



Wildwood Historical Society

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December 2014 Newsletter

WHS Christmas Party – Saturday, December 6, at 6:30!

Join the holiday fun this Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in our meeting hall. Donna Kummer will decorate the tables, and Martha Bunch will prepare a ham. All we need is you with a dish to share and your holiday spirit and cheer! The 2015 calendars will be available to take home, too. Please join us in celebrating Christmas!

Annual WHS Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6, 2014

6:30 p.m.

18750 Highway 100

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 Kelpe

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

St. Louis Regional Historical Society Meeting

WHS will host the spring regional meeting on Sunday, May 3, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now to join us for the afternoon. The day will feature a free barbeque lunch, the meeting, and a museum tour. We hope you can join us!

2015 Wildwood Historical Society Membership Form

It is time to join or renew your membership to WHS! Memberships run from January 1 to December 31, 2015, and are a great way to support and help the Society and its mission. Please fill out this page and mail it with your check payable to:

Wildwood Historical Society

P.O. Box 125

Wildwood, MO 63040

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Membership Level: *(Please check appropriate box)*

- Individual – \$25
- Couple – \$30
- Family with children through age 22 – \$35
- Benefactor – \$100
- Lifetime – \$500

Extra Bushel for the Hencken Farm!

Please consider donating above and beyond your membership level to help WHS pay for our Hencken Farm mortgage. This “extra bushel” can be included with your membership check above.

\$25 \$50 \$100 Another amount (please fill in): \$ _____

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WHS!

School Days, School Days...

Our museum director Martha Bunch and researcher Karen Fox will be concentrating on our museum's school bay in the new year. Schools will also be the theme of our 2016 calendar. Did you or someone you know attend one of these community schools before the 1949 reorganization: Glencoe, Hollow, Melrose, Orrville, Orrville African American, Pond, Ruwwe, Smith, or Wild Horse? If so, we would love to hear your story! You can share it with us by contacting Martha Bunch by e-mail (martha.j.bunch@gmail.com) or phone (314-920-2249).

WHS Fundraisers in the New Year

Each year, WHS raises funds through memberships, calendar ad sales, Trivia Night, and our Bus Tour. We plan to add another event this year – a sporting clays shoot organized by Rick and Karen Fox. Watch for more details to come about this. In the meantime, we would love to have *new* volunteers step forward to organize our calendar ad sales and Trivia Night. We can provide you with planning tips to get you started. Please consider joining WHS as a short-term volunteer to your New Year's resolutions! We appreciate your help in advance. Contact Lisa Kelpé at kelpfamily@gmail.com or 636-458-2860.

2015 WHS Calendars Are Here!

Our amazing 2015 calendars have been printed and feature a Civil War theme. You do not want to miss this year's calendar! Please come to the Christmas party or January's meeting to get your copy. If you are unable to come to either of those, there will also be some available at Kelpé Contracting (17955 Manchester Road in Wildwood).

Thank You!

A big thank you goes out to the Peggy & Steve Fossett Foundation for their recent generous donation. It helps with our museum and educational outreach work. We greatly appreciate your generosity!



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from WHS!

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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."

12/22/1881 – A Christmas Tree. Mrs. R. S. Wash, teacher of Fair View school, will delight her scholars with a Christmas tree on Friday night, December 30. A cordial invitation is extended for the children's parents and friends to be present.

12/30/1887 – Geo. L. Eatherton's display of Christmas goods was unsurpassed by anything that has ever been in the neighborhood, but the display of Mr. E. J. Eatherton was not far behind. When on the Manchester road call on the old veteran stage-driver.

12/23/1892 – Mr. Aug. Poertner, while hauling cordwood from a hill near his place, upset his wagon twice in one day. The wagon fell on him but he escaped with only a slight injury about the arm. There is not much fun in hauling wood by turning over at that rate.

12/23/1892 – The children are delighted to hear that Santa Claus will visit their Sunday school Christmas, and are preparing to receive the good old soul.

12/29/1883 – An Xmas Gathering. At this time of the year everyone is intent on enjoying themselves and helping others to do likewise in celebrating Christmas, the most glorious of all holidays of the year, in that it commemorates the birth of our Savior. Families gather together to exchange loving greetings and eat Christmas turkey. Such an event was the family reunion at the home of D. S. Warfield, of Fox Creek, where old and young gathered to partake of Grandma Warfield's good things, all knowing that out of the fullness of her kind and loving heart, she is constantly devising some plan in which all can take a part, children, as well as older ones, and enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. This time her loving heart dictated a Christmas tree, to brighten the eyes and heart of each one that gathered beneath Grandpa and Grandma Warfield's hospitable roof. After exclamations of delight the presents were distributed which gladdened the hearts of each and everyone. The dinner, too, was a veritable feast, the table being laden with everything that heart could wish. The happy smiling faces of Grandpa and Grandma Warfield, as their children and grandchildren gathered around that bountifully filled table, made everyone wish that "Christmas came oftener to Grandma's." In after life, when recalling the scenes of childhood, they will recall this one, as one of the happiest memory has in store. May God bless Grandpa and Grandma Warfield, and let them live to enjoy many more such events. A Friend