

FABS 2019 ST. LOUIS TOUR (October 23 - 27, 2019)

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form per participant and return with your check for \$550 per person payable to **St. Louis Mercantile Library**. Mail to:

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Special instructions

Diet restrictions?	
Mobility restrictions?	
Lodgings? (FABS hotel, friends/family, other)	
Collecting interests	

What the registration fee includes

Tour dates are Wednesday, October 23, through Sunday, October 27, 2019. The registration fee includes all receptions, lunches, and dinners, as well as bus transportation to all venues from the FABS hotel in St. Louis, and all museum/library admissions. The tour fee does not include hotel accommodations, breakfasts (and additional food or drink), or other forms of local transportation.

Itinerary

An itinerary, subject to change, is appended at the end of this document.

Hotel

We have secured a block of rooms at the St. Louis Frontenac Hilton at 1335 S. Lindbergh Blvd.; Frontenac, MO 63131 at a rate of \$144 per night. The location is in the heart of the metropolitan area and within walking distance to numerous restaurants and high end retail shopping. It is close to the Clayton and Ladue dining districts; and a cab ride puts visitors in reach of the famed Italian cuisine of St. Louis' Hill district as well as downtown St. Louis' famous Mobil (Forbes) Four Star Tony's Restaurant. For individual reservations, call 1-314-993-1100 or 1-800-325-7800 and reference **Fellowship of American Bibliophilic Societies**. Reservations hours are Monday- Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. All reservations should be received by the Hotel no later than Wednesday, October 2, 2019. Individual reservations can be made online at www.stlouisfrontenac.hilton.com.

Getting to St. Louis

Located at the geographic hub of the United States, St. Louis is easily accessible via plane, train or automobile. Our location makes it possible for visitors to fly to St. Louis from most major U.S. cities in three hours or less. St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) is situated just minutes from the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus, and is connected to Downtown and much of the region by MetroLink light. Once on the ground, there are many options for getting around including our easy-to-use network of highways, which make for just a short drive to local attractions. The 2019 Study Tour, timed to coincide with a beautiful Midwestern autumn, will be the perfect chance to visit the varied and extraordinary sites that St. Louis has to offer.

The fine print

Enrollment is limited at 50 persons, first come, first served. Slots are expected to fill quickly, so don't delay. If you must cancel, please let us know before September 1, 2019, and we will refund your registration fee in full. After September 1, we will refund as much as possible but may withhold a portion to cover prepaid and fixed expenses. No refunds will be made after October 1. Check-in information and more tour details will be emailed to you in the Fall. The tours organized by the Fellowship of American Bibliophilic Societies (FABS) bring together collectors, curators, dealers, scholars and others and are designed to be harassment-free for everyone regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, race, age or religion. The presentations and other information expressed or otherwise circulated by presenters, or representatives of host institutions are for informational purposes only and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of FABS or the St. Louis Mercantile Library. Neither FABS nor the St. Mercantile Library shall be held liable for personal injury or property damage sustained by any participant in connection with the FABS tour of St. Louis.

Wednesday, October 23 Please plan to arrive by the afternoon to be in time for an opening reception hosted by John Hoover, Director of the St. Louis Mercantile Library, and President of the Bixby Book Club, at the Frontenac Hilton Hotel, our weekend tour base where you will be staying. John will be giving some overview remarks on St. Louis book history and collectors, with a bow to William K. Bixby, one of the city's greatest book and art collectors of the past.

Thursday, October 24 In the morning we will visit The Richardson Library at the Saint Louis Art Museum in the newly restored and refurbished grand Cass Gilbert museum building, home of great Western American art of George Caleb Bingham, Charles Wimar, Oscar Berninghaus, and modern painters like Prendergast and Beckman. We will have a chance to see rare books, archives, paintings and great drawings associated with St. Louis' legendary history and development on the frontier in this magnificent surviving edifice from the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904. Our tour will then cross Forest Park, one of the largest Frederick Law Olmsted parks in America, from the museum to neighboring Washington University, to see Washington University Special Collections, newly remodeled, with magnificent exhibition spaces, and meet fellow collector James Schiele, who will show to the group the Schiele Collection of Freedom (prints, art and rare books). Jim Schiele will host our group for lunch at Washington University's Whittemore House, a distinguished St. Louis landmark. In the afternoon, FABS tour guests will visit The St. Louis Mercantile Library Association for a tour of the sprawling exhibition "Headlines of History: Historic Newspapers through the Centuries at the Mercantile Library", a curator-led tour of the art archives, and dinner at this historic and venerable Library hosted by the Bixby Book Club. The Mercantile Library is truly a national treasure; it has collected dramatically in all subjects for nearly 175 years but is especially known for Americana, including deep river history and folklore, railroadiana, and art collections. It was the first Library west of the Mississippi, but also one of the first historical societies, museums, theaters and lecture halls for a burgeoning frontier metropolis.

Friday, October 25 This will be a packed day. We will board a luxury tour bus early in the morning for a pleasant drive across the beautiful Missouri countryside following the Missouri River valley to Columbia, where we will visit the Museum of Art and Archaeology's international print and illustration collections followed by a tour of the Special Collections Department in Ellis Library at the University of Missouri. These visits are paired to call attention to the early interest by University leaders and scholars in classical studies, around which the rare book collections were built vigorously in the early twentieth century. The University of Missouri land grant campus, with its iconic freestanding Ionic columns and other distinguished buildings, is an impressive sight, but also a very civilized, relaxed and welcoming campus. After lunch we will move on to the State Historical Society of Missouri where we will view two comprehensive collections of the artists most associated with Missouri, Thomas Hart Benton and George Caleb Bingham. From there we go on to a buffet dinner at Columbia Books, hosted by longtime bookseller in the Missouri heartland, Annette Kolling-Buckley, who maintains a specialty in children's books and regional Americana, printing history and art.

Saturday, October 26 The day starts with our FABS traditional Symposium at the St. Louis Mercantile Library, related to its ongoing historic newspaper exhibition, “Headlines of History”, which has been acclaimed internationally. The Mercantile holds one of the largest newspaper collections in the central United States, developed comprehensively since its beginnings. The subject for our symposium is “From Cartoons to Campaigns in Print: Collecting Politics on Paper”. After lunch at the Mercantile we will board our tour bus for a splendid drive along the scenic Mississippi river palisades to Principia College, above the charming little Chautauqua town of Elsa, Illinois. We will have a walking tour of the college’s fabulous Bernard Maybeck architecture and view rare books and archives of art in the Principia College Library, all high above the Mississippi River Valley with breathtaking views stretching endlessly to the West. A festive autumn dinner at historic Pere Marquette Lodge nestled between the Mississippi, the Missouri and the Illinois rivers will conclude the evening.

Sunday, October 27 Anthony Garnett is the dean of rare booksellers in St. Louis and indeed for Missouri and most of Illinois and he will host our FABS Tour Group at his house (and book shop) for a Farewell Brunch before our travelers catch their flights homeward. Anthony is one of the leading booksellers of modern British fine printing, and his stock is very strong in British literature, poetry and art history as well.

St. Louis is one of the oldest and truly historic cities in the central states; it is an historical crossroads to everywhere, and there is much to see and do, with many surprises planned along the way for our bibliophiles.