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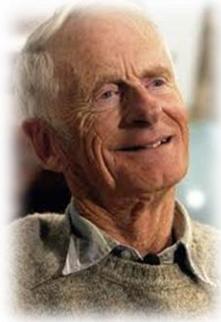
Mission: The Kirkwood Historical Society fosters an active appreciation for preserving the history of the Kirkwood area and its relevance to the present and future.

FRIENDS OF THE KIRKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM:

Submitted by Gretchen Curry:

Kirkwood's Nobel Laureate: William Standish Knowles

Lesley McIntire, a Kirkwood resident, will speak about her father's experience.



William Standish Knowles was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Chemistry in 2001 for improving ways to manufacture drugs, including L-dopa for the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Monsanto then began large-scale production of the drug, which is still a mainstay in the treatment of Parkinson's, especially in the early stages of the disease. Elizabeth Knowles said her father did not keep any of the Nobel Prize money – more than \$200,000. He gave some to two Monsanto colleagues who had collaborated on his L-dopa research and donated the rest to Harvard and Columbia.

**Meeting: Monday November 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Mudd's Grove
302 W. Argonne, Kirkwood MO 63122.**

DECORATING MUDD'S GROVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Submitted by Nancy Reeves: - It's that time of year already! Volunteers are needed to help decorate the house for the upcoming holiday season. So, here is the what and when of the event: **Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM.** Please come and help us "Deck the Halls" and the parlors and the rooms for the season. Please call Mudd's Grove at 314-965-5151 or send an email to kxn896@hotmail.com if you can help.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR – Submitted by Betty Hudgins. – Come visit Mudd's Grove decorated for the Holidays! Come visit us on **Saturday, December 7th, 2019 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM** when the house can be viewed in all its Victorian splendor. Docent led tours will available as well as live music and refreshments. Admission is \$5.00 and children are free. Mudd's Grove is one of more than 20 historic sites in the St. Louis area that will welcome visitors on the above date. For more information point your web browser to: www.historicstlouis.org.

Mudd's Grove will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019.

We will reopen to the public on Sunday, December 1st, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

Happy Thanksgiving to all from the Kirkwood Historical Society!



Thank you to all our veterans for your bravery, your courage, your sacrifices and your service!



ARCHITECTURE OF ST. LOUIS: - FLOUNDER HOUSE - Located in downtown St. Louis at North 20th Street was built in 1869 by Irish immigrant Michael Bowdern. The term "flounder house" comes from the fact that the house has all of its features facing one side, while the other side is just a vertical brick wall, similar to how a flounder fish has both eyes on one side of its head.



DOCENT'S: - Do you have a love for history? Are you interested in greeting and meeting lots of new people? Are you willing to commit to 3 hours on a Thursday or Sunday, once a month (or more, your choice)? Then we have a spot for you! Additional docents are needed to greet and provide tours at Mudd's Grove the home of the Kirkwood Historical Society. Please contact John F. Crowley, Docent Coordinator at kxn896@hotmail.com or call 314-821-7785 or 314-0809 for more information and to sign up.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: - There are a lot of great things happening at the Kirkwood Historical Society! The best way to ensure that you do not miss out on all that the Society has to offer is to be sure that your membership dues are current. Membership dues are the lifeblood of the Society and currently, over 100 members have not renewed their dues. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to renew your membership today. There are two easy ways to renew:

- Renew your membership online at <https://www.kirkwoodhistoricalsociety.com>. Click Join or Renew, complete the form along with your credit card information (**It is a secure transaction**) then click submit.
- Download and print the Membership Form at <https://www.kirkwoodhistoricalsociety.com>. Complete the form, enclose your check and **mail to: Kirkwood Historical Society PO Box 220602, Kirkwood, MO 63122.**

SPOTLIGHT ON THE KHS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S:

Phyllis Ravensburg

1. How long have you and your family lived in Kirkwood (including second, third generation, etc.) My husband and I - we both grew up in Webster Groves - moved to Kirkwood in 1986. We currently live in the old "History House".

2. What do you think makes Kirkwood a special place to live? The sense of and pride in community coupled with access to excellent schools, a vibrant downtown area, outdoor activities and lovely neighborhoods.

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 spirit of the mission has been important to me throughout my time in Kirkwood - serving on the Landmarks Commission, maintaining a Kirkwood Landmark home and now a member of the KHS board. The Historical Society should be viewed as a resource for all residents. A touchstone for all to gather and work to enjoy and preserve our rich history and tradition.

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.

The Harlan Gould Memorial Library is open year round on Thursdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM.