



## *Wildwood Historical Society*

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# **FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER**



When: **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Where: **WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

18750 Highway 100, Wildwood, 63069

(just west of Stovall's)

## The Tale of Three Congregations



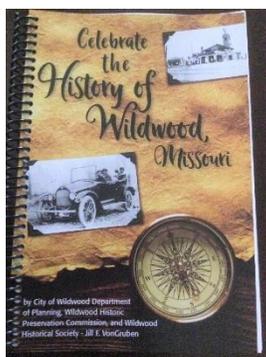
Our presentation this month is by the Wildwood Historical Society's own Jill VonGruben, Archivist, Researcher and Author. "The Tale of Three Congregations" is the story of three historic Lutheran Congregations (along with an additional surprise congregation for good measure).

But this is not just a Lutheran story, this story is typical of how many of the congregations in our area were formed and developed. Wildwood is very fortunate to have several 19<sup>th</sup> Century Congregations still active and ministering to our residents.

Please come and join us on **Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** for a journey back in time to learn about the development of these vibrant faith congregations.

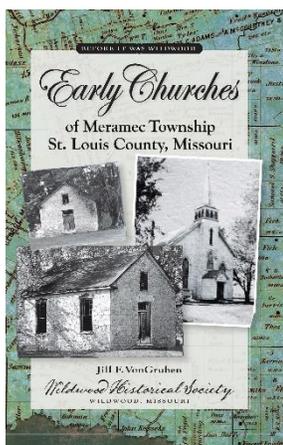
Surprise!

*We hope you will come to the next meeting on Tuesday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. We are showing off our new floor in the meeting hall. Not only does it enhance our floors, we hope it will also improve the sound qualities.*



**Celebrate the History of Wildwood, Missouri**, our joint project with the City of Wildwood – the next chapter from 1920 – 1990 is being researched and written as we speak. Have extended the deadline till 2/28/19 for any stories or anecdotes you may have from any of these time periods. A sentence or two about a personal or family experience will help tell the story of this time period!!

Please email me your ideas, etc. to Jill VonGruben at [jfvgjvfg@gmail.com](mailto:jfvgjvfg@gmail.com). Submitting them via email is the most efficient for everyone and the maintains the most accuracy. But if for some reason, someone chooses not to communicate in that manner, please email me with suggested days and times to speak over the phone.



Two pieces of news about the Wildwood Historical Society's book, *Early Churches of Meramec Township!*

We received the following from the Archivist for the Archdiocese of St. Louis: "What a wonderful compilation of church histories in that region. I was surprised at how many have come and gone! This is an excellent reference, and we are very happy to accession it into our library. Great work and congratulations!"

We received the following for the Archivist for the Concordia Historical Institute at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis: "You are helping us build an important collection of resources on our Lutheran history and heritage and participating in CHI's 'Ministry of Remembering.' Thanks!"

Our *Early Churches* book is available at our Gift Shop and Meeting Hall. Stop on by and pick up a copy for \$20 and support our mission of preserving our history and educating the public.



# Trivia ~ April 13

VFW Hall - 115 Mimosa Lane - Ballwin, MO - 63011

SET UP 4:30 (2)

REGISTRATION 6:00 (1)

SELLING 50/50 TICKETS in between rounds (2)

Monitor SILENT AUCTION table in between rounds (1)

JUDGES 7:00 - 10:00 (2)

TAKE DOWN 10:00 - 10:30 (2)

This is an important event for both WHS & the KIWANIS. Our goal is to raise funds for both organizations. Anyone can volunteer for this event, it's a great opportunity to help TWO great local organizations.

If you or a group would like to volunteer, please contact Martha 314-920-2249 or Paul 636-273-5398

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, April 13, 2019**

**Doors open 6:00 p.m. | Questions start 7:00 p.m.**

VFW Hall, 115 Mimosa Lane, Ballwin, MO 63011

\$160 per table of 8  
Cash and prizes available!

Free snacks and soft drinks. Please do not bring alcoholic beverages to this event.\* Beer & Bar Service available.

\*(Food can be brought to this event)

Sponsored by:



**Kiwanis**



Meramec Valley Community Kiwanis & Wildwood Historical Society

## Mail-in Registration and Payment

Mail payment and this form to Paul Eckler, 41 Hickory Mound Court, Wildwood, MO 63011-5515.

\$160 per table (\$20/person). Maximum 8 per table.

Yes, sign me up! Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Checks Payable to Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community

Questions? Call Paul @ 636-273-5398

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## Several Sponsorship Opportunities Are Available

**PRIZE SPONSOR \$300**

Underwrite the night's top prizes

Prominently displayed at the event and in press releases

**PARTNERS \$200**

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**ROUND SPONSORS \$100**

Announced at beginning of round & on round answer sheet

**TABLE SPONSOR \$75**

Displayed on player's table

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If you haven't already done so, please fill out this form and submit it with your payment.



## 2019 Annual Membership/Renewal

Valid January 1 to December 31, 2019

- \_\_\_ Individual \$25.00  
\_\_\_ Couple \$30.00  
\_\_\_ Family (with children through age 22) \$35.00  
\_\_\_ Benefactor \$100.00

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# MORE THAN JUST A HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHS  
18750 Highway 100  
Wildwood, Missouri  
[www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org)

The Wildwood Historical Society in Wildwood, Missouri is a place of historical preservation, a gateway of local history, a gathering place for

friends and neighbors, a place of education and a place to connect with your ancestors and Wildwood City history.

