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November 2016 Newsletter

November Program

It is once again time for our annual Antiques Roadshow! This year, we will be holding it at the Westview in Ellisville. Society members Rusty and Dot Pendleton live there, so this is a wonderful opportunity to see them. We encourage you to bring an antique for a brief “show-and-tell” – it could be a family heirloom, antique store find, favorite childhood toy, old book, unusual tool or kitchen utensil, or anything else you can think of. It is always enjoyable to see the wide variety of items brought. We hope you can join us for this wonderful presentation. Please note the different location!

WHS November Program

Sunday, November 13, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Westview at Ellisville's Dining Room

27 Reinke Road

Ellisville, MO 63021

Upcoming Programs

Saturday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. – Annual Christmas party in the WHS meeting hall; bring a dish to share and your holiday spirit!

Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. – David Baugher will speak about his book, *Secret St. Louis: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*

Tuesday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. – Valerie Battle Kienzl will share about her book, *What's With St. Louis?*

Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. – “Fontbonne University: An Historical Campus Tour” by Dr. Brian Matz

*New Book! Makes A Great Gift ...
Before It Was Wildwood:
One-Room Schoolhouses*

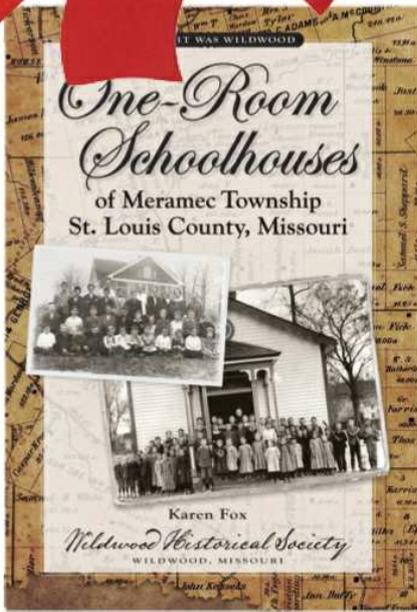


Image above right: One of the early one-room schoolhouses, Melrose School, 1934.



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**Save on shipping by
picking up your copy
at our museum:**

**18750 Highway 100
Wildwood, Missouri**
(just west of Stovall's Grove)

**OPEN MONDAYS
(except holidays)
9:00 a.m. to Noon**

*** and by appointment *
314-920-2249**

Did you know? There were nearly thirty one-room schoolhouses in western St. Louis County prior to the 1960s. *Before it was Wildwood: One-Room Schoolhouses of Meramec Township* offers a detailed look at where they were located, who attended, and how early education functioned in rural Missouri. Using photographs and oral histories, along with newspaper articles, readers are given a vivid description of what life was like for students and teachers in Missouri during the 19th and early 20th centuries.



Books can be purchased at our museum (see left for location and hours), and online at www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org (click on the Resources tab for a list of all of our publications).

***One-Room Schoolhouses*, \$20. For bulk purchases, please email info@wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org.**

Pay Off the Farm Challenge!

We love the Hencken farm, the property our Society sits on, and we'll love it even more when the mortgage is paid off! Are you willing to help us with that goal? For every "Pay Off the Farm" donation given in November, we have a donor willing to match up to \$2,500. Remember, all gifts are tax-deductible and hugely appreciated! The dollars we raise will be used to pay principal on our mortgage, allowing us to continue our mission of preserving the history of Meramec Township and sharing it with people like you. Giving is super simple – just use the form below and know your help is gratefully received.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP code: _____

E-mail and/or phone number: _____

Donation amount: ___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other (fill in)

Mail this completed form and your check made out to Wildwood Historical Society to P.O. Box 125, Wildwood, MO 63040.

Holiday Shopping? Use Amazon Smile!

Do you ever purchase anything from Amazon? Or are you planning to for the upcoming holiday season? You can support the Society at the same time, and after a simple setup, you don't have to do anything!

1. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and log in using your Amazon account.
2. Type "Wildwood Historical Society" in the search bar and hit "Select". Be sure you choose the "**Wildwood MO**" option.

That's it – just two easy steps! You'll be done in less than a minute, but we'll get 0.5% of every purchase you make, no matter how big or small. Every little bit helps, so go set up your Amazon Smile and start shopping!



Happy Thanksgiving (November 24)!



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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."

11/19/1886 – Sunday evening, November 7, Mr. Charles Eatherton and Miss Ella Eatherton were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Mr. Rice. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the residence of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of by near relatives of both bride and groom. The bride has left her native heath, and gone to reside on the summit north of Orrville, where Charles has built a nice new house.

11/13/1891 – Our friend, Michael Bouquet, of Melrose, was in Clayton on Monday last and gave us a call. He tells us that since old man Bauer has gone to his grave, Chas. Pfaffrath is the oldest settler in this county. "Uncle Charley," as he is commonly called by his many friends, is enjoying good health, and it is hoped that he may stay with us another decade.

11/10/1893 – The Rev. T. P. Hill preached here [Pond] to a large and intelligent audience on the 6th inst. He will preach at Antioch on the 3rd Sunday of December. Protracted meeting begins here on the 18th of November.

11/15/1895 – The Allenton public School, Robert Denny, teacher, was closed for two weeks, owing to the prevalence of diphtheria in that locality. We understand that the danger is all over now, and the school is open with an attendance of eighty pupils.

11/5/1897 – Grandpa Bayer of Bonhomme, who celebrated his 83d birthday last week was run over by a horse and cart driven by John Gaehle of Melrose, about 4 p.m. Wednesday, and seriously injured. Gaehle, it is said, drove on after running over the old man and did not stop to see how badly he was hurt.

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

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Wildwood, MO 63040

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