



# Kirkwood Historical Society

At Mudd's Grove.

March 2018

The KHS newsletter is emailed monthly to those members who have a valid email address on file. It is mailed quarterly to those members who do not have an email address. Quarterly copies are mailed in January; April; July and October.



- March 11, 2018 – Daylight Savings Time begins.
- March 17, 2018 - St. Patrick's Day.
- March 20, 2018 - Spring begins.
- March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday.
- March 30, 2018 – Good Friday.

## HENRY T. MUDD AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2017 TO BE ANNOUNCED MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

The Henry T. Mudd Award for 2017 will be presented at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting of the Kirkwood Historical Society at 302 W. Argonne Dr., Kirkwood, Missouri. This will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> award presented since 1994. Criteria for the award is as follows:

- The recipient must be a member of the Kirkwood Historical Society for at least five years.
- Be involved in the activities of the Society during this period helping to keep the Society Kirkwood's #1 treasure.

How it works:

- Recipients of past Henry T. Mudd awards elect the person or persons qualified to receive the honor!

There have been ten years in which two recipients have received this honor. Currently, there are a total of fourteen living recipients of the Henry T. Mudd award.

The above submitted by Member Joe Godi.

### Early Transportation in Kirkwood:

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*Source: Street Railways of St. Louis. F. Swyer.*

Joan Huizinga presented a talk under the auspices of the Continuing Education program at St. Louis Community College on the topic of Love Stories in Old St. Louis. Over twenty people were in attendance.

Photos and accompanying information submitted by Mike Holley, Vice-President, Kirkwood Historical Society.



### **Friends of the Kirkwood Historical Society Events for 2018**



- March 2018 - No meeting.
- April 2- *History of the Use of Herbs*  
Mary Claire Wenger, St. Louis Herb Society
- May 7- *The Gilded Table*.  
Food in the Victorian period, presented by Suzanne Corbett, Author and Food Historian.
- August 6 - Discover the story of the family of Robert Campbell. Andy Hahn, Campbell House Museum.
- October 1 - *Victorian Mourning Traditions*, presented by Paula Zalar.
- November 5 - *The Power of Place: The Forgotten, Nearly Forgotten, and Rescued Landscape of St. Louis*, presented by Andrew Wanko, Missouri Historical Society.

Event Calendar Submitted by Sharon Laux, President, Friends of the Kirkwood Historical Society.

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## AN EVENING WITH MR. JIM BAKER

On Tuesday, March 13 the Kirkwood Historical Society will meet at Mudd's Grove at 7:00 pm. The speaker for the evening will be Mr. Jim Baker, author of "Meramec Highlands-Another View". Mr. Baker will give a brief overview of the topics covered in his book. He will then provide a closer view of the history of the Frisco Railroad in the Kirkwood area, the Meramec Highlands Depot, the Frisco's first woman station agent and Pretty Boy Floyd's 1925 stay at the Meramec Highlands store. A question and answer period will follow Mr. Baker's presentation.

Submitted by member Nancy Reeves.