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Wildwood Historical Society Newsletter

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2014 Memberships Now Due

WHS memberships are due on a calendar year basis. Membership levels approved recently by the trustees follow:

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). Thank you for supporting WHS with your 2014 dues!

January Program

100 Years With MODOT

Did you know that Missouri's highway department turned 100 years old in 2013? Our January program will feature Tom Blair, assistant engineer for the St. Louis Region Missouri Department of Transportation. He'll be sharing about the past century of highway building in our state.

Please join us!

Tuesday, January 21st, 2014

7:00 p.m.

New Meeting Hall

18750 Highway 100

Christmas Party in Our New Meeting Hall a Festive Success



It may have been a cold night, but we had many warm hearts celebrating Christmas in our new meeting hall on Saturday, December 7th. Many items were donated to the Society for use in the coming years, and \$92 was raised through three raffle baskets. Special thanks to Martha Bunch for preparing the raffle, Lisa Daum for donating a Christmas tree, and Donna Kummer for setting up the room, decorating the tables, and donating paper goods for the meal.

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Society Wish List

1. Two Windows 7 computers for the library
2. Cash donations for chairs
3. Monthly Mortgage Makers:

Monthly Mortgage Makers commit to giving the Society \$30 each month to help pay the mortgage on our property. Only 22 Monthly Mortgage Makers combined with our house rent income pays the mortgage each month. Join the MMMs today!

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."

11/10/1881 – John Clark will have the new rock culvert on the Allenton and Eureka road completed in a few days.

12/1/1881 – Mr. John Matthews is putting gravel on the Olive street road at a lively rate. It is a great benefit to the farmers, as the road is getting very rough, and gravel is just what the road needs.

11/16/1882 – Ordered that the Road Commissioner should estimate the cost of constructing a bridge over Bonhomme Creek, on the road near Orrville and report the same to the Court.

Museum Workdays Resume

Please watch your e-mails for information on upcoming workdays at our museum. WHS welcomes volunteers as we prepare our museum for opening day.

February Program

Historic Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Meeting Reenactment

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 18th, 2014. WHS will host the Sons of the Union Veterans as they re-create a G.A.R. meeting from 130 years ago.