



# ELI Weekly



## Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri

The **Gateway Arch** is an elegant monument to westward expansion in the United States and is the iconic image of St. Louis, Missouri (St. Louis is the second biggest city and the largest metropolitan area in Missouri).

The Gateway Arch, also known as **the Gateway to the West**, is an integral part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Park. It is located on the banks of the Mississippi River in St. Louis, Missouri. It stands 630 feet (192 m) tall, and is 630 feet (192 m) wide at its base, making it the tallest monument in the United States.

How was the design chosen? There was a nationwide competition in 1947-1948 to design a monument in St. Louis honoring western pioneers. The architect **Eero Saarinen** won the contest with his sleek arch. Construction of the arch began on February 12, 1963, and was finished on October 28, 1965. It was opened to the public on July 24, 1967. The Arch was built at a cost of \$13 million, and the transportation system was built at a cost of \$3,500,000 (There is an elevator-like tram inside, and it takes visitors to the top). The Arch weighs 17,246 tons. Nine hundred tons of stainless steel was used to build the Arch, more than any other project in history. The arch also has 60-foot deep foundations. It is very stable and was built to withstand high winds and earthquakes. The structure sways about one inch in a 20 mph wind. The Arch is designed to sway up to 18 inches in 150 mile per hour winds.



Visitors enter the arch from an underground visitors center and can travel to the observation deck at the top in a 40-passenger tram that runs inside the arch. It's a quick four minutes to the top, and on a clear day you can see for about 30 miles. Each year, approximately a million visitors ride the trams to the top of the Arch. The trams have been in operation for over 30 years, travelling a total of 250,000 miles and carrying over 25 million passengers.

For more information, visit to: <http://www.gatewayarch.com/Arch/>

## Activities This Week

### University Film Series

**Last King of Scotland** (Canada: Kevin McDonald 2006)

Forest Whitaker's performance as real-life megalomaniac dictator Idi Amin powers this fictionalized political thriller, a blunt and brutal tale about power and corruption in Uganda.

- **Where:** PSU Theater
- **When:** September 22 (Mon), 7:00 p.m.
- **How much:** FREE !!!

For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Computer Lab!



September 22, 2008

## Announcements

- **Monday 9/22** is the 1st day of **Fall!**
- **Computer Lab Open Hours** (M - F)
  - 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
  - 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
  - 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.(On Fridays the lab stays open all afternoon)

- **Don't forget:** If you have a **new address** or **social security number**, please come to the office to let us know.

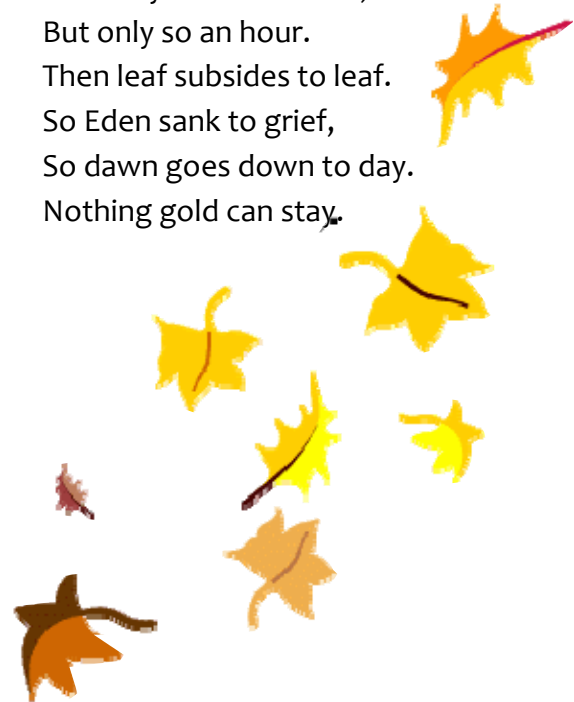


## Autumn Poetry

### Nothing Gold Can Stay

By Robert Frost

Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.



## Academic Lecture

- **Levels:** 4 & 5
- **Date:** Wednesday, September 24
- **Time:** 1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.
- **Location:** Room 410
- **Speaker:** Dr. Carol Gosselink  
(Department: Gerontology)
- **Topic:** Treatment of Elders



## Weather Forecast

Forecast for September. 22—September. 28

		Fahrenheit (High/Low)
Monday:	Partly Cloudy	79/59
Tuesday:	Sunny	78/59
Wednesday:	Mostly Sunny	78/60
Thursday:	Isolated T-Storm	75/57
Friday:	Sunny	75/58
Saturday:	Sunny	73/57
Sunday:	Sunny	75/57



Weather forecasts are **always** changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com), or watch the local news or the weather channel.