

This brick house was built in 1861 by August and Catherine Sehrt of Hannover, Germany and is filled to the brim with artifacts from the time period. August was an experienced carpenter who made furniture and caskets and grew grapes and fruit trees on the 8 acres surrounding the house. His wife Catherine was quite busy raising their 10 children in this 6 room house. The house was acquired by the town of Augusta eventually and turned into a city park and museum.

The house is currently furnished with items typical of the 1860's There is a rope bed in the bedroom and a large walnut wardrobe, complete with wedding gown. A furnished kitchen is on the lower level featuring such items as a cooking range, pie safe, old ice skates, jugs, etc. In a nearby workroom there is a large collection of woodworking tools of the 1870's.

A group of volunteers, the Friends of Historic Augusta, have undertaken the restoration and care of the museum and welcomed assistance from the Heritage Adventurers. On Sunday, August 22, a large group of Questers drove out to the Augusta Historical Museum, visited the home and presented a photo display wall unit to the volunteers . The new photo display unit is now installed and contains some historical documents and photographs showing area history.

Stop in and see it, a volunteer will be happy to give you a tour. The Museum is open to the public on Sunday afternoons between 1 and 4 p.m, May through October.

The address is 275 Webster Street, Augusta, Missouri. Phone numbers are 636/482-4558 or 636/228-4303 Visit their website www.greatriverroad.com/stcharles/augustamuseum.htm

The Questers is an International Organization whose mission is the study of antiques and the support of historic restoration and preservation. For more information, visit their website www.questers1944.org.

“This Place Matters” is a campaign of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information, visit www.preservationnation.org. The National Trust and the Questers Organization are partnering to showcase the places that matter to them.

The President of the Heritage Adventurers Chapter #1978 is Mary Ann Bingham.
Members Stephanie Hempel and Helen Repke represent the committee that chose this
Museum as a PLACE THAT MATTERS!

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