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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.

THE KIRKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS
A TOUR OF THE TOWN: AN ILLUMINATION OF OUR TREASURES – OLD and NEW
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019



This inaugural event will feature a cocktail reception and tour of 201 N. Taylor the Kirkwood Landmarks Commission New Home of Merit Award Winner. Located in the heart of Kirkwood and completed in 2018. The home features dynamic styling, blending design and functionality. The home was spotlighted in the May 2019 issue of St. Louis Homes & Lifestyles.

Two tours are available: Tour 1: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM and tour 2: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. **Limited tickets will be sold.** Cost: \$100 for Kirkwood Historical Society members – July 22 through August 18. Proceeds will be designated to the ongoing maintenance and preservation of historic Mudd’s Grove, the crown jewel of the Kirkwood Historical Society. Booties will be provided upon entry, please plan appropriate footwear. **Please note that there will be no refunds.**

Purchase tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/members-ticket-sales-open-tour-of-the-town-kirkwood-mo-9819-tickets-64809317413>

Coming Soon
 Kirkwood Historical Society
 presents
A Tour of the Town
 An illumination of our treasures - New and Old
 This Inaugural Event will feature tours of the winner
 of the Kirkwood Landmark Commission's
 New Home of Merit Award
201 North Taylor
Sunday, September 8

FRIENDS SPEAKER SERIES: WHAT’S COOKING? - One of the most dramatic ways our lives differ from that of our forebears has to do with food, namely what we eat, how it’s prepared, and who does the cooking. The story of evolving foodways involves politics, technology, ethnicity, labor, health, and changes in family life. Gain insight into some of these changes through historic menus, cookbooks, newspapers, photos, letters, and objects from the Missouri Historical Society Collection. Presented by Emily Jaycox. Emily Troxell Jaycox joined the Missouri Historical Society library staff in 1989. Prior to that, she worked at the Newberry Library in Chicago and Lake Forest College Library. She majored in history in college before obtaining her master’s in Library Science. When not speaking to groups or working directly among old books and documents, much of Emily’s workday is spent planning ways to make more of the



Historical Society’s collections searchable via the Internet. Her research interests include historic maps, immigration, and the history of etiquette and food. She lives and gardens in South St. Louis with her husband and dog.

WHEN: Monday, August 5, 2019.
TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM.
WHERE: Mudd’s Grove 302 West Argonne Dr, Kirkwood, MO 63122 (Caddy corner to St. Peters Church.
TELEPHONE: 314-965-5151.



THE KIRKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY DOCENTS

Hi! Welcome to Mudd's Grove. Won't you please come in and sign our guest book?. This is how your visit to Mudd's Grove begins. It is our docents who voluntarily give of their time to ensure your experience is one that is educational, enjoyable and entertaining and one that will make you want to return for additional visits. So, having said that, it is my pleasure as Docent Coordinator to introduce to you the Docents of Mudd's Grove. They are: **Marie Andel, Celia Bergman, John & Johanne Crowley, John Hickman (Carla), Betty Hudgins, Maureen Joseph, Sharon Laux, Jack Rutter and Thomas Waltz.** The Society as well as myself are very grateful in many ways for all that they do.

Our docents are also busy. Did you know that between January 1 and June 30, 2019 our docents conducted: **162 tours, there were 39 visits to the Harlan Gould Memorial Library, 34 work sessions and 1 facility rental.**

If this sounds interesting to you and you would like to become a part of Mudd's Grove we invite you to join us. You can do this by sending an email to John F. Crowley, Docent Coordinator at kxn896@hotmail.com.

To our Docents thank you ladies and gentlemen for all that you do. Your efforts and time are greatly appreciated by all.

KIRKWOOD'S ANNUAL GREENTREE FESTIVAL

It's not too early to start thinking about the Annual Greentree Festival. Volunteers are needed to help staff the Kirkwood Historical Society's booth. Can we count on YOU? Stay tuned for details in the newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....?

Forest Park was developed primarily through the efforts of Hiram Leffingwell, who wanted the city to purchase 2,754 acres for it, but compromised for the 1,374 acres they finally acquired in 1874 for \$800,00-. Most of the land was owned by William Forsythe, Thomas Skinker, the Chouteaus and John Cabanne. The formal dedication of Forest Park was held June 24, 1876.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This is the third installment of "In the Spotlight" highlighting the various members that make up your Board of Directors. This month we feature:

Liz Gibbons Membership Chairperson

1. I have lived in Kirkwood since 1963. My dad, brother and both my children live here. On my husbands side my children are 4th generation in Kirkwood.
2. The multi generations living in Kirkwood makes our community a very special place. My children have friends that are children of people I have known for 50 years. One of those throwback towns where the kids can't get away with anything because someone will know them. The dynamic thriving downtown with our many restaurants and shops that residents can walk to also adds to the energy of this special suburb.

3. Because I am the membership chairman a "vibrant membership" is what speaks to me. I get really excited about helping to create enthusiasm for joining and participating in the society. For example we have over 106 new members this year. There were more than twice as many members that participated in the annual Strawberry Festival; slated this year for Tue June 11th. The citizens of Kirkwood are interested in being civically engaged and membership in the society provides for that through the preservation of Mudd's Grove.

Cindi Bambini
Director

1. How long have you and your family lived in Kirkwood (including second, third generation, etc.) - My parents bought a house in Oakland in 1967. No one seemed to really know where Oakland was, so I was said I was from Kirkwood. It was attending the schools that defined me home.

My children and I have lived in Kirkwood proper since 1987.

2. What do you think makes Kirkwood a special place to live?

It's the community, we take care of each other as we do our own.

3. What does the new Vision Statement of the Kirkwood Historical Society mean to you? "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."

The KHS vision captures three by-products of the loyalty that one develops when they are Kirkwood residents for a long period of time: community pride, vibrant membership in a community, and civic engagement. We make history in some way, every day, as members we can feel lucky to be part of an organization that preserves and shares that history.



The Kirkwood Historical Society is located at Mudd's Grove, 302 W. Argonne Dr,
Kirkwood, Missouri 63122.

Contact us on the web at: <https://www.kirkwoodhistoricalsociety.com>

By phone at: 314-965-5151.

Public tours of Mudd's Grove are held Thursdays & Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
February through December.