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THE WORLD'S GREATEST FAIR

There will be a one day only showing of The World's Greatest Fair Documentary on Tuesday, April 12 at Mexico Cinema III. The film is being brought to Mexico through the cooperation of the Audrain County Historical Society, University of Missouri - Audrain County Extension Office, Mexico Ledger, KWWR and Mexico Cinema III.

This documentary premiered at the Fox Theater in St. Louis in July of 2004 and has been shown to sold out crowds ever since. The World's Fair of 1904 was a defining moment in Missouri history. The film features hundreds of never before seen images, rare film footage of the World's Fair and first hand accounts of events of the day read by well known St. Louisans. Mexico proudly takes its claim to fame with our contribution to the documentary. Tom Bass, world renowned horse trainer, took one of the largest strings of show horses to the 1904 Fair.

Co-producers and directors Mob Miano and Scott

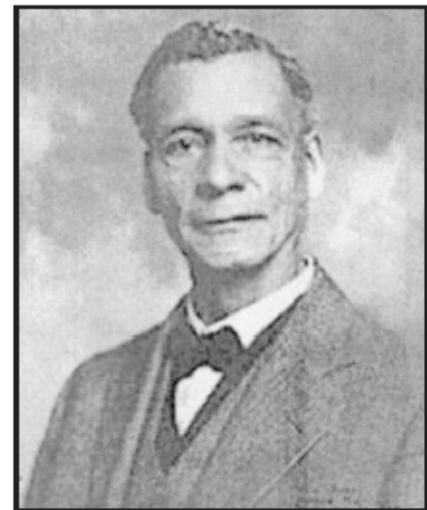
Huegerich have stated, "Today, 100 years later, we are still in awe of the Fair's impact. We savor the flavors, sing the songs and take for granted the innovations that were introduced to America and the world at the Greatest Fair the world has ever known.

There will be three showings of the film. One will be Tuesday morning for high school students in Audrain County. There will be a 12:15 matinee. Tickets for this show are \$5. The evening show will begin at 6:45pm. Tickets for this show will be \$7. Ticket sales will help cover the expense of bringing the production to Mexico for the Audrain County high schools and public to enjoy. Advance tickets go on sale March 29 at the Historical Society, KWWR and Cinema III. Tickets will be sold at the door if they are still available.

The dvd of the documentary will be available for purchase that evening and it is likely that one or both of the producers will be available to autograph your purchase.

RELIVE A PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY

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Calendar Of Events

April 12

World's Greatest Fair Documentary,
Special Mexico Showing at Mexico
Cinema, 12:15 and 6:45

May 3

Applications for 2005 Children's Civil
War Camp available at the museum
office, Tues-Fri, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00
P.M.

May 5

ACHS Lecture Series, Bruce Oliver,
History of the Firebrick Industry in
Mexico, 7:00, Country Church

June 3-12

Prairie Pine Quilt Show

June 7

Quilt Show Luncheon, Call Museum
Office for Tickets

June 13-17

Children's Civil War History Camp

September 6

Business After Hours, Museum
Courtyard, 6:00

September 23

"Walk Back In Time" Education Day
(reservations required)

September 23

"Walk Back In Time" Fish Fry and
Bluegrass Jam, Museum Courtyard

September 24-25

Walk Back In Time

November 1

ACHS Annual Meeting, Knights of
Columbus, 6:00 (reservations required)

November 18-19

Christmas Dinner

December 4

Christmas Open House

December 23

Museum closes for Christmas

January 1-31, 2006

Museum closed to the public

February 1, 2006

Museum resumes regular hours

Special Event Dinners Successful and Fun For Everyone!

The Audrain County Historical Society has sponsored several successful dinners in the last twelve months, providing Mexico with a dining experience a little different from the norm.

The idea of a dinner theatre at Graceland began several years back and finally premiered about a year ago with the performance of Graceland's Ghost, a historical fiction written and produced by Cathy Zinkel. The response was wonderful and the enthusiasm of the crowd has prompted Cathy to begin work on a 2006 production with some of the same characters.

Of course the dinner was so much fun that 2006 was entirely too long to wait to have another fun dining event. In December the society hosted two evenings of Christmas Dinners with strolling choirs for entertainment. The St Cecilia's Music Club, (a hundred year old music club from Vandalia) a community choir, recruited and directed by Mike and Iris Shoemaker, violinist, Sarah Seigfried, and David Reetz and his daughter, Carrie all performed throughout the evening. With Graceland adorned in its finest holiday trim, it was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season.

February brought plans for a romantic valentine dinner that featured Love Songs from the 30's and 40's performed live by Scott Weber. As always, the guests were treated to complimentary valet parking, a full staff of waiters and waitresses eager to serve, wonderful entertainment and a delicious dinner. The tables were dressed in black, crystal, candlelight and pink rose petals.

Unless the enthusiasm overcomes us and we just can't wait, the next dinner will not be until November but guaranteed you won't want to miss it!



The crew from Rheba's Catering ready to serve a fantastic Valentine Dinner.

Culture. Technology.

...and daredevil elephants.

Tuesday, April 12 • Mexico Cinema III
12:15 showing \$5.00 • 6:45 showing \$7.00

A feature-length documentary about the 1904
Louisiana Purchase Exposition held in St. Louis

Advanced tickets available at Mexico Cinema III
or The Audrain County Historical Museum office
beginning March 29th or at the door.

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