



# Wildwood Historical Society

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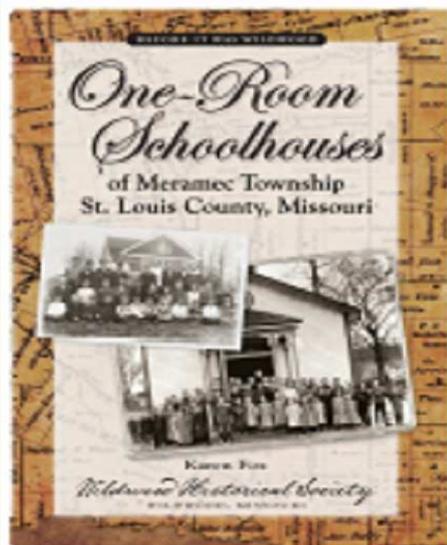
## October 2016 Newsletter

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Meet And Greet: Saturday, October 15, 2016 @ 4:00pm

Before It Was Wildwood:

## One-Room Schoolhouses



Old Pond School (1914-1951), located at 17123 Manchester Road  
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012

## Join us at Old Pond School on Saturday, October 15th!

Local author and Wildwood Historical Society volunteer Karen Fox will share her journey on researching the early one-room schoolhouses in western St. Louis County. We'll also hear from one-room schoolhouse alumni, and historian Lynn Josse who researched Old Pond School for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Saturday, October 15, 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**17123 Manchester Road (just west of Highway 109)**

~ light refreshments will be served in the park ~

This event is **FREE** and open to the public. Due to the venue's limited capacity, **please RSVP** in advance to [info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org).

**One-Room Schoolhouses (\$20)** will be available for purchase at this event. Books can also be purchased online at [www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org).

The Wildwood Historical Society is a 601(c)(3) non-profit organization.



Want to learn more?  
The Wildwood Historical  
Society Museum is located  
at 18750 Highway 100  
(just west of Stovall's Grove)

**OPEN MONDAYS**  
(except holidays)  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
and by appointment  
(314) 520-2249



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***“Come to the church in the Wildwood...”***

Don't miss the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Wildwood Historical Society bus tour! This year's three-hour tour features churches and cemeteries that have roots back to Civil War times or earlier. After touring each historic church, we'll highlight several graves in each cemetery. Please join us!

**Date: Saturday, November 5th, 2016**

**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 [kelfefamily@gmail.com](mailto:kelfefamily@gmail.com) or call Lisa Kelve 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 (check AM or PM): \_\_\_\_\_ AM (9:00 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch)  
\_\_\_\_\_ PM (1:00 to 4:00 p.m., preceded by lunch at 11:30 a.m.)

**St Louis Regional  
Historical Societies  
Bi-Annual Meeting**

November 6, 2016 2pm-4:30pm

The first hour of the program will be open for touring the historic site and networking with fellow attendees.

*Please Join us at:*

*The Thomas Sappington House  
1015 S. Sappington Road  
St. Louis, MO 63126-1004*

***Please RSVP at  
schs.webmanager@gmail.com or 314-918-1617***

Light refreshments will be served as we discuss and share ideas for collaboration and resource sharing

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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m.** – Join us in the dining room at Westview Assisted Living in Ellisville for our annual Antiques Roadshow.

**Saturday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m.** – Come to our meeting hall for a Christmas party – share food and fellowship with other supporters of the Wildwood Historical Society.

*All of our programs are free, open to the public, and require no RSVP. Just show up and enjoy the presentation – we love to have a full room!*



**Happy Halloween!**



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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."

*10/13/1881 - Well Watched.*

*When a Judge arrives at the age of 48 years, it is time to watch him, especially when he has served nearly two years on the County bench as Judge Francis Ruwwe has done. No judge deserves watching more than he does, and no one seemed to know it better than his son William, for on Monday morning last, he presented his father, the Judge, with an elegant stem winding gold watch, which his Honor, with pardonable pride, took delight in showing to his friends before taking his seat on the wool sack.*

*10/22/1886 - Fox Creek Lodge No. 169, A. O. U. W., will have a picnic on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Fox Creek Postoffice, on the Manchester road. Speakers from the city will be present to address and entertain the audience during the day, and at night there will be a grand hop. We hope that all interested in the welfare of the people at large will come out and see and hear what is going on. All are invited, and we hope to have a large attendance and a good time.*

*10/4/1895 - Quite a number of the younger element of this vicinity attended the picnic given by the Anti-Horse Thief Association at Bonhomme Grove, and reported having enjoyed a most delightful time.*

*10/4/1895 - Last Sunday the people could safely take a drive on the Rock road without being subjected to meeting bicycles. It must have been too cool for them to turn out, as not a one registered at the Pond hotel, while twenty-five to thirty-five was a common occurrence through the summer.*

**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

**Please make your check payable to:**

Wildwood Historical Society

P.O. Box 125

Wildwood, MO 63040

Please include a note with your current e-mail address, phone number, membership level, and member's name(s).