

Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce

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Phone: (573) 265-6649 – August, 2009

“Business of the Month” Selected



The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Plaza Fashions and Merle Norman Cosmetics for being selected August “Business of the Month”.

Plaza Fashions opened on November 4, 1983 at 110 East Washington, an area which is now part of the drive-up lanes of the former Phelps County Bank location. Marilyn Smallwood and Cookie Humphrey began operations with lines for junior, missy, petite and women’s clothes. In 1989, Marilyn Smallwood and her late husband, Charles, purchased the former Bishop’s Clothing Store building, and moved Plaza Fashions to the current location. Cookie Humphrey left the company in 1991 and since that time Marilyn has continued to expand the business. The Merle Norman Cosmetics franchise was added in 1998.

Plaza Fashions now carries apparel for petite, missy and women’s sizes and also accessories such as scarves, jewelry, and handbags for day or evening. Marilyn carries swimsuits and swim coverups year ‘round and coats and jackets for each season, including winter coats. Some of the lines she carries are: Woolrich, Picadilly Fashions, Erin London, Koret, Graff and Bestow, Nomadic Traders, Tribal, Southern Lady, Nikki, N Touch and Not Your Daughters Jeans. *(continued on page 2, column 1)*

August Luncheon Scheduled

The August St. James Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon will be held on August 18, 2009 at Camp Brim Shire at 11:30 a.m. Rich Hashagen will update guests on the Foundation’s latest activities. There will be a special presentation and dedication made on behalf of the Foundation to a St. James area resident. A walking tour will also be included for those who would like a closer look at the creative recreation that Camp Brim Shire has to offer its adventurous campers.

The meeting is open to the public. Cost for the lunch will be \$10.00 per meal. All proceeds from the lunch will go to Camp Brim Shire. Please email Jennie at jennie@stjameschamber.net or call 265-6649 with your reservations by Friday noon, August 14, 2009.

Join Us @ Business After Hours

The Chamber of Commerce August Business After Hours will be held Thursday evening, August 27 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Sybill’s Restaurant. Appetizers will be provided by Sybill’s and weather permitting, the activity will be held outdoors on the beautiful porch area. There will be no cover charges and reservations are not required.

GFF Tickets Available in Advance

There are tickets available for purchase in advance for several of the events at the Grape and Fall Festival:

- Wristband Carnival Tickets\$15.00
(\$20.00 at the gate.)
- Spaghetti Supper (Adults) \$10.00
(12 and Under) 7.00
- John Deere Pedal Tractor Raffle(each) \$1.00
Six for \$5.00
- Season Passes.....\$20.00
Includes: Queen Contest (\$5), Antique Tractor Pull (\$8), Demolition Derby (\$10) & Parking (\$3.00/daily x 2) **Value: \$29.00**

What Marilyn likes best about her business is helping ladies feel good in clothes and make-up which best suits their lifestyle. When a woman feels good in what she is wearing and has given her face a lift to bring out her natural beauty, she is going to look fabulous from head to toe. These loyal customers she now considers as friends and rarely does a day pass by that she doesn't make a new friend. States Marilyn, "I don't see myself retiring because I would miss seeing all these friends!"

Marilyn counts her success on her high-energy staff who also enjoy the personal service they offer their customers. Jewel Harlan, Pam Gray, and Mary Malone are dedicated to making the customer's experience a memorable one each time they come into Plaza Fashions.

Plaza Fashions & Merle Norman Cosmetics is open 6 days a week from 9:00 – 5:30 Monday-Friday, and 9:00 – 5:00 on Saturday.

