



Wildwood Historical Society

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November 2014 Newsletter

November Meeting

November's meeting is the annual WHS Antiques Roadshow. Attendees are encouraged to bring an antique, whether you know its history or not, to show to the Society. It is always a treat to see what treasures people bring. Even if you don't have anything "antique", we'd still love to have you come!

November Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

7:00 p.m.

18750 Highway 100

Annual Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. in our meeting hall. Please bring a dish to share and your holiday spirit. The best gift for the Society this year would be a willingness to volunteer and a check or cash for our mortgage payments. Thanks, and we hope to see you on December 6!



Upcoming Meetings

All meetings are at the Society's meeting hall at 7:00 p.m.

January 20 – Genealogy Ideas by Steve Claggett & Sandy Gurnow

February 17 – *Little House Sites* Tour 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 Paul Farnsworth

Thank You!

A big thank you to Fred & Martha Bunch for the new, larger-capacity gutters on our meeting hall and chicken house building. It was a very generous donation and the Society greatly appreciates it!

Wanted!

We want YOU as a volunteer – any age, any skill. We need people to take on one WHS fundraiser and help the Society move forward with its museum and educational efforts. There's something for everyone! Please contact Lisa Kelpé at kelpfamily@gmail.com or 636-458-2860 and ask how you can help. We appreciate it in advance!

2015 WHS Calendar

Our 2015 calendar features the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. It is in the final proofing stage and will soon be printed. Please come to January's meeting to get your copy. It will be well worth the drive!

2014 Bus Tour of the Wildwood Parks

If you missed this year's bus tour, you missed a lot – to name a couple, Martha Bunch's beautiful and tasty lunch (see photo at left) and a gorgeous fall day in Greensfelder, Rockwoods, and Babler Parks. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as evidenced by the following emails we got after the bus tour.



“Wanted to let you know that we had a delightful time on the tour yesterday. We discovered some new trails to hike! I loved the coleslaw and potato salad...and the muffin! All delicious!!”

“The tour was wonderful – very informative and of course a great day – you did an excellent job – THANKS!! I think everything went well – everyone was talking about the parks and how great the lunch was – a great job by all this year!!”

We would like to thank all who attended for their support. Also, big thanks go to Martha Bunch, Helen Gaehle, Lisa Kelpé, Tom Kelpé, and Donna Kummer. Your hard work made the day a success!

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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."

11/19/1886 – The Ladies' Aid Society is to meet at Mrs. Taylor's, Maple Grove, on Thursday. They have decided to give an oyster supper, followed by an entertainment at Wright's Hall, on the evening of November 24, beginning at 6.30 p. m. The society has a great many articles on hand, which will be sold at auction, to the highest bidder, for cash. All are cordially invited by the committee. The proceeds are to go to the Sunday school. A good time is anticipated. Come and enjoy yourselves.

11/15/1889 – James Shields, last Monday, showed us a photograph of himself and a fine crop of Shields' stooing flour corn, that was taken on his farm, at Pond, a few months ago. He also exhibited several testimonials, stating that this brand of corn makes flour, equal to any wheat flour, and will average from 15 to 20 per cent more to the bushel. Mr. Shields and the picture looked well, and his testimonials speak well for the corn.

11/10/1893 – Miss Carrie Hillebrand, who teaches the Orrville school is meeting with considerable success. The young lady is only 18 an[d] this is her first year at teaching, still she handles her large class of 64 pupils very nicely.

11/17/1899 – Charles Kelpé, a young and industrious farmer of Kelpé, has purchased a farm and is now building a nice house and outbuildings. Rumor has it that before the Christmas holidays the place will [be] occupied by himself and a comely young bride. We expect to receive an invitation to the wedding, when we will tell our readers more about it.

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

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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!

