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Spring Events and More

A Message from the President

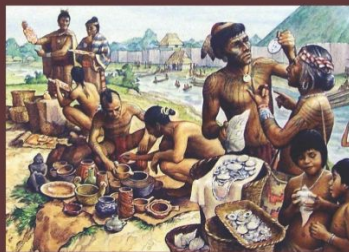
Well, it is time we start getting into the Swing for Spring! It's going to be in the 50's this week and I am ready! I know, it really hasn't been a bad winter but I am just ready for WARM! Please look at our upcoming programs for 2020. This March meeting we have Mark Leach speaking on Cahokia in Chesterfield-an archeology program for all ages. So bring everyone that you know. Let's have a great turnout for our programs this year! See you there!

Sincerely,
Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow
President



Cahokia in Chesterfield

The Sun, Moon & Milky Way



Mark W. Leach

When: Tuesday, March 17,
7PM

Where: 18750 HWY 100 (just west of Stovall's)

Join us to hear Mark Leach speak about The Cahokia in Chesterfield. Nearly 1,000 year ago, a vibrant Native American community filled the entire Chesterfield Valley. Though only a small portion of the community has been professionally studied, over 100,000 artifacts have been discovered including exotic

materials from the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico.



Mark Leach author of Cahokia in Chesterfield

Cahokia in Chesterfield has been the focus of professional archaeological research for over 70 years. Research is ongoing, and most excitingly, the very heart of this ancient city lies well preserved under six feet of flood deposited soil. You will never see your local area in quite the same way again!



Benefit Car Show

Spread the word!

Please share the flyer at the end of this newsletter to spread the word about our annual Benefit Car show in association with **Focus Marines Foundation.**

Contact with Questions?

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Book News!

The Wildwood Historical Society has just received notice that the Celebrate Wildwood 2020 AND our joint book project, *Celebrate the History of Wildwood, Missouri* are now Endorsed Projects for the State's Bicentennial celebration. The below logo will appear on the book's cover when it is released in October!



Archivist Corner



Do you know what this item is? The answer is toward the end of this Newsletter.



Archivist Corner continued...

Do you ever wonder what happens to artifacts that are donated to our museum when they either have no provenance accompanying them or do not fit within preservation and education of the Meramec Township area?

Many years ago, two sets of photos were donated to our Museum. They were reprints from originals from 1872 and 1911. Only detail was that they were marked as Newton, Kansas.

Your archivist tried to contact their local historical society without any success. Eventually, contact was made with the City of Newton. It turns out their city is just beginning planning for its sesquicentennial in 2020 and the photos will be a great addition to their displays.

The lesson displayed, is whether for a museum or cleaning out a family's photos: if the photos (or item) doesn't have meaning or use, another institution may. So always check with your local historical society!



Be on the lookout for upcoming info on some spring cleaning days. Inside, Outside -- there will be lots of tasks to choose from.

We have to get ready for some great events coming: **Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day** on April 4th, Car Show on July 12th and more fun to follow.

So come on and join us for a few hours.

Further information will be available via an email and on our Facebook Page.



It is with great sadness that we share the news that one of our original, and most stalwart members, Rusty Pendleton, died on February 20, 2020. He was 95-1/2 years old. Funeral Service plans are pending.



Answer to Archivist Corner Question

It is the Schoolhouse Clock from Wildhorse School, pre-Civil War.

Only the foundation from this historic one-room schoolhouse remains, but the clock survived. The Hardt family acquired it when the one-room schoolhouse was closed in the 1950s. The clock was donated

to the Wildwood Historical Society by Rich Hardt in 2017.

We invite you to visit our Museum and view the amazing collection of photos and artifacts from the nearly thirty one-room schoolhouses that served the students and their families in Meramec Township.



First 2020 Program listing

All meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Hall, except where noted.

- **March 17** – Mark Leach-Cahokia in Chesterfield-Learn about the sister city of Cahokia that stretched across the entire valley and was precisely constructed with celestial alignments.
- **April 21** – Steve Pick and Amanda Doyle – St. Louis Sound-From the French fiddlers of the fur trading days to the rock and hip-hop icons of the present millennium, St.
- **May 19** – Joe Sonderman-Get Your Kicks on Old 66 – A really good entertaining, fun, presentation about Old 66.

- **June 16** - TBD
- **July 12**, Sunday – Car Show, Open House, Food for sale
- **No regular Tuesday meeting in July**
- **August 18** – TBD
- **September 15** – Jim Merkel-Making of an Icon-The St. Louis Arch
- **October 20** – Ed Wheatley-Baseball & the St. Louis Browns
- **November 15** - Sunday at 2 p.m.
- **December Sunday** – Not scheduled yet – OPEN HOUSE with appetizers and desserts.



You can also check for updates about events on the website at:

<https://wildwoodhistoricalsociety.org/events>

A Peek Into the Past



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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.

1885.03.06-Wild Horse, Social: A social party was given on the evening of March 2d, at the Grange hall, Wild Horse road, by Miss Cornelia Hencken and Miss Jennie Pleasants. A pleasant time was had.

1896.03.06-St. Louis County, Roads: After reading and approval of proceedings of last two

meetings, the following parties presented their account for payment for work on roads and bridges: Hugo Essen -- \$56.50Theo. St. Onge -- \$35.75

1898.03.18, St. Louis County, Courts: The court ordered William Oberbeck, overseer of Road District No. 38, to bring suit against parties who have been obstructing Kiefer Creek road, the same to be brought at once.

1899.03.31, St. Louis County, Oddity: Bill Koch, despite his swearing procivilites makes a No. 1 good citizen. His patriarchal appearance always command admiration.