The Chamber will host a coffee on Wednesday, August 19, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Plaza Fashions, 115 W. Springfield. Please drop by to enjoy refreshments and congratulate Marilyn on her many successes.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The 76th Annual Grape and Fall Festival will soon be underway. Thank you to the following businesses who have stepped forward with contributions which help make it possible:

**American Family Insurance
Columbia College
Days Inn & Suites
Donald Farm & Lawn
FCNB
Forest City Footwear
Forest City Pharmacy
Golden Living Center
Grellner Sales & Service
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James Foundation
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co.
Phelps County Bank
Phelps County Regional Medical Center
Saint James Press
Shearmasters
St. James Eye Care
St. James Leader Journal
St. James Winery
Sybill's Restaurant & Gift Shop
Tacony Manufacturing
Town & Country Bank
Walmart Distribution Center 6069
Wilson Lumber Co.**

Volunteers Needed

The local organizing chairs for Tour of Missouri have already put in numerous hours in each of their respective assignments, but many of them are still in need of volunteers to complete their tasks and work the day of the event. Volunteers can sign up on line at the Tour of Missouri website – volunteers.tourofmissouri.com. Volunteers are still needed in these areas: course marshals, volunteer check-in, economic impact study, and no preference.

The GFF committee is also hard at work organizing the numerous events scheduled for the 76th Annual Grape and Fall Festival. There are a variety of tasks which require workers, as well as numerous time slots needing filled during the three-day-event, September 10 -12. If you personally know a committee chair you would like to help, please do not hesitate to give him/her a call. Or, feel free to call the Chamber office at 265-6649 or email me at jennie@stjameschamber.net.

It is the volunteers who make our community events such a great success! Many thanks to each and every one of you!

Pedal Tractors Raffled

"Pedal to the Medal", the theme of this year's Grape and Fall Festival Parade, will be demonstrated by community youngsters as they show off their pedal power at the "Pedal Tractor Pull" at 4:30 p.m., on Friday, September 11 at the fairgrounds' pavilion. Six classes will divide boys and girls by weight: Under 50 lbs., 51 – 65 lbs, and 66 – 80 lbs. All participants must be under age 10. Prizes will be awarded and the 1st place winner of each class will have their name put in a drawing for the grand prize, a John Deere Pedal Tractor. There is no pre-registration required and there will be no entry fee to participate in the pedal pull.

Additionally, two John Deere Pedal Tractors will be raffled off prior to and during the first two days of the Grape and Fall Festival. Drawings will be held during the intermission of the Antique Tractor Pull on Friday evening. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets may be purchased at the SJ Chamber of Commerce office or the Tourist Information Center. Watch for further information on ticket locations.

The Antique Tractor Pull will be held on Friday evening, September 11, 7:00 p.m. at the fairground arena. Admission to the Antique Tractor Pull will be \$8 or season pass ticket.

As the Chamber of Commerce continues preparations for the 76th Annual Grape and Fall Festival on Sept. 10 -12, 2009, they are now seeking individual and business sponsors for kids to enjoy their day at the fair at a reduced rate. Normally, “wristband” time periods are established to allow carnival riders to ride as many rides as they want within that time period for one price. The carnival company sets the rates and this year, tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 the day of the event. The ticket is then turned in for a wristband during one of the wristband time periods that have been agreed upon between the Chamber and the carnival company.

The Chamber is now accepting donations in \$10.00 increments to go toward the purchase of advance sale tickets (\$15.00). This will allow our community kids to purchase tickets for the remaining \$5.00. In other words, each \$10.00 donation will allow one kid into the carnival to ride all the rides for \$5.00. Utilizing this fundraiser, a family needing to purchase four tickets for their children would pay \$20.00 instead of \$60.00. Every \$10.00 donation will go directly to the purchase of an advanced sale ticket and allow one child a reduce-priced ticket for \$5.00.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets in advance at the \$15.00 price may purchase them at the St. James location of each of the following: Phelps County Bank, US Bank, Town & Country Bank, Tourist Information Center, or the Chamber office, 111 S. Jefferson Street.

