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# Wildwood Historical Society Newsletter

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## Upcoming Program Schedule:

**February 16** -- Robert Reichardt: Discussion of the biography he wrote on Colonel Robert M. Powell, 5<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry Regiment

**March 16** -- Clarence Schaege: Vietnam Memories -- the Forgotten War

**April 20** -- Jim Martin: Hawken, Easton, and other St. Louis Pioneers

**May 18** -- Rich Hardt: Historic Auto Show

**June 15** -- Barbeque and Potluck Dinner at the Hencken Place: Bring your friends and old stories!

**July 20** -- Jim Martin: Discussion of the Historic Movie: *Under this Same Stars—the Celadon Affair*

(story from the late 1700s in the Ozarks and filmed in and around St. Genevieve); Will discuss some of the background of the French and Spanish governments, slave trade, indentured servants, and involvement with the remaining Native Americans

**August 17** -- Yet to be determined

**September 21** -- Stan Prater: Victorian Costume Ball

**October 19** -- Robbi Courtaway: Prohibition: Wetter than the Mississippi

## Wildwood Civil War Author

### To Speak Tuesday

A fourth-generation St. Louisan, Bob grew up in Webster Groves and now lives in Wildwood. While an architect by profession, his interests have long been genealogy and Civil War history. By combining those two, he has produced a biography of Colonel Robert M. Powell, 5<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry Regiment, great-grandfather of his wife, Patricia Powell Reichardt.

Bob has written several articles concerning Colonel Powell for *The Herald*, a publication of the Montgomery County (TX) Genealogical & Historical Society and for *Stirpes*, a quarterly publication of the Texas State Genealogical Society. He has also contributed an account of Colonel Powell for the history of Montgomery County, Texas, soon to be published.

## Meeting Calendar

3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

7:00 P.M.

WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MUSEUM PROPERTY

(IN THE CHICKEN COOP)

18750 HIGHWAY 100

Coffee and dessert are available before each meeting at 6:30 p.m. for a small donation.

## Membership

Join the

Wildwood Historical

Society

\$20 per year single

\$25 per year family

Make checks payable to:

Wildwood Historical

Society

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Wildwood, MO 63040

## THE WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE

[www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org)

## THE WATCHMAN 10/27/1881

Why it's fun to publish a paper in this County where there is so little competition in collecting news. For instance, last week the WATCHMAN contained more local news matter than all the other papers in the County combined, for it had all they published and about three times as much more.

We had over a column of editorial paragraphs of from one to ten lines, and two lengthy editorials, occupying over a column, on County topics.

In the local columns there was a full account of the County Court proceedings. Very interesting accounts under the respective special headings of "Point Breeze," "Cash at Creve Coeur," "Two Legs Lost," "Gold at Glencoe," "Sunday School Work," "Doe Dosing at Allenton," "Barrett's Station," "Creve Coeur," "Webster Groves," "Perkins Pegged Out," "Amusements." Under "Autumn Leaves" there were thirty-two items; under "Normandy," two items; "Ferguson," six items; "Kirkwood," three items; "Florissant," twenty items. Then we had a detailed and descriptive account of the railroad collision, naming the killed and wounded, at Meramec, covering one and one-fifth columns, in small, nonpareil type. Now, to all this, add two columns of sheriff's sales and nearly two columns of other legal advertisements, in this the official organ, and you will come to the conclusion that the WATCHMAN is the most valuable paper that a resident of this County ever laid hands on.

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## Other Society News:

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>: Presentation to the Wildwood Historic Commission as a first step to having our Museum property placed on the city's Historic Register. This should help with our request for a Conditional Use permit. The Commission will most likely vote on our register nomination at its March meeting.

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>: As the Museum Director, Lynne Martin chaired the first meeting of the Museum Advisory Committee. Committee members include: Fred & Martha Bunch, Lisa Daum, Charlotte Fink, Ruth Foster, Patty Frazier, Carla Geno, Randy Herberg, Val Mertz, Randy Nowell, Francis Poe, Jo Ridenhour, Irene Salazar, Joan Schmid, Linda Scott, Jan Stevens, Sue Throckmorton, Jill VonGruben, and Meme White.

The group toured the house and all of the outbuildings, then divided up into smaller subcommittees to discuss specific recommendations and some very good ideas.

### The Society Needs Your Help

- Dues can be paid any time during the year, however payment received before June 1<sup>st</sup> assures that you can vote in our annual election. Receipt of your dues early in the calendar year allows us to use those monies sooner to pay bills!
- Help is needed to move quite a number of stored items (primarily at the Martin's) to the Society property. Our first opportunity is President's Day, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> (depending on weather). If interested in helping move and/or catalogue these items, please contact Lynne Martin at 636-458-3306.
- A lot of work needs to be done at our museum property in order to ready it for use this summer to display our collection and for extended programs. We need people to paint, do minor carpentry work, clean, make signs, etc. We plan to work at least one Saturday each month, but may also try some weekdays as the weather gets warmer. If you, or anyone you know, would like to assist with this massive project, please contact Lynne Martin at 636-458-3306.

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