



Wildwood Historical Society

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August 2016 Newsletter

August Program

Society president Lisa Kelpe will present *Show-Me Missouri*, a celebration of our state's 195th birthday. There might even be some cupcakes to help celebrate! We'll learn fun facts and stories from all over the state and its past. This is a great way to learn some more things about Missouri that you might have never known.

August Program

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

7:00 p.m.

WHS Meeting Hall

18750 Highway 100

Wildwood, MO 63069

Upcoming Programs

Sunday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. – Book talk about *Immortal Moments in Cardinals History* by Bob Tiemann and Ron Jacober

Saturday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. – Andy Senters will present *Stories & Legends of Babler State Park* in the park's Visitor Center.

Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m. – Antiques Roadshow in the Dining Room at Westview in Ellisville Assisted Living

Saturday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. – Annual Christmas party



Wednesday, August 17, 6:30 p.m.

GERMAN HERITAGE

Join Dorris Keeven-Franke from the Missouri Germans Consortium on a cultural tour of buildings, sites and events that preserve the German heritage of our region. Learn about the rich resources on German heritage available in History & Genealogy Department at St. Louis County Library.

Adults. Registration requested. Call 314-994-3300.

This program is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.



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The Little Drummer Girl Film

Over 400 women served in the Civil War, and upon learning this, Alison Niermann began researching this and decided to make a film about one particularly-fascinating story about a father and daughter. A reenactment was filmed in Pittsfield, Illinois, and further filming will soon take place in southern Missouri. Upon completion of filming and editing, the film will be submitted to festivals, organizations, and historical societies. Alison hopes to speak about and show her film at the Wildwood Historical Society in the future. Please visit their website

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-little-drummer-girl-a-true-civil-war-film--3#/> to learn more about this project and see updates about its progress.

Thank You!

Our recent fundraisers, Trivia Night (in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community) on July 9 and the WHS Car Show on July 23 (pictured below left), were well-attended and successful. We extend a huge thank you to all who helped organize and run these events and to all participants. We exist on the generosity and support of fundraisers like these, so THANK YOU!

We also appreciate Boy Scout Troop 603's hard work at painting our barn (below right). It looks wonderful!

Photos taken by Martha Bunch



Celebrate Wildwood

Come visit us later this month at the Celebrate Wildwood event! We will have a booth on Saturday, August 27, with displays, plenty of information about our Society, and friendly faces to answer questions. Complimentary old-fashioned fans will help you stay cool, and our new book, *Before it was Wildwood... One-Room Schoolhouses of Meramec Township*, will be available for \$20 each. Hope to see you there in a few weeks!

You can still pre-order a book by emailing Lisa Kelpé at kelpfamily@gmail.com with your contact information and the number of books you would like. They would make great Christmas or birthday presents!

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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."

8/5/1887 – Ferdinand Pauls, of Hollow, was overcome by heat while stacking hay last week, and fell to the ground, receiving severe bruises. He was carried to the house and shortly afterwards revived.

8/15/1890 – Lightning struck the house of Mr. Muir, on the Allenton and Melrose road, last Friday night, splintering the floor of a bed chamber in a thousand pieces, and knocking the children out of bed and senseless for a while, but doing no further damage. No heavier storm has been experienced in that neighborhood for years.

8/7/1891 – Michael Laubt, of Melrose, has a No. 1 threshing machine. He has been doing most of the work in that neighborhood and the result of his work is that the farmers are getting more of the staff of life than was expected. This puts the farmers in good humor and they in turn put the employees attached to the machine in the same condition.

8/9/1895 – The Nolte Republican Club had an interesting meeting Saturday night last at Fick's hall, Grover. There was a large attendance, and several new members were admitted. Refreshments were served and a splendid time enjoyed by all present.

8/9/1895 – Grandma Garland, while walking on the front porch Saturday evening, fell and broke her arm between the hand and elbow. Being 85 years old, this is a severe shock to her.

WHS Membership Information

WHS memberships are due on a calendar-year basis and run through December 31, 2016. Thanks for your support!

Individual – \$25

Couple – \$30

Family with children through age 22 – \$35

Benefactor – \$100

Lifetime – \$500

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