

## An Invitation from AWPAs First Lady, *Nathalie Merrick*

Welcome to St. Louis, a city rich in history and culture! We have a wonderful spouse program planned and I look forward to exploring the city with you.

We will start on Monday afternoon with a visit to the Museum of Westward Expansion and the world famous St. Louis Gateway Arch. This museum contains an extensive collection of artifacts related to the westward expansion of the United States, including an overview of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. An optional ride to the top of the Arch is also planned. Our next stop is the Old Courthouse, site of the famous Dred Scott trial. Here you will find galleries depicting the history of St. Louis dating back to its roots with Spanish and French explorers. More information on these two outstanding attractions can be found online at: <http://www.nps.gov/jeff/>.

Tuesday is also a full and exciting day. We'll start with a breakfast tea before departing for Forest Park, host to the 1904 World's Fair. In Forest Park we will tour the St. Louis Art Museum, considered one of the finest museums in the country. At the museum we'll enjoy a semi-private lunch at Wolfgang Puck's restaurant. You can find more information about the St. Louis Art Museum at: <http://www.stlouis.art.museum/>.

After lunch we will travel to the Missouri Botanical Garden. Founded in 1859, it is the oldest Botanical Garden in the country and a registered National Historic Landmark. Our tour includes a guided tram ride around the 79 acre site. Featured will be the Japanese Gardens, considered one of the finest outside Japan, and the geodesic, climate controlled dome, home to rare tropical plants. Please visit <http://www.mobot.org/> for more information about this beautiful facility.

I look forward to seeing you all in St. Louis!

*Nathalie Merrick*

### Monday, May 7

A visit to St. Louis is a living history lesson that tells both of this nation's growth and struggles. Monday's program includes a visit to the famous Gateway Arch that features:



- ◆ A tram ride to the top
- ◆ A documentary on the building of the arch
- ◆ A museum containing artifacts related to the westward expansion of the United States

The next stop is the Old Courthouse which was the setting for cases involving slavery, the fur trade and equal rights, with the Dred Scott Case being the most notable.

### Tuesday, May 8

With Monday reserved for history, Tuesday is the day to learn about the beauty of St. Louis. Activities include:



- ◆ A breakfast tea
- ◆ Visit to Forest Park, site of the 1904 World's Fair
- ◆ Tour of the St. Louis Art Museum
- ◆ A semi-private lunch is planned at Wolfgang Puck's restaurant
- ◆ A visit to the Missouri Botanical Garden
- ◆ A tram ride around the site
- ◆ A tour of the Japanese Gardens

*Spouses and companions of AWPA meeting attendees may also attend these events:*

**Sunday, May 6th  
(6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)**

President's Reception

**Monday, May 7th  
(8:30 AM - 11:00 AM)**

Keynote Address - Dr. Joseph Lstiburek  
Building Science Corporation

Award of Merit Presentation to Dr. Craig McIntyre  
McIntyre Associates, Inc.

**Tuesday, May 8th  
(7:00 PM - 10:00 PM)**

Banquet  
Awards  
Installation of Officers  
Entertainment by Buzz Sutherland



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in St. Louis*

*Highlights for  
Spouse and  
Companion Program*