



Wildwood Historical Society

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November 2015 Newsletter

November Program

The November WHS program is the annual Antiques Roadshow! You are encouraged to bring something old – perhaps a dish, toy, kitchen item, book, or tool – to show the group. It can be something that has been in your family for dozens of years, or something you acquired recently and don't know much about. We love to see the eclectic mix of items every year!

November Program

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Program at 7:00 p.m.

WHS Meeting Hall

18750 Highway 100

Wildwood, MO 63069

Double Donation Challenge!

An anonymous donor will match all donations made in November and December 2015 up to \$5,000. This is a fantastic opportunity for WHS supporters to double your donation and give the Society \$10,000 for a year-end boost! Please consider including us in your holiday giving. Your "extra bushel" for the Hencken Farm will enable us to continue our mission of preserving and sharing the important history of Meramec Township.

**Matching donations do not include membership renewals.*

WHS Donation Challenge

\$10 \$25 \$50 Other (fill in): \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Please fill this form out and **send it with your check** to our P.O. box.
Thanks for your support!

WHS Bus Tour

The annual WHS bus tour is coming up quickly on Saturday, November 14. Two tours – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. – feature lunch, one-room school history, and your support for this great fundraiser. The AM tour is almost full, so send in your registration form and check today! See page 3 for the form and information. The deadline to register (have your envelope postmarked) is **Monday, November 9, 2015**. See you on November 14!

WHS Wishlist

We could use bottled water, paper towels, and cleaning supplies for our pantry. Bring your donation to the Christmas party, meetings, or drop them off on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the museum. Any little bit helps!

Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. (note the time), we will hold our annual WHS Christmas party. Everyone is welcome to attend, bring a dish to share, and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with other Society members. There will be no meeting in December. See you December 5!

Upcoming Programs

January 19 at 7:00 p.m. – Survey of Wildwood's Historic Properties by Lynn Josse

February 16 at 7:00 p.m. – TBA

March 15 at 7:00 p.m. – TBA

April 19 at 7:00 p.m. – *Ethnic St. Louis*, a new book by Elizabeth Terry, John Wright, and Patrick McCarthy

**Happy Thanksgiving
(November 26) from WHS!**





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“School days, school days, dear old golden rule days...”

Are you ready for “readin’ and ‘ritin’ and ‘rithmetic” on our 16th annual bus tour? This year’s three-hour tour features one-room schoolhouses of Meramec Township, including brief outdoor stops at schools that are now private residences and a tour of the city of Wildwood’s beautifully restored Old Pond School. Who knows, you might even be part of a spelling bee!

Date: Saturday, November 14th, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m., with lunch included

Place: WHS Meeting Hall, 18750 Highway 100, Wildwood, MO 63069

Bus seating is limited, and reservations are first-come, first-serve.

We will confirm your reservation by email after we receive it in the mail.

Questions? Please email kelpfamily@gmail.com or call Lisa Kelp at (636)458-2860.

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 (please check AM or PM): _____ AM (9 a.m.-noon tour, followed by lunch)

_____ PM (1-4 p.m. tour, preceded by lunch at 11:30 a.m.)

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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."

11/16/1882 – And now comes Th. F. Ackermann and states to the Court that on or about the 27th day of July, 1882, in crossing the bridge on Wild Horse road with his threshing machine, he broke through the cover of said bridge, damaging the machine to the amount of \$25, and asks the Court to allow the same. Presented and ordered that said claim be rejected.

11/15/1889 – Herman and August Steines, sons of 'Squire Steines, and Herman Hohmann were out hunting near the 'Squire's residence on Bonhomme Creek, last week, and captured a raccoon weighing nineteen pounds. The "coon" must have been an old soldier, for he whipped three dogs and gave the hunters considerable trouble before he was overcome. On Saturday last the two first name hunters, accompanied by two of Fred Bilchman's sons, found a swarm of bees in the fork of a tree near Pond, exposed to the rays of the sun and inclemency of the weather, and as a result of the find secured eight well-filled combs of honey.

11/10/1893 – The Smith School which has always been regarded as small and insignificant, has now regular attendance of 40 or 45 scholars. The house before this school term, was remodeled by Contractor Collins, a new roof, porch and bell house having been erected and a supply of new seats and desks procured. Mr. Breier says we have the best seated school room in the county.

WHS Membership Information

WHS memberships are due on a calendar-year basis and run through December 31, 2015. Thanks for your support!

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).