



Wildwood Historical Society

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October 2014 Newsletter

October Meeting

October's meeting will feature a peek into the Society's past with a program from our archives. We will be showing a video of a Civil War funeral re-enactment at Bethel Cemetery. The re-enactment ceremony took place at Benjamin F. McDaniel's grave, great-grandfather of current WHS member and trustee Larry McDaniel. Besides the ceremony, the video also includes a tribute from Larry in his period uniform to his great-grandfather, and various interviews with those attending the ceremony. Please join us as we look back at a past program!

October Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

7:00 p.m.

18750 Highway 100

New Officers & Trustees

At September's meeting, the Society elected the following people to their listed positions. Congratulations to the new officers and trustees and thank you for your service to the Society!

Treasurer – Dave VonGruben

Vice President – Sandy Gurnow

Trustees – Helen Gaehle & Donna Kummer

Upcoming Meetings

We have some great topics coming up. We hope you can join us! All meetings will be at the meeting hall (18750 Highway 100 in Wildwood) at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

October 21 – Film of Benjamin McDaniel's Civil War funeral re-enactment

November 18 – Annual WHS Antiques Roadshow

Saturday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. – Annual WHS Christmas party!

January 20 – Genealogy Ideas by Steve Claggett & Sandy Gurnow

February 17 – Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House* Sites by Anna Kelpé

March 17 – *Oysters to Angus: Three Generations of the St. Louis Faust Family* by Elizabeth Terry

April 21 – *B&B Theatres: "Bringing Hollywood to your Hometown since 1924"* by Wildwood B&B's general manager Paul Farnsworth

2014 Bus Tour

The 15th annual bus tour is less than one month away. Seating is still available but is limited, so please sign up today! Simply fill out the form we have attached on page three of this newsletter and send it with a check for the appropriate amount to our post office box. Reservations are first-come, first-serve, so don't delay. We will confirm your reservation via email. If you have any questions, please contact us by e-mail (matthewkelpé@gmail.com) or call Helen Gaehle at **636-220-6720** or **314-346-0884**.

Wanted: Photos, Letters, Diaries

Do you have old photos, letters, diaries, or similar items? If so, our library would love to have copies of them! We can scan and return them to you immediately. Please contact our librarian/archivist, Jill VonGruben, at jfvgjfv@gmail.com or **636-458-3098**. Thank you for your help!

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**Saturday,
October 25th,
2014**



Babler State Park Stable



Greensfelder County Park
Roundhouse Memorial



Rockwoods
Reservation
Lime Kiln

**Babler State Park - Rockwoods Reservation
Greensfelder County Park**

Reserve your place today for this year's bus tour featuring Wildwood's three historic park lands: Babler State Park, Greensfelder County Park, and Rockwoods Reservation. Your \$35 AM or PM tour includes lunch at the Society's Meeting Hall, 18750 Manchester Road, Wildwood, MO 63069.

To register, fill out this form and mail it with your check for \$35 per person to:

***Wildwood Historical Society
P.O. Box 125
Wildwood, MO 63040***

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Tour Preference (please check AM or PM): _____ AM (9 a.m. - Noon, followed by lunch)

_____ PM (1 p.m. - 4 p.m., preceded by lunch)

Don't delay! The tour sells out quickly!

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Peek Into Our Past

The *Watchman* county newspaper published news from towns in our area in the late 1800s. Enjoy this month's "Peek Into Our Past."

10/3/1884 – Don't forget the grand picnic, which comes off October 12th, at Witte's grove, near Bonhomme P.O., given by Wartburg Lodge, D.O.H. Good music will be provided and also refreshments of all kinds. Admission to picnic ground free to all.

10/10/1884 – Mr. F. G. Schulze, of Orrville, called at the WATCHMAN last Saturday and paid his subscription for two years. Such men are always prosperous and good citizens. There is no better test of a person's capacity to be a respected member of society and the community than his treatment of the county paper, which keeps him acquainted with the doings of the whole world and his own section of it in especial.

10/15/1897 – Jesse, George and Allen Ware of Pond, were committed to the county jail Friday by Justice Peter Blum of Meramec township, to work out a fine of \$100 and costs for stealing three bushels of corn from Oscar Hanson. The fine, aggregating \$112.95, or \$37.65 per bushel, it is said to be the highest price ever paid for corn in St. Louis County.

10/6/1899 – We were pleased to receive a call Saturday morning from Mr. William P. Ossenfort of Melrose, one of Meramec township's most worthy young men.

WHS Membership Information

WHS memberships are due on a calendar-year basis and run through December 31, 2014.

Individual – \$25

Couple – \$30

Family with children through age 22 – \$35

Benefactor – \$100

Lifetime – \$500

Please make your check payable to:

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Please include a note with your current e-mail address, phone number, membership level, and member's name(s). Thanks for your support!