



# Kirkwood Historical Society

At Mudd's Grove.

October 2017



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**The Gatehouse Gift Shop** – is seeking gently used donated items for resale. Please contact Helen Knocke at [helenKnocke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:helenKnocke@sbcglobal.net) if you have items you wish to donate. Gift Shop sales benefit the Kirkwood Historical Society at Mudd's Grove.

One of the many ways that you can help the Kirkwood Historical Society in its efforts to preserve the rich heritage of Kirkwood is by volunteering to become a docent at Mudd's Grove. Currently, there is a need for docents on **Thursdays from 1 PM until 4PM** once a month. This is a great opportunity to meet, greet and interact with visitors to Mudd's Grove and have some fun at the same time. Substitutes can be arranged to accommodate vacations and other needs. If you would like more information about becoming a docent for the Kirkwood Historical Society at Mudd's Grove, please contact Marie Andel at [mawma6675@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mawma6675@sbcglobal.net) or call or text 314-809-0403 or 314-966-8102.



Did you know that the original route surveyed by James P. Kirkwood for the Pacific Railroad of Missouri was a level one along the Missouri River? However, he was eventually overruled and the powers-that-be instead chose the current route that is in use today. Much to the dismay

of the railroad as they later learned that they needed a helper locomotive at Kirkwood to help trains get up "Kirkwood Hill."

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017 AND SHOULD BE EMAILED TO [KXN896@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:KXN896@HOTMAIL.COM).

## EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

### Reception for "Century Club" members:

There will be a reception for the Century Club members of the Kirkwood Historical Society on **Wednesday October 11, 2017 from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM**, at Mudd's Grove. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.



"With boughs of holly"

for the 2017 Holiday Season at Mudd's Grove. Come, help us decorate our historic home for the holiday season. Many volunteer hands help make for a fun time and a great holiday season. (Hint: This is another way you can help at Mudd's Grove.) Details will be forthcoming at a later date so be sure to keep an eye on the newsletter.



*KHS Booth  
Greentree Festival*



The Kirkwood Historical Society was well represented this year by the following KHS Members: Laura Gier, Chairperson; Mike Holley, KHS Interim President; Nancy Reeves; Friends of the KHS; Mary Ellen Dick, Membership, Carol Ann Miller; Jon Hickman; Maureen Joseph; Deb Jablonski; Laura Jablonski; Betty Hudgins and Marie Andel, Docents. Your hard work and dedication helped make this project a success. Thank you one and all for a job well done.

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*Preserving the Past for Tomorrow and Beyond! The mission of the Kirkwood Historical Society is to study and preserve the history of Kirkwood and the surrounding areas. The society promotes educational programs, exhibitions and special events, and provides for the preservation of Mudd's Grove, the society's headquarters.*

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The Kirkwood Historical Society at Mudd's Grove is located at 302 West Argonne Drive in Kirkwood, Missouri 63122. Our hours of operation are: Thursday's and Sunday's from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM and you can contact us at 314-965-5151 or by email at: [kwdhissoc@gmail.com](mailto:kwdhissoc@gmail.com). Individual tours are conducted every day the house is open except for the month of January. The Library is available for research during the hours the house is open. Group tours are available upon request. Please contact us for more details.

**GREENTREE FESTIVAL 2017 is now in the history books. Here are a few remembrances:**

One of the many songs featured in the Rogers & Hammerstein musical "The King & I" is "Getting to Know You." Mike Holley, KHS Interim President came up with a very good idea for the Newsletter. A "Member Spotlight" each month featuring a member of the KHS. A picture digital or photo and a brief blurb, nothing personal, just a short bio of a member, such as why did you volunteer, become a Docent? What areas of history interest you the most, what do you like the most about Kirkwood and the Historical Society? So, lets take a poll, if you are in favor of an ongoing spotlight feature send an email to [kxn896@hotmail.com](mailto:kxn896@hotmail.com) with YES in the subject line; if not in favor send with NO in the subject line. Remember YOU are the Kirkwood Historical Society!.



Mike Holley, Interim President, Kirkwood Historical Society, staffing The KHS booth. Photo credit: John F. Crowley, Newsletter editor.

Mike is also a great salesman as well. Here he interacts with a visitor to the KHS booth! The Kirkwood Historical Society has some wonderful publications for sale. Proceeds benefit the Society and Mudd's grove.



The next **Friends of the Kirkwood Historical Society** meeting will take place on **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Mudd's Grove.** Our speaker will be Laura Thal from Kirkwood's Parks and Recreation Department. Laura's presentation will be on the trips that she organizes for senior citizens and how you can join them.

Also, the Kirkwood Historical Society benefits from escrip-a charitable program sponsored by Schnuck's Markets. If you have an escrip card, please use it each time you shop. If you would like to have a card, please contact Nancy Reeves at 314-822-4932 or [reeves2@mindspring.com](mailto:reeves2@mindspring.com)