



# Wildwood Historical Society

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## September 2016 Newsletter

### September Program

We have a very special program planned for September, so you'll definitely want to tell your family, friends, and neighbors about this. From Reedy Press, "For more than a century, the St. Louis Cardinals have given their fans a long succession of glorious memories and milestones. The book *Immortal Moments in Cardinal History* looks back at the 100 greatest moments in franchise history, from the forgotten victories of four consecutive pennant winners in the 1880s right through the 2013 National League Championship. Arranged chronologically, this book takes Cardinal Nation on a journey from Cy Young and Grover Cleveland Alexander right on through to Chris Carpenter and Michael Wacha. Individual feats like Triple Crowns and 12-RBI games are examined alongside pennant clinchers and World Series winners. The cavalcade of names and milestones rolls on in every page: 3,000 hits for Lou Brock and Stan the Man; October heroics by Pepper Martin, Jim Edmonds, and David Freese; home run feats by Stan Musial, Mark McGwire, and Mark Whiten; no-hitters by Jess Haines, Paul Dean, and Bob Forsch. The shining moments of lesser stars like Tom Lawless, Glenn Brummer, and Jose Jimenez are re-told, as are the achievements of superstars like Enos Slaughter, Rogers Hornsby, and Yadier Molina. The whole spectrum of Cardinal success is available in *Immortal Moments in Cardinal History*."

If this doesn't captivate you, you're probably not a Cardinal fan! The book's authors, baseball historian Robert Tiemann and longtime KMOX sports director Ron Jacober, will be speaking about it and selling copies. **Please note the date** and join us!



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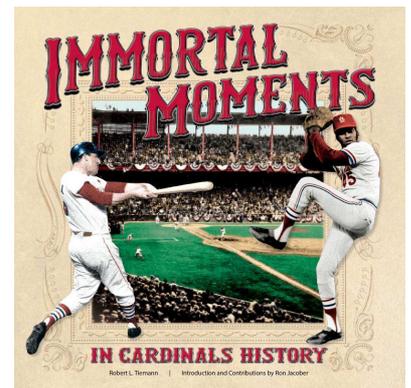
**Sunday, September 18, 2016**

**7:00 p.m.**

**WHS Meeting Hall**

**18750 Highway 100**

**Wildwood, MO 63069**



## Order our Book Today!

Have you gotten a copy of *One-Room Schoolhouses of Meramec Township* yet? If not, we're happy to report that our books are in and ready to be purchased! You can get them at our museum, 18750 Highway 100 in Wildwood, every Monday (except holidays) from 9:00 a.m. to noon. You can also purchase them at the Missouri History Museum Shop or on our website at [www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org/resources.html](http://www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org/resources.html). They are \$20 each and offer an in-depth look at the early one-room schoolhouses of western St. Louis County, Missouri. Christmas is only three-and-a-half months away, so get an early start to your shopping by purchasing a few copies for your friends! Bulk purchases are also available by emailing us at [info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org).

## Celebrate Wildwood Recap

Thank you to everyone who visited our booth during the Celebrate Wildwood event on August 27! We enjoyed meeting all of you and really look forward to seeing some new faces at upcoming programs and events. Remember, you don't have to be a member to enjoy our monthly meetings – they are free and open to the public! We gave away 800 fans, had two historic cars on display (courtesy of Rich Hardt and Tom Kelp), and had books and information available for anyone interested. Special thanks to Debbie Wert for demonstrating spinning and displaying her table loom and weaving samples, and thanks to all the volunteers who staffed our booth. It was a successful day!

*Photos courtesy Martha Bunch*



## Upcoming Programs

**Saturday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m.** – Join us at Babler State Park for the program *Stories & Legends of Babler State Park*, presented by Andy Senters, interpretive resource specialist for the park.

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

**Saturday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m.** – Kick off the holiday season by attending our annual Christmas party, a fantastic way to meet other members and supporters of our Society and enjoy a meal together!



**Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.**

## MEXICAN HERITAGE

Daniel Gonzales, Preservation Historian for St. Louis County Parks & Recreation, explores the history of the Mexican community in St. Louis. Enjoy a traditional Mexican dance performance and sample cuisine from St. Louis' oldest continuously operating Mexican restaurant.

*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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## 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."

*9/2/1887 – Henry Henken, Jr., storekeeper at Dutch Hollow, went out hunting in one of his neighbor's fields last Saturday. He sat down to rest for a few moments, and on arising some unknown person fired a gun, eleven shots entered his face and body, three striking the gun barrel and causing a dent, showing that the gun was heavily loaded. Mr. Henken's wounds are painful, but are not considered serious. It is not supposed that the shot was intentionally aimed at Mr. Henken, but that the marksman fired at some other object, not seeing the victim.*

*9/8/1893 – ANOTHER HOLD UP.*

*This Time It Is In Missouri, and Only a Few Miles from St. Louis -- The Robbers Secured No Booty. St. Louis, Sept. 6 -- Passenger train No. 3, on the Frisco road, known as the California express, always carrying through cars of every class, left St. Louis at 8:30 last night, and when it reached Sand Cut, a point two miles east of Pacific, was held up by three masked robbers, who ordered the engineer to stop the train, and then at the muzzle of revolvers forced him to take a crowbar to the express car and attempt to open the combination-locked safe. Failing in this, one of the men put a stick of dynamite under the safe and the explosive was touched off. It did not break the safe, but it drove an enormous hole in the car and set fire to it. The robbers did not secure a cent. At this point a fast freight was sighted down the track, and to avoid a rear-end collision the robbers ordered the engineer back to his cab and permitted him to proceed on his way leaving some of the crew and passengers on the roadside. They were picked up by the freight and joined their train at Pacific. A suspicious looking character, heavily armed, was found in the edge of the woods, arrested and taken to Pacific, as a possible member of the gang.*

## 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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