

# Kirkwood Historical Society



## May 2017 Newsletter

### **VOLUNTEERS -**

**Docents** - Thanks to our two new docents who have already been on the job. We could still use others – it's only 3 hours a month but you can volunteer for more days if you want. Training and confidence building are available from Marie Andel – (314) 966-8102. Call her to see what a great job it is.

**Renting of the Facility** - If you are willing to be the contact person for inquiries about renting Mudd's Grove, please call Mike Holley – (314) 623-8226 or by email - maholley56@gmail.com. This job could require some extra hours (from being a docent), but it is one of our sources of income which supports the upkeep and maintenance of Mudd's Grove and is very important to us.

### **MEMBERSHIP -**

May is the last month of the Kirkwood Historical Society's (the "Society") year. You will be receiving a letter to renew your Society membership. We hope that you will consider renewing at a higher level. You can also support the "Society" by suggesting to neighbors and friends to join us.

Membership is an easy way for you to support Mudd's Grove (the home of the Society), along with volunteering and participating in our activities. Mudd's Grove is a Greek Revival style house built in 1859. It is an older house, but also a repository for research in Kirkwood area history and various collections of related items. It is a treasure in our city and needs everyone's support. Come for a tour at Mudd's Grove which is open every Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 pm to see what a treasure it is.

### **TECHNOLOGY -**

The Society is entering the Digital Age. The updating of our website is still in progress. Nevertheless, you can check us out on:

**Facebook**  
**Instagram** @kirkwoodmohistory  
**Twitter** @kwdhissoc

Did you count how many times in this newsletter we said:

How many ways you can contact someone at Kirkwood Historical Society  
Volunteer now in some way  
Take part in activities at Mudd's Grove  
Help us make the Society and Mudd's Grove a treasure in Kirkwood  
Enjoy downtown Kirkwood

Just wondering if you noticed.

## **COMING EVENTS -**

### **May 1, 2017, Monday, 10:00 am – Friends and public meeting at Mudd's Grove –**

The program will be Mary Ann Fink, a master gardener with St Louis County Parks. Fink is a conservation specialist and uses native plants to attract birds and butterflies. We will also tour the Mudd's Grove herb garden and meet members of the Webster Groves Herb Society volunteers who maintain the garden.

### **May 7, 2017, Sunday, 12:30 pm – Ron Krieger's Sentimental Walk to School**

Park at the high school lot on Essex; the walk is about a mile walk to Keysor School. There will be shuttle service back to your car should not wish to walk both ways. Sign up by email: maholley56@gmail.com.

### **May 13, 2017, Saturday, 9:00 am to 2 pm – Railway Safety Day at the Amtrak Station at Argonne & Kirkwood Roads**

The Kirkwood Historical Society will have a table in the station with information about Mudd's Grove and what the Society does in the community. Another chance for you to volunteer for an hour at our table. Please call Marie Andel if you can help.

### **June 13, 2017, Tuesday, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm – Strawberry Festival**

The Annual Strawberry Festival at Mudd's Grove – free and open to the public. Missouri Fiddlers will provide music. A special display on Mudd's Grove when we bought it in 1992 will be available.

## **Other –**

The Kirkwood Historical Society Board is experimenting in September and December with the timing of the last two quarterly meetings of 2017. The Society By-Laws require quarterly meetings to give the entire membership and guests a chance to visit Mudd's Grove and enjoy a special program. Our March quarterly was the story of Cragwold, the Lemp mansion in Kirkwood. The June meeting will be the Strawberry Festival.

The Board proposes the September quarterly be on Sunday, September 10 at 2:30 pm. The December quarterly is when new officers and directors are elected; the program is usually holiday related. The meeting will be on Sunday, December 10 at 2:30 pm.

Put these dates on your calendar now.

Renew your dues when you get the letter