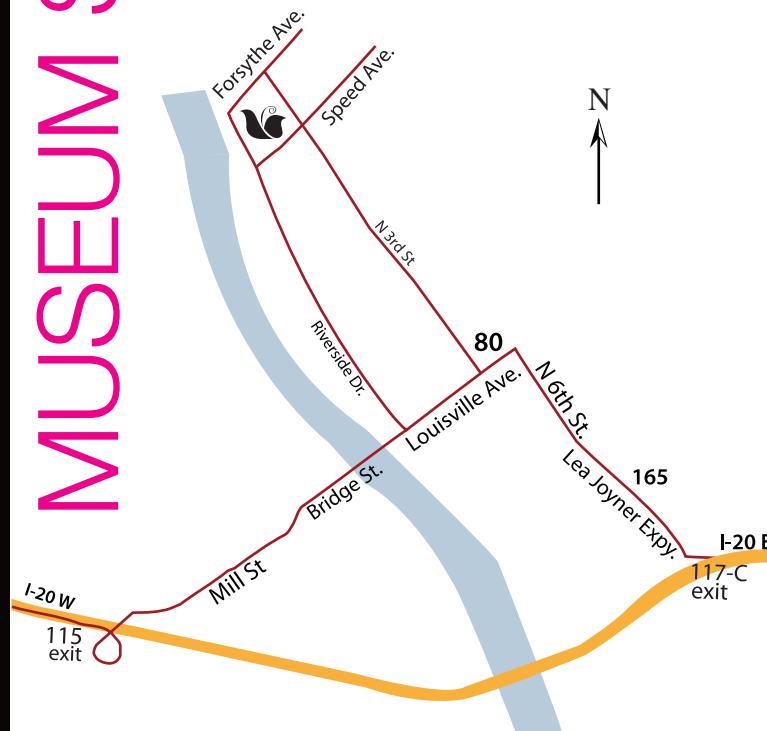


BIEDENHARN

MUSEUM STORE

The Biedenharn Museum Store contains a fascinating inventory of items pertaining to the multi-faceted mission of the Biedenharn Museum. Visitors will find items related to Coca-Cola, gardening, the Bible and Russian Icons. Jewelry and decorative items reflect the cultured taste of Emy-Lou Biedenharn while other items represent the unique aspects of Louisiana life.



The Biedenharn Museum & Gardens and Museum Store are open 10 am–5 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Tour admission is charged; see www.bmuseum.org or call 318-387-5281 for more information.

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THE HOME

Joseph A. Biedenharn, the first bottler of Coca-Cola, built his home in Monroe, Louisiana in 1914. Young and old can connect to the gracious life of his daughter Emy-Lou through guided tours of the house. The rooms are exhibited as they were lived in, reflecting the eclectic taste of a well-traveled woman. In the furnishings and accessories, one will see Emy-Lou's love of music, nature and family. Guests will enjoy the beauty of rare furniture and antiques featured in the library, music, dining, breakfast and living rooms. The bedrooms display crystal chandeliers, high tester beds, and artistic accessories highlighting Emy-Lou's European singing career.

BIBLE MUSEUM

An 1848 facsimile of the Wycliffe Bible inspired Emy-Lou Biedenharn to begin her collection of Bibles, which culminated in the formation of Monroe's Biedenharn Bible Museum. The collection contains a number of rare and historically important Bibles including an original 1611 King James Bible, art Bibles and a page from the 1454-55 Gutenberg Bible. The collection celebrates the contribution of the Bible and biblical literature to the enrichment of Western Civilization; the Bible Museum exhibits demonstrate the importance of the Bible in American culture.

In addition to the extensive Bible collection, the Biedenharn features exhibits of Russian Icons from the Daniel R. Bibb collection, as well as special temporary exhibitions covering a variety of topics. Visit www.bmuseum.org for an updated schedule of exhibits.

THE GARDEN

ELsong, Emy-Lou's song, is a beautifully walled English garden developed by Miss Biedenharn upon her return to Monroe following a successful vocal career in Europe. The garden is designed with a number of thematic settings including the Four Seasons Garden, Oriental Garden, and Musical Grotto. The highlight is the stunning Wagnerian Fountain located on the north end of the Ballet Lawn.

Several thousand flowering plants, as well as sculptural embellishments from around the world, are nestled into the landscape surrounding the Biedenharn estate. The Conservatory is patterned after fine English glasshouses and is home to thousands of tropical and semi-tropical specimens. The experience is enhanced by background music—one of ELSong's unique features.

COKE MUSEUM

Opened in 2008, the Coke Museum showcases two exhibit rooms full of Coca-Cola memorabilia and historical items including a collection of vintage signs and a Model T Coca-Cola delivery truck. The exhibits come to life in the replica soda fountain where a friendly soda jerk relates the fascinating story of the man who put Coca-Cola in a bottle for the first time—"Mr. Joe" Biedenharn. Visitors will also see a demonstration of the original bottling process, and more. Combined with lots of nostalgic Coke memorabilia, a stop in the Coke Museum will prove to be both entertaining and educational. Don't forget to grab a refreshing bottle of Coca-Cola from an original five-cent soda vending machine!

