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April 2016 Newsletter

April Program

Author Elizabeth Terry visited the Society in March 2015 to discuss her book, *Oysters to Angus: Three Generations of the Faust Family*, and anyone who attended will want to join us again for our April meeting! She and co-authors John Wright and Patrick McCarthy will be discussing their new book, *Ethnic St. Louis*. This book highlights the great diversity of ethnicity in the Gateway City. It covers all of the cultures and people that contributed to making St. Louis what it is today, including right up to the present day. Please plan to join us for this interesting topic – you won't want to miss it! *For more information, please visit www.etterryhistory.com.*

April Program

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

7:00 p.m.

WHS Meeting Hall

18750 Highway 100

Wildwood, MO 63069

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 4, 2016**. John Gragnani's informal car club will be cruising to the Society for a show. There will be a barbecue lunch, Model T and Chevy rides (weather permitting), museum tours, and fun for everyone. This is a fundraiser for the Society, so plan to drop in for awhile, support us, and enjoy the day!

Please see page two of this newsletter for more upcoming events.

St Louis Regional Historical Societies Bi-Annual Meeting

April 17, 2016 1pm-3:30pm

Please Join us at:

The Shrine of St. Ferdinand
1 Rue St Francois,
Florissant, MO 63031

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

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

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Thank You!

Thank you to Sandy Becker-Gurnow for donating a pew for our museum's church bay! The pew came from Oakfield Church about 25 years ago, and it is most likely original to the 1870 building of the church. We are very glad to have this in our collection!

Photo below from Martha Bunch



Upcoming Programs

Saturday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m. – This program, held at Babler State Park's Visitor Center, will feature the historic communities in and around the park.

Tuesday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. – The history of Kelpé Contracting, a Wildwood business founded in 1960. Join us for a potluck at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. – Bob Tiemann and Ron Jacober will share about their book, *Immortal Moments in Cardinals History*. This is also the annual election, and there are four positions on the ballot – president, secretary, and two trustees.

Mark these on your calendar and please join us!



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If advertiser pays at time of sale, please fill out the information below and bring this form and advertiser's check to our next monthly meeting. Thank you!

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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."

4/10/1884 – A Birthday Party.

I had the pleasure of attending the birthday party given at the residence of Wm. Schaefer, Bonhomme P. O. on Saturday night. It was one of the largest parties that has taken place in Meramec township for a number of years. Mr. Schaefer had a large wall tent with a floor laid in it for dancing which was crowded to its utmost capacity. Every room in the house was occupied. All parts of the township were represented. I think there were fully three hundred people present, among them some of the best citizens of Meramec and Bonhomme Township. Mr. Schaefer and his good wife thought of nothing but their guests, everything that could be done by them to make every one present enjoy themselves was done. As for refreshments the table was loaded down with them and it looked to me when I left there Sunday morning that there was enough left yet to feed a regiment of soldiers. Mr. Schaefer knows how to entertain and take care of the guests. A few minutes after twelve o'clock Capt. John Kraus called the assembly to order in the tent and introduced Mr. Schaefer, stating that he was now fifty years old, when, by request, R. C. Allen made a few remarks in regard to Mr. Schaefer's life, at the conclusion of which three cheers were given for Mr. Schaefer and his lady. The festivities were kept up until daylight when all were invited to take breakfast. A happier or more jovial company I have not met. There was a large number of very pretty young ladies but, not being a lady's man, I was unable to obtain their names. There were a great many old and well-known citizens with their families present. I will not trespass upon your space by enumerating them. -Merrimec.

WHS Membership Information

WHS memberships are due on a calendar-year basis and run through December 31, 2016. Thanks for your support!

Individual – \$25

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