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Wildwood Historical Society Newsletter

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Upcoming Events. . . .

October Program at Bethel: Tuesday the 16th at 7:00 pm

The Wildwood Historical Society's monthly meeting for October will be held at the Bethel Church fellowship hall at 17500 Manchester Road one last time before we move into our "Chicken Coop" expansion. The meeting is at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 16th. Our program will include some historical background information on this year's bus tour, and Martha Bunch, our museum director, will make a short presentation on design options for museum displays.

Bus Tour: Saturday, November 3rd

The Wildwood Historical Society's 13th Annual Bus Tour will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, 2012. Both sessions will leave from Living Word Methodist Church at 17315 Manchester Road. The morning tour leaves at 9:00 a.m., while the afternoon tour leaves at 12:30 p.m. Each tour will last about 2-1/2 hours and both will feature a Civil War marker dedication ceremony and a "divining" demonstration of locating graves (which you can try yourself!). This year's tour will include a trip out to the Franklin County line and back where we will see the Klump house, the Steines house, the Hencken/Rosenbaum house, one of the Hardt houses, and many other points of interest along the way. Tour price is \$15 per person for members and \$20 per person for non-members. For an additional \$10, you can join us for lunch at Living Word. For tickets and more information, please contact Joan Schmid at 636-458-3962.

Trivia Night Update

Due to the ongoing construction at our property, we have decided to wait until February or March to hold the trivia night. The plan is to hold it in the new Coop addition! The construction should be finished by then.

Election Results

These are the results of the election that was held at the September meeting:

Sandy Gurnow was elected to fill a trustee position, and Rich Hardt was re-elected to his position as a Trustee. Matthew Kelpé was elected as our new Secretary, with Anna Kelpé, his sister, assisting. Also re-elected were Joan Schmid in her position as Vice-President, and David VonGruben in his position as Treasurer.

Officers serve two-year terms, and trustees serve three-year terms.

Turn the page to see a list of our officers and trustees, membership information, and a construction update!

Watchman Article: 10.27.1881

Contracts were awarded on Saturday last for the extension of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad from St. Louis to Pacific. The construction of sections 1 to 14, from St. Louis to Kirkwood, 14 miles, was awarded to Jere Fruin & Co., for between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Sections 15 to 19, from Kirkwood to Meramec, to Arthur Daually, of Aurora, Ill., and section 20 to 34, from Meramec to Pacific, to Mandeville, Dowling & Co., of St. Louis. The grading on the sections first named will commence at Mercer (Twenty-second) street, and cross Chouteau avenue through a 30-foot cut and pass out to Cheltenham on the south side of the Missouri Pacific track and south of the old Manchester road. It will then pass south of the Missouri Pacific, at an average distance of about one mile, to Kirkwood. The deepest fill is twenty-seven feet, and the deepest cut thirty-four feet, the latter about ten miles out. Eight hundred to a thousand men will, it is expected, be put on the work at once, and Mr. Fruin estimates that he will get through in about nine months.

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Membership

Now due January 1st for the calendar year!

Individual Membership: \$25 annually

Family / Senior Couple: \$30 annually

Student (22 years and younger): \$20 annually

Senior Citizen (65+) / Teacher: \$20 annually

Benefactor: \$100 annually

Lifetime Member/Individual or Couple:

\$400 one-time

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2013 Calendar

Our calendar theme this year is "Cemeteries in Wildwood." The calendar has been sent to the printer. We hope to have it to give out at the bus tour.

Construction Update

Update on Coop Addition Progress

The foundation has been poured, the concrete floor has been poured, the walls are up, the roof is on, the heating and cooling system is nearly complete, rough-in plumbing has started, and the electric installation will begin shortly. We will have the facility open for viewing on our bus tour on November 3rd. The November meeting WILL be held at the new Coop addition! Take a look at the photos below to see the progress on the Chicken Coop.

Update on the Museum Project

The HVAC system has been installed, the electric rough-in is finished, and we should be able to begin insulating and installing drywall during the week of October 15th.



*The foundation is
poured!*



*The Coop
addition on
October 10th.
The roof is
now finished!*