



January 2011

Wildwood Historical Society Newsletter

GROVER ● POND ● HOLLOW ● CENTAUR ● MELROSE ● FOX CREEK ● ORRVILLE ● ALLENTON ● WESTLAND ACRES ● KELPE ● MONARCH

Upcoming Meetings:

January 18th	Panel Discussion on the Future of the Society
February 15th	Dale Carnegie by Joan Schmid
March 15th	Holocaust by Gunther Goldsmith, a survivor
April 19th	Civil War Units of Local Men
May 17th	Wardenburg, Heide, and Schott Family Histories by Bob Wardenburg
June 21st	Pot Luck at Hencken House
July 19th	To Be Announced Later
August 16th	Weekend Tour of Civil War Sites in Missouri by Matthew Kelpé
September 20th	Business Meeting and Elections
October 18th	Civil War Program by Stan and Barb Prater
November 15th	Share the Stories of Your Treasures
December 10th	Christmas Party at the Hencken House

Watchman Articles

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Peter Hencken of Fox Creek P. O. says two horses were stolen from him on the night of April 20. One dark bay mare about 18 years old, 16 hands high, small white spot in forehead, hardly noticeable, with a very thin mane, a small collar marking where rub, - on the right shoulder. Also, one light mare, about 8 years old, 16 hands high, large white blaze in the face, extending down over the nose, ruptured - makes a peculiar noise when traveling - caused by the rupture; both animals are in good condition, and shod all around. Any information leading to the recovery of the animals or the capture of the thief or thieves, will be liberally rewarded, and \$50 reward will be paid for the delivery of the horses and thief or thieves.

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Miss Dela Sanford of Kelpé, who broke her arm while skating last week is convalescing.

January Meeting Information

The January meeting of the Wildwood Historical Society will be January 18th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments beforehand at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be a presentation of the future plans of the museum, library, and property. After the presentation, we encourage you to ask questions or make comments you might have concerning the Society. Clarence Schaeg will be the moderator for the question and answer session. Jim Martin, President; Joan Schmid, Museum Director; and Jill VonGruben, archivist and research librarian, will be there to answer your questions. If you cannot be at the meeting and have questions, contact Clarence Schaeg at 636-458-3568 or email clarenceandpatty@gmail.com. If you have a question or comment and are not comfortable voicing it, you may contact Clarence and he will ask it for you.

Now is the time to ask any questions or bring up any concerns about the Society and its future. We have a great opportunity to make an impact on the community, but we all have to work together to achieve this goal. We look forward to seeing you at the January meeting and hearing from you.

Wildwood Community College Program

The President's Day Program at the Wildwood Campus of St. Louis Community College will be held on February 17th, featuring Garry Sprague with an interesting talk on Harry Truman. Contact Dr. John Glen at the college for more information and the exact time (expected to be 2:00 pm). All Historical Society members are invited as this program is free and open to the public.

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Wildwood Historical Society Museum Plans:

Moving Forward

Two major steps will be taken this spring when the Society completes the new 24-car parking lot and finishes out the main floor of the Toy Factory building as our museum space. Pending final Wildwood approval, Tom Kelppe has volunteered the labor to install a new gravel drive and parking area that will connect our current asphalt area with Stovall Lane (the original Manchester Road). This will be a one-way-only drive leading from our current lot to Stovall Lane and will be used only during major events. Vehicles will not be allowed to travel from Stovall Lane westward onto our property.

The museum "build-out" will also begin in the next few months as the Trustees have approved a plan to finish the western two-thirds of the existing Toy Factory building. Water seepage problems prevent finishing the eastern third of the building until a new foundation and drain system are installed along the north-east corner. Construction of the museum space will require the installation of furring, insulation, drywall, new doors and windows, an upgrade to the electric, and the installation of a heating and cooling system. We expect to complete this work almost exclusively with volunteer labor and should be complete by mid- to late June of this year. Anyone desiring to "pitch in" should contact Jim Martin or Fred Bunch for a work schedule.

Phase 2 of our construction will be a remodel of the "Paint Shop" into a meeting hall that will provide about fifty percent more room than we currently have in the Chicken Coop. This work will begin after final plans are approved by the Trustees and funds are available.

Volunteer Committee Opportunities

The Wildwood Historical Society is seeking members and other local volunteers who would be willing to serve on a variety of interesting advisory, research, and work committees. Tentatively it is planned that specific teams will focus on Ways & Means, Property Maintenance, Historic Research (for bus tours and other local projects), Calendar, and Education. Anyone interested in serving on one of these standing committees should contact Jim Martin at 314-799-7610.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011!

From the Wildwood Historical Society

We hope to see you at one of our meetings this year. Thanks for your support.