

A Treasure from India

Hand etched silver and brass encase a jewelry box replica of the TAJ MAHAL, playing theme "The Song of India."



Dutch Farm Scene

A musical scene filled with Dutch children playing in country.

Tours and Hours of Operation

Admission to the Leo St. Clair Music Box Exhibit and Collection is free to the general public and available for viewing during the library's normal hours of operation as follows:

Monday—Friday from 9 a.m.— 6 p.m. Thursday from 11 a.m.— 8 p.m.

Please call in advance to schedule tours for groups larger than 20 persons.



Gilt bird cage, one of five showcased in the entire collection.

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The Leo St. Clair Music Box Collection and Exhibit is the sole possession of Sulphur Springs Public Library and City of Sulphur Springs and photographs of the collection are prohibited.

Leo St. Clair Music Box Exhibit at Sulphur Springs



In Memory of Mr. Leo St. Clair
In recognition of Mr. Sinclair's love of
music boxes and the joy he provided
by sharing these delightful treasures
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Austrian Boy and Donkey



A child's toy, from 1860, shows a boy striking a donkey who refuses to drink water that is being pumped from a well.

French Couture



"Madame Pompadour," the doll, powders her face, then turns her head toward the mirror.

About the collection:

"Your (collection) has wide appeal and a sentimental one, and I was so pleased to find the men as interested as the women."

— Kansas City Art Institute

"It was a rare treat and one we will be discussing for years to come."

— Grace F. Wagoner

"Quaint and beautiful music boxes..."
—Altrusan International



A Queen's Throne

This miniature gilt and silver throne sparked St. Clair's interest in collecting music boxes. Presented as a gift in 1919, by a member of the Royal Belgium family on a state visit to the U.S., it plays the opera "Faust" when the chair is tilted backwards and the box opened.

Arranging Oriental Flowers

A Japanese Geisha is the central theme of this music box scene, known as the "Flower Arranger."



Spanish Cross



Worn by a Spanish sailor during the Spanish Armada in 1588, this silver cross was discovered when his ship sunk off the coast of England where it remained until 1942 when it was brought to America and placed in the collection. Later in 1950, it was a blessed by Pope Pius at the Vatican in Rome. It plays, "Holy God We Praise Thy Name."