



# PRESENCE

FALL/WINTER  
2022

*Wornall/Majors House Museums: The Past is Present.*



## Calendar of Events

**December 1**  
**Wornall House Spanish Language Tours**  
Recorre la Casa Wornall en español.  
\$8/person

**December 10**  
**Very Merry Christmas at the Majors Barn**  
Holiday snacks, games, and crafts for all ages!  
\$5/person

**December 10**  
**Holiday Floral Arranging Class**  
Arrange and take home your own holiday arrangement!  
\$20/person

**December 18**  
**Hearthside Story Time**  
Christmas stories and a craft in the Wornall parlor!  
\$5/family

*Wornall/Majors House Museums is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.*

## Thank you for your support

A message from Wornall/Majors Board Member Alisha Thomson



Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well as the end of the year approaches and we all strive to check those last 2022 to-do items off our lists!

This year, one of my end-of-year tasks has been the authoring of this letter. After six years of serving on the Board of Directors of the Wornall/Majors House Museums, it is my great honor to complete my second term with a reflection of my time on the board and the wonderful advancements I've observed firsthand.

Here are just a few of my most favorite:

With support from our donors, we installed the "Learning Landscape" at the John Wornall House. The Landscape converted the grounds at the Wornall House into a sensory-filled exploration of local history, including an 1800's inspired outdoor garden and new interpretive signage.

We implemented a Diversity and Inclusion plan aimed at ensuring accurate historical portrayal of the Museums' histories, including the experiences of the enslaved persons who lived at both properties.

We have expanded historic programming to include exciting new programs like our Wornall/Majors Institute series and partnerships with Freedom's Frontier and the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival.

And we are just getting started! 2022, like many years prior, has been a year of innovation and great accomplishment for the Wornall/Majors House Museums. As you read through our newsletter, I hope you will be inspired to support our continued efforts to preserve history in Kansas City.

With humble appreciation, I ask you to join me in supporting the Wornall/Majors House Museums with a year-end donation. Your gift to our annual funds makes it possible for us to continue our work inspiring, preserving, and stewarding all that we love about the Museums - their history, their beauty, and most importantly, the stories that connect the people in our community.

**Alisha Thomson**  
Board Member, 2017-2022

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THE JOHN WORNALL HOUSE 6115 Wornall Rd. Kansas City, Mo., 64113  
THE ALEXANDER MAJORS HOUSE & BARN 8201 State Line Rd. Kansas City, Mo., 64114

# Our Mission in Action

The mission of the Wornall/Majors House Museums is to engage our community by bringing history to life through hands-on, innovative programs and events.

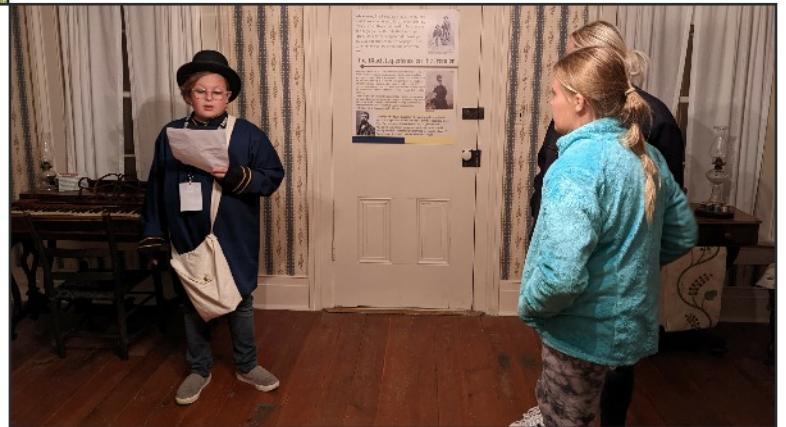


## Community

Fundraisers like our Boots, Bourbon & Pearls event bring together our supporters in a fun and casual environment at the historic Alexander Majors House. Together, our staff, volunteers, donors, and program participants create a welcoming family of those who love local history.

## Bringing History to Life

How often do kids get to learn about history directly from other kids? Our Kid-Friendly Ghost Tours were completely planned and executed by our youth volunteer team. Participants learned about the history of the Majors House, plus a few ghost stories, in a fun, safe environment.



## Hands-on Programs

Our Summer Camp allows children to explore various historical topics like the Civil War, women's history, and the Pony Express through hands-on activities. Activities include panning for gold, historic games, and even handling actual nineteenth century items!

## Innovative Events

Wornall/Majors loves creating events that delight and surprise. This April, we presented our *Nursery Rhymes After Dark* event to a sold out crowd, where we explored the darker side of historic nursery rhymes and even played some historic games.



# An Amazing Year

And it's not over yet!

We're still wrapping up 2022, and we're already so proud of what we've accomplished, we can't wait to tell you some of our successes this year. As of printing date:

Youth volunteers donated 140 hours of their time to programs and events.

Public tours to-date are up 18% at the John Wornall House and 42% at the Alexander Majors House.

We've added Spanish-language tours to our many offerings at the Wornall House.

We served approximately 900 students through field trips, summer camp, and youth programming.

229 people from across the country participated in our online Wornall/Majors Institute program.

According to one participant: "I really liked how the program was set up and how non-local people (like me in Florida) can participate. Each of the three sessions was fascinating, and I learned a lot."



Volunteer Lucy Gobber



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# Grateful

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Events clockwise (starting above): Historic Howl-o-Ween, Ghost Tours (3 pictures), Majors House public tours, Summer Camp, Buds & Suds.



## Thank you 2022 Volunteers!

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*The Wornall House grounds are maintained by the volunteer work of the Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City.*