Businesses & individuals making donations \$50 or more will be recognized on a banner displayed at the Grape & Fall Festival. Donations may be sent to the St. James Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 358, St. James, MO. 65559

What's Happening in Your Chamber & Community

- Aug 13 USA Tours – Kimmswick River Boat Cruise – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391
- Aug 15 Engine 51 Smokers BBQ @ Corner of I-44 & Hwy. 68. engine51smokers@yahoo.com – 573-578-3825 (weather permitting)
- Aug 18 C of C Members Meeting/Luncheon – Camp Brim Shire – 11:30 a.m. – Speaker & Tour: Rich Hashagen
- Aug 18 USA Tours – Isle of Capri Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391
- Aug 19 C of C Business of the Month Coffee – Plaza Fashions – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Aug 21 Engine 51 Smokers BBQ @ Corner of I-44 & Hwy. 68. engine51smokers@yahoo.com – 573-578-3825 (weather permitting)
- Aug 27 C of C Members Business After Hours– 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Sybill's Restaurant
- Aug 29 Citywide Cleanup
- Aug 30 USA Tours – Meskwaki Bingo Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391
- Aug 31 USA Tours – Meskwaki Bingo Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391

- Sep 01 C of C Board Meeting @ City Hall – 6:00 p.m
NO September Membership Meeting
- Sep 01 USA Tours – Isle of Capri Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391
- Sep 03 USA Tours – Botanical Gardens/Earthway Center – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391
- Sep 08 GFF Queen Pageant – SJ Middle School – 7:00 p.m.
- Sep 10 Tour of Missouri
- Sep 10 – 12 C of C 76th Annual Grape & Fall Festival
- Sep 15 USA Tours – Isle of Capri Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391
- Sep 18 USA Tours – Lake of the Ozarks Fall Leaves Tour – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391
- Sep 24 C of C Business After Hours - TBA
- Sep 25-26 C of C Blue Grass “Grape Jam” – Downtown St. James
- Sep 26 C of C Tour of the Vineyards Bike Ride

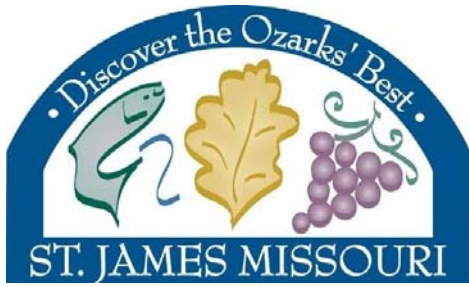
Bike Art Now on Display

Have you seen the display of bike art in the Cardetti building at 200 N. Jefferson? Thanks to the Cardettis for allowing us to display the bike art in the fabulous viewing area of their windows. Special thanks to Joe Cardetti for volunteering his talents in setting the art up for display. The ten pieces of bike art will be auctioned as a fundraiser for Tour of Missouri on September 10, at 12:30 p.m. at the Start Stage by local auctioneer Gary Lorts. Should time restraints prohibit all ten pieces being auctioned at that time, remaining bike art (if any) will be auctioned at the Grape and Fall Festival Spaghetti Dinner on the evening of September 10.



Working Together - Our Membership:

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History of St. James!*

***St. James Depot
Renovation Project 2009***

Paving your way into the history of St. James!

Purchase a brick that will be placed in the courtyard/patio area of the Old Depot. It will be engraved with an inscription of your choice. The bricks are offered in two sizes:

4x8 bricks can have up to three lines of 12 characters (including spaces and punctuation)\$30.00
 8x8 bricks can have up to 5 lines of 12 characters (including spaces and punctuation).....\$50.00

All proceeds from the personalized bricks will be used to renovate the Old Depot.

Order Form

First Line:												
Second Line:												
Third Line:												
Fourth Line: <i>(8x8 bricks only)</i>												
Fifth Line: <i>(8x8 bricks only)</i>												

Please use separate form for each brick purchased.

Your Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Fax:** _____

Address: _____

**Return forms to: St. James Community Development Corporation
 P.O. Box 358
 St. James, MO 65559**

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