

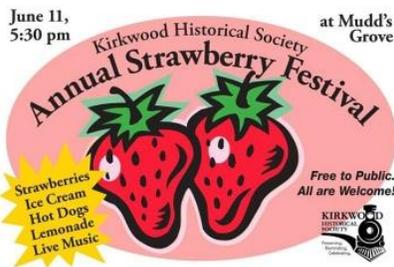


JUNE 2019

Vision: The Kirkwood Historical Society will preserve and share the history of the Kirkwood area and be a source of community pride marked by vibrant membership and civic engagement.

Mission: The Kirkwood Historical Society fosters an active appreciation for preserving the history of the Kirkwood area and its relevance to the present and future.

FEATURED EVENT TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2019



Tuesday, June 11th from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM
302 W. Argonne Drive at Harrison Avenue,
Kirkwood, MO 63122
314-965-5151

What's better than strawberries in the summer? - Free strawberries with ice cream and BBQ'd hot dogs. Free and open to the public. Our annual **Strawberry Festival at Mudd's Grove** is the perfect event to start the summer season. The Strawberry Festival accepts donations to offset the costs. **Bring your family, friends and neighbors.**

Live music provided by Glaze & The Moon Kings.

FEATURED EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2019

HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, June 15th from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM
302 W. Argonne Drive at Harrison Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122
314-965-5151

Music – Entertainment – Refreshments

Admission: \$5.00

Little Gardeners Under 12 Are FREE!



Come and enjoy this lovely home and grounds. Docents will give tours of the home and Garden Club members will answer questions at the Herb Garden. There will be a "Pop-Up" Farmer's Market offering plants, honey, crafts, books, and home and garden related items. Lemonade and cookies will be served. Music by Glaze and the Moon Kings. This open house is part of an area wide presentation sponsored by Historic St. Louis. Twenty-six historic sites, museums, and privately owned homes will be open on June 15 in an event entitled "Painting a Summertime Past". See historicsaintlouis.org for participating venues.



Mudd's Grove home to the Kirkwood Historical Society is located at 302 W. Argonne Drive at Harrison Avenue in beautiful Kirkwood, Missouri 63122. Just two blocks east of the Historic Missouri Pacific Railroad Depot. The house is open on Thursdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Guided tours are available. Call us at: 314-965-5151. Visit us online at: <https://www.kirkwoodhistoricalsociety.com>.



Your Kirkwood Historical Society currently has a need for Docents/Volunteers to not only provide public tours at Mudd's Grove but to help at our special events that are held throughout the year such as: the Annual Strawberry Festival, Home & Garden tours, the Greentree Festival and helping to decorate Mudd's Grove for the holidays. If you enjoy meeting and interacting with wonderful people then please consider becoming a docent or volunteer. For additional information please contact **John F. Crowley, Docent Coordinator** at kxn896@hotmail.com. Or you can call 314-821-7785 (H) or 314-764-0809 ©.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Beginning with this issue of the newsletter we will highlight the various members that make up your Board of Directors. This month we feature Douglas Coombs, President and Deb Hill-Jablonski, Vice President, Media Chair Social Media.



**Douglas Coombs
President**

1. How long have you and your family lived in Kirkwood (including second, third generation, etc.) - *I was not born in Kirkwood, but when I was eight months old I realized my mistake and got here as fast as I could. My mother moved to Kirkwood as a two-year-old in 1929; my wife’s grandfather also arrived in 1929. We’ve been unable to pin down exactly which family got here first, so neither of us gets bragging rights. I met my wife Cindy in 7th grade math class at Nipher. Her father Herb Jones was later elected mayor for two terms, and her grandfather was the first president of the Kirkwood Chamber of Commerce.*

2. What do you think makes Kirkwood a special place to live? - *It’s just perfect. Close to a major metropolitan area without being consumed by it, with a tremendous variety of people, housing and open areas – woods, parks, a community center, a vibrant downtown. And then there’s the history, which consists of both the personal – if you meet someone in Kirkwood that you don’t know, chances are you’ll know many people in common - and the true “history”, going back over a century and a half and full of fascinating stories. If you meet someone from Kirkwood a thousand miles away they’ll want to know who won the Turkey Day game.*

3. What does the new Vision Statement of the Kirkwood Historical Society mean to you? - *"Kirkwood Historical Society will preserve and share the history of the Kirkwood area and be a source of community pride marked by vibrant membership and civic engagement." It states the possibilities of how great the organization can be. Become a central player in the present life of Kirkwood, and help citizens to know and appreciate the legacy they are adding to every day.*

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**Deb Hill-Jablonski  
Vice President,  
Media Chair Social Media**



**1. How long have you and your family lived in Kirkwood (including second, third generation, etc.)**  
*My family moved to Kirkwood in 1970.)*

**2. What do you think makes Kirkwood a special place to live?** *I value the diversity of the population and the strong community pride that manifests itself in neighborhoods throughout Kirkwood.*

**3. What does the new Vision Statement of the Kirkwood Historical Society mean to you?** *"Kirkwood Historical Society will preserve and share the history of the Kirkwood area and be a source of community pride marked by vibrant membership and civic engagement." As the webmaster and media chair, I am particularly inspired by the value to “preserve and share the history of the Kirkwood area”. We will continue to preserve our past and share it with the media tools available to us.*

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SEE YOU AT THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR!