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2023

Wornall/Majors House Museums: The Past is Present.



Calendar of Events

May 13

Remake Learning Days
Classes for middle and high schoolers on the topics of storytelling, architecture, and TikTok.
Free

May 20

Buds & Suds
Local beer, food, and jazz on the lawn of the Wornall House.
\$30/\$25 members

June 8

Destiny of the Republic
Author event with Candice Millard.
Free

June 20

Drink Your History: Gin & Tonics
Sample gin and learn about its fascinating history!
\$30

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

Programs for All

A message from Wornall/Majors Program Director Sarah Bader-King



At Wornall/Majors, staff often says that the first quarter of the year is our time to take a breath and get our bearings for the year. However, in the first quarter of 2023, we have already hosted ten programs and one special exhibit! And of those programs, six were offered completely free to the public.

It is our strong belief that history belongs to everyone, and high-quality educational opportunities should be accessible and inclusive. And we're working hard to make that true. Often under-served in the museum world, we have developed programs specifically for preschool-aged children and middle school students. Exploring diverse perspectives, we've created free drop-in days to celebrate Black History Month and Women's History Month. Regardless of your age, sexual orientation, gender identification, race, or income status, you are welcome at Wornall/Majors House Museums.

We can't offer this important work without the support of grant funders, donors, and museum members. We have low overhead and a big impact. Not only do donors support programs, but also help us to maintain two of Kansas City's most historic locations — the John Wornall House and Alexander Majors House. These two historic homes — both over 160 years old — are not only valuable just because of their importance in Kansas City history, but also because they serve as the dynamic and immersive backdrop for our programs.

As we enter 2023, please consider including Wornall/Majors House Museums in your yearly donations. Your gift makes everything we do possible.

Thank you,

Sarah Bader-King
Director of Programs, Curator



Make a tax-deductible donation at
www.wornallmajors.org/donate!

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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

Working to Grow

How Funders Help Us Achieve Our Mission

Grant funding helps us diversify mission-driven book programs. A recent grant from the Missouri Humanities Council Trust Fund is helping us to expand the audience for our book programs through increased marketing and support. “Read with Wornall/Majors!” book clubs allow us to offer opportunities for multiple age levels. Preschool Story Time is designed to help preschoolers develop kindergarten readiness skills while bonding with adults. In Middle School Book Club, teens gather with those who share their love of history to discuss novels without the pressure of a school environment. Our adult book club allows us to discuss complex topics with experts – and often, the author of the book!

Majors gifts allow us to offer historic education for youth for free! Wornall/Majors has received funds from the R.A. Long Foundation to increase our youth education offerings. The \$3,000 grant is being used to cover overhead expenses, allowing us to make all of our youth events free or very low cost for attendees, which ensures that nobody is excluded due to financial barriers. The museums have already hosted two free drop-in events marking the start of Black History Month and Women’s History Month, as well as youth presidential trivia. In May we will host three free classes for high schoolers in conjunction with the international organization Remake Learning Days.

Partnerships with local organizations help us meet our DEI goals. A “discussion grant” from Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area is being used to host diversity, equity, and inclusion training for museums and historic sites. On April 3, museum professionals and volunteers will meet at Kansas City Public Library’s Central Branch for a day-long event. Attendees will examine our diverse Kansas City history, explore how to discuss that history, and learn how to implement DEI best practices both in events for the public and behind the scenes.

Members and donors like YOU provide support we can rely on. Even small gifts make a big impact on our daily operations. Because of the generosity of people like you, we have been able to lower prices for the majority of our events, while still maintaining high quality, historically grounded experiences. And membership has its benefits! Members can rent the grounds of the historic Wornall House, register for most programs at a discounted rate, and tour the Wornall and Majors Houses for free as many times as they’d like! See below for some benefits you can take advantage of now!

Summer Camp 2023



Every Friday June 2-August 4
Kids have fun learning about history!

~~Regular Price \$25~~
Member Price \$20

Buds & Suds



Saturday, May 20
Craft beer and music in the garden!

~~Regular Price \$30~~
Member Price \$25

Rent the Wornall Grounds!



Exclusive members-only access to
renting the historic Wornall grounds

Member Price \$80/hour

Grateful for our 2022-2023 supporters

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Drink Your History: Our Newest Program Series

Alcohol and human history have long been entwined. Our newest series is Drink Your History, where we explore the American history of spirits, while teaching you how to discern differences and taste some of America's (and the world's) most historic beverages. This four part series will feature whiskey, gin, hard cider, and Victorian Christmas libations.

Tickets include a brief historical presentation, plus 3-4 tastings or mixed drinks of the featured alcohol. Tickets are \$30/event or \$25 each for the entire event series. Buy tickets at <https://DrinkYourHistory.eventbrite.com>.



MARCH 31 - World of Whiskey

JUNE 30 - Gin and Tonics

SEPTEMBER 29 - In-Cider Information

DECEMBER 15 - Victorian Christmas Libations

All events take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Alexander Majors Barn - 8201 State Line Rd., Kansas City, MO 64114.

Drink Your History

Caden Gird Returns as Weekend Manager



In his twelfth year with Wornall/Majors, Caden Gird has returned to the museums to serve as Weekend Manager of the Wornall House. Caden started his career with Wornall/Majors in 2011, serving as a volunteer summer camp counselor. Just 11 years old at the time, he quickly fell in love with local history. Within his first two years of volunteering, he earned two Presidential Service Awards for more than 400 combined hours of service to the museums.

He has since served in a variety of roles, including docent, camp manager, and weekend manager. After a brief hiatus, he has returned to staff. A Shawnee Mission East alumni, he took time off after graduation, in which time he published his first book *Kimball: Fortis Non Ferox*— a genealogical history of the Kimball family in America. He also developed a social media platform of 22,000 followers, where he discusses British royal history. Caden will be attending ASU in the fall, working toward a degree in history.

Volunteer with us!

Want to get more involved with Wornall/Majors but don't know how? There is a volunteer opportunity for you. Our programs are designed to fit an array of interests, availabilities, and skill sets. Those who love meeting and speaking with new people will feel at home as a docent. Behind-the-scenes folks will fit right in with our event volunteers. Love kids? Wornall/Majors has a specific need for volunteers to help with our busy field trip schedule. Families can even volunteer through our junior volunteer program. Reach out to volunteer coordinator Sarah Goebel at administrator@wornallmajors.org for more information. Her goal is to make it easy and fun for you to serve.

