

## **This Place Matters**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has partnered with Questers in a unique program to bring attention to their mission of historic preservation and restoration called “This Place Matters”.

A Quester’s chapter of Lake St. Louis, MO, the Heritage Explorers #1421, has raised over \$6,000 from fundraisers and a grant from the International Questers Organization in their efforts to help support the restoration projects of the Frenchtown Heritage Museum and Research Center, 1121 North Second Street, St. Charles, MO 63301, 636-946-8682.

This money will specifically help restore the museum’s 1929 Santa Fe caboose, a work in progress, which will be used as a learning facility for children, and give visitors a look at the glory days of railroading that were once a vital part of Frenchtown’s history.

The Frenchtown Heritage Museum is a research facility for those who wish to research the history of Frenchtown. The museum is housed in a restored fire station in the heart of historic Frenchtown, St. Charles, MO. In 1991 The Frenchtown District became a National Trust Historic District.

What is a Quester? We often hear that Questers is the “best kept secret”. As an international organization they have had a positive effect on many historical sites both in Missouri and across the country. For more information on Questers and their partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, visit these links:

“**This Place Matters**” is a campaign of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information visit [www.preservationnation.org](http://www.preservationnation.org). The National Trust and the Questers Organization are partnering to showcase the places that matter to them.

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 [www.questers1944.org](http://www.questers1944.org)

All aboard! Remember the romance of the railroads? This restored 1929 Santa Fe Railroad caboose was chosen as the Lake St. Louis Heritage Explorers #1421 as their project for the National trust for Historic Restoration and Preservation called, “This Place Matters”. Pictured here are several members from the Lake St. Louis Quester’s chapter who were among those who helped raise over \$6,000 towards restoring the caboose, now a work in progress, to become a learning center for children, schools, and families. The Frenchtown Heritage Museum and Research Center is located at 1121 North Second Street, St. Charles, MO. (Phone number: 636-946-8682).