



# Wildwood Historical Society

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## June/July 2016 Newsletter

### June Potluck & Program

It's time for our annual potluck, a great opportunity to kick off summer and enjoy visiting with our members and supporters! The potluck starts at 6 p.m., and the program will begin at 7 p.m. The topic is "The History of Kelpel Contracting", a Wildwood business founded in 1960, featuring Tom and Matthew Kelpel presenting and showing a slideshow of photos from its 56 years in operation. We hope you can join us! Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to supplement the main dish that will be provided.

#### June Program

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016**

**Potluck at 6:00 p.m.; Program at 7:00 p.m.**

**WHS Meeting Hall**

**18750 Highway 100**

**Wildwood, MO 63069**

### Upcoming Programs

**Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m.** – Book talk about *A Divided City: A History of St. Louis from 1851 to 1876* by Frederick Hodes, followed by an ice cream social

**Tuesday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m.** – Show-Me Missouri, a celebration of our state's 195<sup>th</sup> birthday and all that it offers

**Sunday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m.** – Book talk about *Immortal Moments in Cardinals History* by Bob Tiemann and Ron Jacober

**October** – Tentatively held at Babler State Park; date and time to be announced

**Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m.** – Antiques Roadshow in the Dining Room at Westview in Ellisville Assisted Living

**Saturday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m.** – Annual Christmas party

Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>

Doors Open at 6:30 PM

VFW post 6274 Hall 15 Mimosa Lane. Ballwin, MO 63011



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# Trivia Night

Benefitting Children in our Community and  
the Wildwood Historical Society

CASH PRIZES TO TOP TEAMS

50/50 Raffle and Raffle for "Bucket of Booze" & Other games



SNACKS PROVIDED; OUTSIDE FOOD WELCOME

BEVERAGE & BAR SPECIALS

(Sorry, due to Liquor license regulations, no outside beverages permitted)

SINGLES AND COUPLES WELCOME

Advance Reservations: \$15 per person or \$120 table of 8. May pay at the door if  
Advance Reservation received no later than July 5<sup>th</sup>. Without Reservation,  
payment at door on Event Night is \$20 per person or \$160 per table/ 8

QUESTIONS? CALL PAUL (636) 273-5398 or MARTHA (314) 920-2249

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TEAM CAPTAIN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER IN TEAM (MAX OF 8) \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$15.00 X NO. PLAYERS ON TEAM): \$ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KIWANIS CLUB OF MERAMEC VALLEY COMMUNITY  
SEND TO: MR. PAUL ECKLER, TRIVIA  
41 HICKORY MOUND CT., WILDWOOD, MO 63011

## Fundraisers

**Saturday, July 9** – Trivia Night in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community; get your team together, fill out the form on page two of this newsletter, send it in, and get ready for some fun competition!

**Saturday, July 23** – NEW date for the car show! We'll follow the same schedule as previously announced, with historic car rides, museum tours, barbecue lunch, bake sale, and more from noon to 4:00 p.m.

## Calendar Ads

You don't have to own a business to purchase an ad for our 2017 calendar. It may seem early, but we need your support to get it printed and distributed in a timely manner. For just \$75, you can surprise a family member with a business card tribute. You can include a photo and personalized message to make it an extra-special surprise, and you'll support the Society! Can't fit everything you want on a business card? Double business card ads are \$145. Contact Paul Eckler at 636-273-5398 or paul.eckler@att.net with questions.

## One-Room Schoolhouses Book

Our researcher Karen Fox is in the final stages of editing the Society's new publication, *Before it was Wildwood: One-Room Schoolhouses of Meramec Township, St. Louis County, Missouri*. This 200-page book will cost about \$20 and feature photos, maps, historical information, and Watchman excerpts about the one-room schools in Meramec Township. If you enjoyed last fall's bus tour, you'll love this book! In order to print the right quantity, we ask that you email Lisa Kelpel at kelpfamily@gmail.com with the number of books you might want to purchase. This is not an obligation to buy any, but it will give the trustees and officers an idea of how many we will need to order. This would make a great gift at any time of the year for a teacher, history buff, or even a family member or friend.

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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."

*6/5/1885 – A mare attached to a buggy, broke loose from hitching rack in Eureka, last Thursday, ran about a mile out of town then turned around and ran back again to the place of starting, with no injury to the buggy or herself. She probably had a round trip ticket.*

*7/23/1886 – Being of a romantic disposition, I strolled up Manchester road. As I came within a short distance of Pond P. O., loud cheers greeted my ears. I stopped and pondered: What can all this mean? The glorious Fourth of July has past. As I mused, "toot" went the whistle. Not being very well informed, a thought suggested it must be Jay Gould building a new railroad, and my natural curiosity led me to inquire what all this meant. To my surprise, it was our prosperous young farmer, Mr. Fred Essen, son of our worthy postmistress, Mrs. Hillebrand, threshing his fine crop of wheat, which yielded twenty-five bushels to the acre. In a few days Fred was seen with his wagon loaded with the golden grain making for the railroad, merrily whistling to the tune of "For to plow, for to mow," etc. Take heed, ye tillers of the soil, and plough deep while sluggards sleep, and you shall have grain to sell and to keep. Mr. Essen also has a fine looking corn crop.*

*6/17/1892 – The strawberry festival given by the ladies of Antioch Baptist church Thursday evening, June 9, was largely attended and proved to be a very pleasant affair. Quite a large sum was realized which speaks well for the ladies of the neighborhood.*

## 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

Lifetime – \$500

**Please make your check payable to:**

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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).