WHS is solely funded through private donations.

WHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization,



In last year's Archivist Corner columns, we covered some procedures and processes of how items are handled in our Library and Museum and we will cover more in later columns this year.

This month's column is going to give an example of the detective work that happens when the Archivist needs to further document items and photos. In this example, I am going to use "Family A" and "Family B" instead of the real names, because the below situation is very common.

Couple of years ago, "Family A" donated a bag of photos to WHS. Donor paperwork was handled at that time in a generic overall way. We finally started going through each photo and assigning Accession Numbers and descriptions for our inventory records. WHS is fortunate in that a large number of the photos have names and some information written on the back.

A number of photos are in this collection from "Family B" and we didn't have the information with which to place these wonderful faces within the dynamics of "Family A."

Fortunately, WHS has a knowledgeable contact in "Family B" who has been able to share with us genealogical information to be able to fill in the blanks for these amazing people in the photos.

In this particular example, we haven't quite figured out all of our mysteries but we are close. This is an extremely fun portion of our function here at WHS – figuring out the mysteries.

The moral of the story is, though (and it's one most of us never get around to), write information on the back of photos, etc. Someday the photos in your possession will go onto someone in a new generation who may not know who William or Fanny were!!!! Let's give them some clues!

### ***From the Watchman-Advocate February 15, 1889.***

The following contribution is from the pen of Miss Lillie V. Shields 13 yr old of Pond. When I was a little tad I thought there were so many things that I could do if big people would let me try. There was Mamma, she would give me little bits to sew while she would make such pretty things. She said "you must on these bits learn to place your stitches & when you older grow then like big people you can sew" I thought I knew best, one day Mamma left her machine & work, I thought now is my chance to try this machine, my sewing to do for stitch is so slow. Down I sat in Mamma's chair thinking all the time 'twas wrong, but I thought it looked so big. My feet went "pitty pat" & the wheel went this way & that. The needle went up & down, my work went zigzg something must be wrong. I'll see it's oil I guess, that is what I hear Mamma say. So up went the can in every place I thought 'twould need. Now she'll sew alright, but everything was in such a plight. Oil ran down on everything yet that old machine would no better sew. I thought I'll fix it yet, perhaps it would be better to pull the work along. So on I went till right through my finger the old needle bent. Then I yelled with pain and thought "I'll never try with this old machine to sew again. Then came Grandma, Oh she had such pretty work to do, she said it was crazy work. I looked & looked & thought it's crazy work - I'll try to make with such pretty bits & bright skeins of silk. I can make no mistake this time. When Grandma put her needle down to go for a walk, my busy fingers went to work, I thought surely I can do crazy work. But alas! 'twas only thought for when Grandma came in she said "who has spoiled my work?" Since I have older grawn, a lesson I have learned to do what I am told and not think I know it all. Lillie V. Shields.

# *WHS PROGRAMS FOR 2019*

**Feb. 19- Jill VonGruben, *The Tale of 3 Congregations***

**March 19-Kenneth Johnson-Moonlight Serenade to City Lights. Rare Images of Bands and Orchestras From the Dance Hall Era in Missouri. (There is Stovall's footage in presentation).**

**April 13- Kiwanis Club & Wildwood Hist. Soc TRIVIA NIGHT-Watch for details**

**April 16-Laine Boyd- author of *Way Beyond the Blue*. Hopefully the Colonel Jack Jackson, whom she writes about will also be here. He lives in St. Albans.**

**May 21- Christopher Alan Gordon, *Writer at the Missouri Historical Society-Fire, Pestilence, and Death: St. Louis 1849***

**June 18-**

**July 14-4<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, Open House**

**July 16-**

**August 20-**

**September-17**

**October 15-**

**October 18-TRIVIA NIGHT-co-sponsored Wildwood Historical Society/Ballwin Historical Society.**

**November 19-**

**December 15-CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE-with Appetizers ad desserts**



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## A PEEK INTO OUR PAST



The Watchman and the Advocate county newspapers published news from towns in our area from the late 1800's thru the mid 1950's. The two became the

Watchman-Advocate with the merger around 1903.

*Editor's note: Articles copied in their original form.*

## *“Enjoy this month's “Peek into Our Past”.*

**1889.02.22-Meramec tp., bridge:** Petition of citizens and tax-payers of Meramec township asking the court to erect a bridge across Bonhomme Creek on the Pond road near Orrville, received and filed.

**1889.02.22-Pond, visit:** Miss Emma Essen of Pond, visited her friend Miss Emma Steffe, Clayton this week.

**1889.02.22-St. Louis county, property:** Mary C. Kraus & husband to John Kraus, lot 3 , Conrad Kroening estate, w d \$350.

**1889.03.08-Allenton, court:** Ordered that Frederick Wengler of Allenton be appointed agent for the County of St. Louis to take charge of & attend to & collect rents for the N.W. Allen property recently purchased by the county for the school fund.

**1889.03.08-Gumbo, dramshop:** Catherine Wetzel was granted a license to keep a dramshop at Gumbo & bond approved.

**1889.03.08-Meramec tp., constable:** Adam Kesselring Constable of Meramec township reported he collected fines amounting to \$6 during the quarter ending Jan 19, 1889.