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## Historic Slatten House Bethany, Missouri



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The NARI company Touch of Distinction Color and Design is the architectural designer for the National Register of Historic Places home pictured here in Bethany Missouri. Recently the home won a State Preservation Award from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division.

In April 2005, the Doug and Rolanda Dale family purchased the thousand acre farm property. At that time, the 1850s home was listed at zero value. Due to the Dale's civic mindedness and interest in the past, they carefully thought over their options regarding the property and the remaining house. Regarding the house, should they do what others advised them to do, bulldoze the house and build a new energy efficient residence? The other option was to renovate the home; renovating it back to its respective period. The Dale's decided on the second option.

They moved forward with determination to find a designer for the renovation. In February 2008, the Dales contracted with the Touch of Distinction Color and Design firm in Kansas City, Missouri. Principal Paul Helmer is credited as having been preservation architect for the Kansas City Landmarks Commission, and the firm is credited with the renovations of a number of other period residences, commercial properties, and churches, including renovation planning for the Buchanan County Courthouse, The Warehouse Row Historic District, and the Immaculate Conception Church all in St. Joseph; and the Thomas Hart Benton Home, 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine Historic District, and renovation schemes for the Historic Park Lane Apartments in Kansas City.

Collaboration between the Dales and their architect proceeded with the restoration of the original porches, missing shutters, and color scheme. Details for these restorations were informed by original photos of the house. Porches existed on the north,

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## 2009 Homes Tour a Success

Rain or shine, the Historic Janssen Place Homes Tour in late September 2009 was a successful one not only for Historic Kansas City Foundation but for the community as well. Five beautiful homes, one school and chapel, entry gates, and Eagle Scout Memorial Fountain were showcased at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Homes Tour.

As with any event, many people help to make the tour successful. Thanks go to the tour homeowners and Notre Dame de Sion School for their generosity in opening their homes/school to the community. Additional thanks go to the 2009 Homes Tour Committee, tour volunteers, and HKCF all-volunteer Board of Directors for their support of this homes tour.

HKCF would also like to recognize and thank the homes tour sponsors: Kissick Construction, Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund, Vaughan Mechanical Inc., Ozark National Life, Lockton, Road Builders, PGAV Architects, and Pyramid Excavation & Construction, Inc.

Please help make Historic Kansas City Foundation's 2010 homes tour a great success by volunteering your time. You may contact the office 816-931-8448 for volunteer details.

### Many Thanks Go Out to Those Who Made the 2009 Homes Tour a Success:

#### The 2009 Homes Tour Committee

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### 2009 Premier Homes Tour Donors:



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Elaine Fry, Agent - State Farm

## Got Program Needs?

## Request an HKCF Speakers Bureau Presentation

We offer nine thirty-minute slide shows, ranging from a study of Kansas City's Art Deco to a History of Kansas City through its Neighborhoods. A \$35 contribution is requested and two-weeks advance booking is requested. Follow the link below to our online reservation form and detailed program descriptions:

[http://www.historickansascity.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=223&Itemid=108](http://www.historickansascity.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=223&Itemid=108)

# 2009 Homes Tour

A special thank you goes to the homeowners who opened up their homes and allowed the Historic Kansas City Foundation to showcase their residences: Carol Bachhuber, Lee and Lisa Campbell Ernst, Lori Dean and Chuck Gilbert, Steve and Barbara Mitchell and Bill Stout.

## Tour Registration and Janssen Place Gates



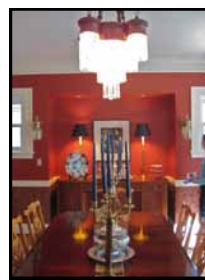
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## 80 Janssen Place



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### Friends of the Tour

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- Discounts on select tour and event registrations;
- Invitation to HKCF Annual Meeting;
- Notification of HKCF events;
- Use of HKCF's library; and
- Listing on the HKCF web site.

Join or Renew Online at:

<http://historickansascity.org/commerce/membership.html>

## Enjoy More Photos from the 2009 Homes Tour:

600 East 36th Street



3821 Gillham



Notre Dame de Sion



## A Large Group Enjoyed HKCF's Recent Old Saint Pat's Tour

On Sunday, January 31, over 100 Historic Kansas City Foundation members enjoyed a guided tour of beautiful Old St. Patrick's Oratory located at 806 Cherry Street in downtown Kansas City. Tour Guide Canon William Avis, Rector, not only provided historical anecdotes but important information on the preservation of this Kansas City structure. Tour patrons were also treated to the ringing of the Oratory's historic bell and an organ demonstration. For further information on Old St. Patrick's Oratory, please visit [www.institute-christ-king.org/kansascity](http://www.institute-christ-king.org/kansascity).

Thanks go out to Nate Hofer for the following photographs!



## A Message From HKCF President Kimberlee Ried



Over the past six months Historic Kansas City Foundation has experienced a tremendous amount of change, and I'm happy to report that change is taking HKCF in new directions!

