



Wildwood Historical Society

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JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER



From great program presentations to fun-filled Trivia Nights, an exciting Car Show, festive Open Houses and everything in between, join us this year as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Wildwood Historical Society!

June Wildwood Historical Society Newsletter Presidents Message

Well, we shall try again! Continuing on from last month's Newsletter, since we didn't have the meeting due to the storm possibility, and it DID storm, so I'm glad we canceled, please hand me any suggestions for program ideas at the June meeting. Our speaker for the May meeting, Christopher Gordon has been rescheduled for our November 17 Afternoon Meeting at 2 p.m. This will be our first try at having a Sunday afternoon meeting. We may try other days in the afternoons later.

Please refer to the May Newsletter for information about needing help for the Car Show, Bake Sale etc. on July 14. There will be sign-up sheets at the June meeting. There will be NO JULY MEETING but we NEED HELP doing various tasks on July 14.

Please see separate flyer about our June speaker-our own Jill VonGruben-our Librarian, Archivist, Researcher and Author.

Sincerely,

Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow-President

It has just come to our attention that a few of the holidays are off a day or so in our 2019 Groves calendar. There were 2 errors in May for which we apologize this notice did not reach you earlier. Other errors are: Father's Day is Sunday, 6/16 and Columbus Day is Monday, 10/14. We apologize for any inconvenience this mishap may have caused.



When: **TUESDAY, JUNE 18th, 7pm**
Where: **WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
18750 Highway 100, Wildwood, 63069
(just west of Stovall's)



Our presentation this month is by the Wildwood Historical Society's own Jill VonGruben, Archivist, Researcher and Author. "The Tale of Three Congregations" is the story of three historic Lutheran Congregations (along with an additional surprise congregation for good measure).

But this is not just a Lutheran story, this story is typical of how many of the congregations in our area were formed and developed. Wildwood is very fortunate to have several 19th Century Congregations still active and ministering to our residents.

Please come and join us on **Tuesday, June 18th at 7pm** for a journey back in time to learn about the development of these vibrant faith congregations.



**COME JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER
ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOLLOWING THE TALK!**

The book, *Early Churches of Meramec Township*, has been nominated for The State Historical Society of Missouri's 2019 Missouri History Book Award!

2ND ANNUAL
WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY &
MARINE FOCUS FOUNDATION
BENEFIT CAR SHOW

Sunday, July 14, 2019
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wildwood Historical Society - Highway 100 next to Stovall's
5 miles west of Route 109 at 100

Entry Fee: \$20 donation

6 Trophies to be awarded, including Smallest Car, Biggest Engine, and a Route 66
Trophy.

Type of Vehicles accepted include: All types! Classic, Rods, for interest,
interesting Modern, Antique, Tractors, Motorcycles, it has wheels and a
motor.

ATTENDANCE PRIZES!
SOCIETY MUSEUM OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC

FOOD AND DRINK
AVAILABLE FOR SALE!



Call John at 636-458-4350 or email at jgrag@sbcglobal.net for info



We **NEED** our **MEMBERS** to all pitch in and help at our Car Show/Open House for different time slots. Some of us will be there all day, getting ready, working all day, and then cleaning up.

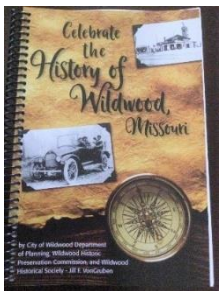
Please see the Sign-Up Sheet at the June 18 meeting. For questions, call our President, Sandy Becker-Gurnow at 314-374-3159.



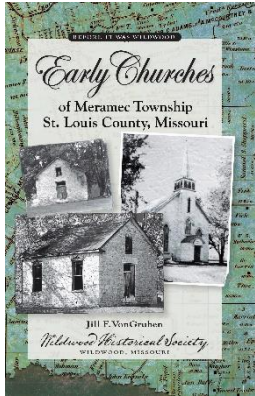
We were contacted by a woman who now lives in Wisconsin about two photo albums she inherited from her sister. There are no notes in the albums and none of the photos are identified. She cannot identify anyone in the photos. The only clue was that the obituary for Frederick Hencken was inside one of the albums. She “googled” Hencken and found us. She wanted to know

if the WHS Library would like the albums. We are accepting the donation with the hope that we will be at least be able to identify locations, etc.

So the moral to this story is: Everyone has THAT box (or boxes) full of photos up on a closet shelf that do not have any notations on them of “who/what/where/when.” So to prevent this from occurring in your family, start identifying those photos. Seems like too big of a job? Just take a small stack or two to start. Info doesn’t have to be long or involved, but the “who” is always a good place to start and anything else that comes to mind as you are viewing each photo. Otherwise all those memories are lost. And it’s those memories that are history.



Be on the lookout – the latest version of this book will be released at 2019 Celebrate Wildwood on August 24, 2019. This version will include the just-completed chapter that covers the exciting decades from 1920 through 1990. You are sure to enjoy it!



The Wildwood Historical Society is pleased to announce that our 2018 released book, *Before It Was Wildwood: Early Churches of Meramec Township* by Jill F. VonGruben has been nominated for the State Historical Society of Missouri's 2019 Missouri History Book Award.

WHS PROGRAMS FOR 2019

June 18-Ice Cream Social & Jill VonGruben- the "Tale of Three Congregations"

July 14-4th Annual Car Show, Open House, Bake Sale & Food Stand

August 20-Jan Jacobi-author of Young Lincoln

August 24 - Celebrate Wildwood - pick up your copy of the latest version of the history of Wildwood, *Celebrate the History of Wildwood*, researched and authored by WHS's Jill VonGruben with the City of Wildwood.

September-17-Marc Houseman-Director of Washington Historical Society talks about Real Ghost Stories from the house he and his wife Tina call home

October 15- Clark Beim-Esche RETURNS- with more stories from his book,"Calling on the Presidents: Tales Their Houses Tell". He was here last August and he has lots MORE stories!

October 18-TRIVIA NIGHT-co-sponsored by Wildwood Historical Society and Ballwin Historical Society

SUNDAY-November 19- 2 P.M.-Christopher Alan Gordon, Writer at the Missouri Historical Society-Fire, Pestilence, and Death : St. Louis 1849 (POSTPONED FROM MAY)

December 15-CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE-with Appetizers and desserts



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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.

Editor's note: Articles copied in their original form.

1889.06.07-Missouri, Law: The new school law, a full text of which we publish elsewhere in this issue, provides that no colored pupil shall attend a white school, and that no white pupil shall attend a colored school. There are also many other changes in the law that we would advise all teachers and school officials to study.

1889.06.07-Pond, Wedding: Miss Emma Kessel, of Pond, was married last Thursday, at the bride's home, to Mr. Kessler, of St. Louis.

1889.06.07-Pond, Wedding: Mr. Charles C. Kessler & Miss Emma Kessels were united in marriage on Memorial Day.

1889.06.07-Pond, Social: The bachelors of Pond gave a dance, which was a great success. There were sixty ladies and forty gentlemen present. The old bachelors seemed to be flattered extremely.

1889.06.07-Pond, Sports: The Pond Base Ball Club is expecting to close contest with the St. Louis nine, in the Christian Brothers' Park, at Glencoe next Sunday.

(Editor's Note: Look for results of this Baseball game in the next issue of the Watchman)