

# Kirkwood Historical Society

At Mudd's Grove

302 West Argonne Kirkwood MO 63122

SEPTEMBER 2018

## SIGNIFICANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER:

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Labor Day Holiday. – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown. – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Patriot Day – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day (Mexico) – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Yom Kippur begins at sundown. – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Peace Day – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Autumn begins. – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Fullmoon. – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> – Rail Safety Day at the Station.



WEBSTER-KIRKWOOD  
**TIMES**

**KIRKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**QUARTERLY MEETING** –Tuesday,  
September 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Kirkwood  
Community Center- Room 300, 111 S. Geyer  
Rd. Our presenter for the evening will be Diana  
Linsley, photographer for the Webster-Kirkwood

Times. Diana will present a program consisting of some of the best photographs from the papers forty year history. This is one program that you surely won't want to miss. **PLEASE NOTE:** This meeting will be held at the **Kirkwood Community Center, Room 300, 111 S. Geyer Road in Kirkwood, Mo.** There is plenty of parking and an elevator. Hope to see you there.

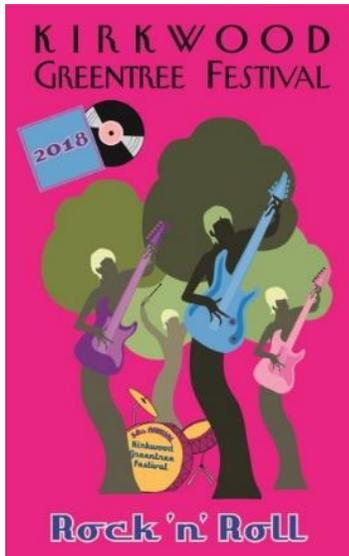
**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> is Grandparent's Day** – As a child growing up, I will never forget just how special my Grandparents were. (1) - They were the only authority figures I could out run, and (2) – they let you do things mom and dad wouldn't. –*Ed.*



**GREENTREE FESTIVAL** – To be held this year on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in Kirkwood Park, 111 South Geyer Road, Kirkwood, Mo. Volunteers are needed to staff the Kirkwood Historical Societies Booth. Shifts are 2 hours in duration and begin at noon and end at 6:00 PM. If you can help and are interested, please contact [Maryellendick@live.com](mailto:Maryellendick@live.com).



### **THE KIRKWOOD GREENTREE FESTIVAL: A HISTORY**



The year was 1961. John F. Kennedy was President, the Berlin Wall was constructed, Gary Player won the Master's tournament and hula hoops were the rage. In Kirkwood, Bill Pfitzinger was Mayor, Kirkwood was recovering from a long period of drought, Dutch Elm blight had taken a great toll on some of the city's beautiful trees, and Angie Munson was Chairperson of the very first Greentree Festival. The Greentree Festival's creation actually came about as a way to replace drought-stricken trees. It was the brainchild of then Mayor Pfitzinger and Council Members Robert Reim, Ninian Edwards, and Robert Staed. In the weeks leading up to the first Festival, as well as throughout the event, the City offered Pin Oaks, Sweet Gum, Thornless Locust, White Birch, and Tulip trees for sale for just \$1 each. Thousands of these trees were purchased and planted and to this day, many still flourish, lining a

number of Kirkwood streets. In fact, trees continue to be an important part of the annual Greentree Festival. Boy Scout Troop 325 sponsors the free give-away of hundreds of tree seedlings each year at the Festival. A great number of things about the Festival have changed over the years; others have not. It still requires an enormous number of volunteer hours donated by dedicated citizens, working from February through September to handle this celebration. All of the City's services, especially Parks and Recreation, Police, Fire, Electric, and Public Works, have consistently put in lots of extra hours making sure all goes well for the thousands of residents and visitors coming to Kirkwood Park for this event. There has

always been a parade, a dog show, service clubs and organization-sponsored booths, good food, and family fun. Keeping it fresh and exciting is the fact that each year's volunteers initiate something new. Many of those events have since become an integral part of the celebration. The Greentree Festival remains a family-oriented celebration!

Won't you join us?

Source: [www.kirkwoodmo.org](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org).

**HOLIDAYS:** - Here it is September already and it's not too early to start thinking about lending a hand helping to decorate Mudd's Grove for the holiday season. The beautiful decorations enhance the beauty of Mudd's Grove and the annual Candlelight House Tour adds to the festive season as well. Can we count on you? Stay tuned for more details at a future date.



Join Kirkwood Historical Society and help to continue our mission to discover and preserve the history of Kirkwood and surrounding areas.

**Benefits of Membership include:**

- Quarterly issues of the red covered "*Kirkwood Historical Review*" featuring articles and pictures concerning the history of Kirkwood and surrounding areas.
- Our annual Strawberry Festival with picnic space, entertainment and plenty of strawberries and ice cream – fun for the whole family.
- Monthly "KHS Friends" meetings that feature noteworthy speakers. They are scheduled on the first Monday of most months and are open to all members and guests.
- Quarterly members' meetings that feature a speaker on a subject of historical interest.
- Throughout the year The Kirkwood Historical Society has exhibits, presentations and events pertaining to the community's development.
- The opportunity to rent Mudd's Grove at the member's rate for a meeting, party, wedding or other event.

**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

**Historian Membership – \$35**

**Family Membership – \$75**

**Kirkwood Membership – \$125**

**Henry T. Mudd Membership – \$250**

**George Dana Membership – \$500**

**Wm. Bodley Lane Membership – \$1000**

**Lifetime Membership – \$2,500**

Includes recognition on a special Lifetime Member plaque located at Mudd's Grove.

**Century Membership**

Complimentary if 80 years old and a member for 20 years.

- Use of the Kirkwood Historical Society Library for the research needs of our community.
- A special place to donate and preserve books, papers, photos, and other items on Missouri and Kirkwood history for the future.

To become a member, please download and fill out the [Member Application Form](#) and mail with check, payable to Kirkwood Historical Society:

*Kirkwood Historical Society*  
*PO Box 220602*  
*Kirkwood, MO 63122*

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### **“Brownhurst,” 1201 S. Lindbergh, Kirkwood, c. 1890**

Daniel Sidney Brown was the builder of a Richardsonian Shingle style frame house which he named “Brownhurst.” The house is an unusually large and well-designed example in this



area of the taste for dark-brown shingles as a unifying design element. Born in 1854, the same year his father founded the Pioneer Cooperage Company, Brown ran the St. Louis branch of the national firm. When he wasn't engaged in business, he enjoyed his interest in horticulture, growing many varieties of flowers, particularly orchids. He moved to Kirkwood to pursue his hobby eventually devoting forty acres to flower gardens and greenhouses. During the World's

Fair of 1904, internationally known botanists made trips on the Frisco Railroad to view Brown's "famous collection of rare and beautiful palms, ferns, and orchids." Fearing the death of his plants in the winter of 1918, Brown donated them to the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Shortly afterward he sold Brownhurst to the Society of Mary. Most of the property is now occupied by Vianney High School.