

January 2018 Newsletter



Wildwood Historical Society

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, at 7:00 p.m. – Paul Eckler will have a Program on Cable Cars. Electric streetcars arrived in St. Louis after about 1890. Did you know St. Louis had cable cars before them? Just like the ones in San Francisco.



SUNDAY DECEMBER 17 - Open House

Our Open House Christmas Party from 1-4 p.m. turned out very nice. We had quite a few visitors along with our regulars. Everyone enjoyed visiting, touring the Museum and the good food. Martha's Meatloaf burgers were a big hit and she was generous to provide enough leftovers, yum! Christmas deserts were delicious and of course Kudos go to Donna Kummer for her talent when it comes to decorating!



GOOD NEWS!

In the November Newsletter, we announced the death of Peggy Fossett who was a major force in the development and expansion of our museum and meeting hall. For those of you who don't get emails, I apologize for not sending you the following notice:

We have received a great Christmas present from the Steve and Peggy Fossett Foundation for \$ 10,000.00.

Thanks Peggy!!! Peggy passed away October 17, 2017.

Sincerely,

Sandra Becker-Gurnow, President
Wildwood Historical Society

Congratulations Wilwood Historical Society's 2016 summer Intern, Zackary Stow, has been admitted to the William H. Bowen School of Law, University of Arkansas, Little Rock! Congratulations Zach!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL *Annual Dues*

As stated in the December Newsletter, dues are on a yearly basis from January 1 to December 31. So far, we've had a great response. As of January 6, we have 33 members sign up to join or renew.

Thanks to: Inez Kroenung, George & Arlene Gaehle, James Lindsley, Joyce Mercer, Kristen VonGruben, Sandy Becker-Gurnow, Paul Eckler, Rich Hardt, Charles & Marilyn Weber, Steve & Donna Kummer, Lynda Kamp, Kathi Danna, Julie Nicolai, Erin Garcia, June Jaeger, David & Jill VonGruben, Karl & Lee Strauch, Dorothy James, Mary Berthold, Robert & Doris Defer, Mary White, the Nicholas Schaedler Family, Laurel Elzinga, James & Angela (Poole) Bee, Paul Wojciechowski.

For those of you who haven't had the chance, we are including the Renewal/Enrollment form in this newsletter. Please bring it to the next meeting or mail it to the address on the form.

Thanks to all!

Presentation *Mark your calendars:*
Jill VonGruben, WHS Archivist and Researcher, will be speaking about the Early Churches of Wildwood the morning of May 3, 2018 at St. Louis Community College - Wildwood. Details to follow in February newsletter. See you in May!

Calendar of Events for 2018

Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. - Paul Eckler will have a Program on Cable Cars. Electric streetcars arrived in St. Louis after about 1890. Did you know St. Louis had cable cars before them? Just like the ones in San Francisco.

Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. - Amanda Doyle-one of the Author Team for the Missouri Almanac 2018-19.

Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. - Stephen Kling-Author-The Battle of St. Louis & the Attack on Cahokia

Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. - Wildwood/Kiwanis TRIVIA NIGHT- Ballwin VFW Hall at 115 Mimosa Lane, Ellisville (doors open at 7)

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. Environmental Series Speaker

Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. - James Erwin-Author-Homefront in Civil War Missouri

Tuesday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting-Jim Cain-The building of a Keelboat

Sunday, July 15, 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Combination OPEN HOUSE and the 3rd Annual Car Show, Bake Sale & Food for Sale.

Sunday, July 17 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. -Annual Ice Cream Social-Speaker Mark Goldfeder with Old films on the Street Car Era in St. Louis

Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. - Clark Beim-Esche-Author-Calling on the Presidents-Tales their Houses Tell

Tentative date: Saturday, August 18 10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.- Celebrate Wildwood

Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. - Bill Clevlen-Author-100 Things to do in America before You Die

Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. -Antique Review and Appraisal-Guest

Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. -**OPEN**

Sunday, December 16, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **Christmas OPEN HOUSE with Appetizers and Desserts 1-4 p.m.**

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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.

“Enjoy this month’s “Peek into Our Past”.

1886.12.03	Fox Creek	Krueger	death	Martin Krueger of Fox creek buried a daughter last Saturday (Nov27) and a son Monday (Nov29). His wife and four children are all sick with Diptheria
1886.12.10	Bonhomme Tp	Krueger/Oberbeck	marriage license	August Gottlieb Krueger and Sophie Anna Oberbeck she just 19years old on the day they married bonhomme twp wedding lic.
1886.12.10	Hollow	Hencken	Business	Henry Hencken has started a blacksmith shop at Hollow PO
1886.12.10	Hollow	Krueger	death	Jacob Krueger of Hollow post office lost two children with Diptheria and Scarlet fever this week making five deaths in his family during the past two weeks. Several other deaths have orrured in the neighborhood from the same cause and the school at Hollow has been closed
1886.12.10	Meramec Tp	Mueller/Ball	marriage license	Damian Mueller and Elizabeth Ball of Meramec twp wedding lic
1886.12.10	Pond	Fohlbusch	visit	Lewis Fohlbusch after an absence of nearly six years is again in this neighborhood visiting friends and relatives
1886.12.17	Allenton	Lathrop/Patton	marriage license	Patrick Lathrop and Mrs Mamie Patton of Allenton wedding lic
1886.12.17	Glencoe	Leutheuser/Johnson/Doerges	wedding	Squire Wm. Doerges tied the nuptial knot for "Fred Leutheuser and Ida May Johnson at Eureka
1886.12.17	Meramec Tp	Breedon/Brockman	marriage license	Jesse P. Breedon and Elizabeth Brockman of Meramec twp wedding lic
1886.12.17	Pond	Kissell	farming	Henry J. Kissell living near Pond PO says that the price paid for wheat gives the farmers no chance to make a profit by raising the cereal.

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Membership Form

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Cell Phone	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Membership Levels

(Valid January 1 – December 31 of current year)

___ Individual - \$25.00 annually

___ Couple - \$30.00 annually

___ Family with children through age 22 - \$35.00 annually

___ Benefactor - \$100.00 annually

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