While we continue our work towards meeting the preservation challenge, the Board has completed its annual retreat and has begun the process of searching for and hiring a new Executive Director. In addition, the organization has the talents of several volunteers who have planned the upcoming Spring Bus Tour on April 10 (which I encourage you to sign-up for and participate in); the April Church Tour on April 25; and the Annual Meeting in May, currently in the planning stage - be watching your mailbox for an invitation.

While we focus on special events and the day-to-day operations, work still continues on our biggest objective: advocacy of historic preservation. Currently HKCF is involved in several major projects in the metro area, including the Kansas City MO School District building re-purposing; the Liberty Memorial stonework upgrades; the Green Impact Zone; and the 18<sup>th</sup> & Vine District. Each of these projects requires meetings and conversations, and your Board is working for you to ensure that the best possible preservation work is being done.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Advocacy Committee's work, please call the HKCF office at 816-931-8448. Your contact information will be sent to our Advocacy Committee Chair Jacob Wagner. This group meets regularly and would welcome more member participation.

I ask that you please be patient with the organization as we continue our transformation – there are more good changes to come!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberlee Ried".

Kimberlee Ried

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south and west sides, with a veranda lining the kitchen wing on the southwest corner. Shutter cuts were noted on the window trim and color samples were collected below window sills, on windows, and along clapboard siding overhangs. Today these porches have been restored as have been the appropriate scaled shutters, complete with hinges, shutter dogs, and latches.

Today the home has been fitted with insulation, new lap siding, appropriate period painted replacement windows, and restoration of the original banister, parts of which were missing. A new HVAC zoned heating system and period themed bathrooms and kitchen complete the project.

A few liberties were taken with the lifting of the house and the installation, for the first time, of a basement with a single car garage on the west side and not visible from the primary entry. The front porch was also expanded to encompass the front and to carefully cover basement windows that were not original to the house.

Today the Dale home stands as a testimony to a proud past and a hopeful future. It represents the cultural farming history of Missouri and the Midwest region at a time when life was tough but when a bit of sophistication was brought into the countryside for family, friends, and community.

For further information, contact Touch of Distinction at (816) 931-9145 or view its web site at [todkc.net](http://todkc.net).

## Annual Spring Bus Tour Saturday, April 10, 2010

Both tours this year will be presented by our special guest speaker Dr. Bill Worley. Dr. Worley is a professor at UMKC and a well-known expert on Kansas City history.

**Tom’s Town, 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.**

*Tom Pendergast was the larger than life character who, for better and for worse, shaped Kansas City from the days of his older brother, Jim, in the 1890s to Tom’s own downfall in 1939. We will visit and view a variety of sites in the city that are historically connected with Pendergast and his followers. We will view Jim’s statue in Case Park, explore the West Bottoms from whence Pendergast rose to prominence and examine the residential locations of Pendergast’s allies as well as visit the site of his headquarters at 1908 Main Street.*

**The Ten-Year Plan: Kansas City’s Response to the Great Depression, 1:30 to 3:30 pm.**

*Kansas City got a jump start in dealing with the unemployment caused by the onset of the Great Depression in the creation of the Ten-Year Plan. It was a combination Kansas City-Jackson County bond issue designed to use bonds that would be retired over a ten-year period to fund public works projects that could put the unemployed back into gainful employment. Sites that will be on the tour include Municipal Auditorium, the County Court Houses, City Hall, Brush Creek, Southeast and Lincoln High Schools among others.*

Both tours begin at the Westport Presbyterian Church, 201 Westport Road. Ample parking is available in the parking lot behind the church. Enter the parking lot from Archibald Street which is one-way going west from Baltimore. Lunch is on your own at one of the many restaurants in the Westport area.

**Please arrive at 9:15 am and/or 1:15 pm for check-in at the church parking lot.**

**For more information call HKCF at (816) 931-8448**

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### Paid reservations due by April 5, 2010

HKCF members: \$18.00 one tour or \$30.00 both tours  
 Non-members: \$23.00 one tour or \$40.00 both tours

**Your Check is Your Receipt and Reservation.** Please make to your check payable to and mail to Historic Kansas City Foundation, 201 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO 64111

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|                                    | <u>Both Tours</u> | <u>Morning Tour</u> | <u>Afternoon Tour</u> |
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| Number of Non-Member Reservations: | _____             | _____               | _____                 |
| Total Amount Enclosed \$_____      |                   |                     |                       |

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A private tour of the  
**Convent of Franciscan Sisters of  
Christ the King**

**HISTORIC KANSAS CITY FOUNDATION  
MEMBER EVENT**

**Sunday, April 25, 2010  
2:00 pm**

**1409 East Meyer Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri**  
Go south on The Paseo off Meyer Boulevard, turn  
right into lot.  
Park on east side of building.

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