

DECEMBER 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.

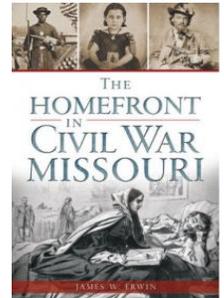
Mission: The Kirkwood Historical Society fosters an active appreciation for preserving the history of the Kirkwood area and its relevance to the present and future.

KIRKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY MEETING:

THE HOMEFRONT IN CIVIL WAR MISSOURI

Meeting: December 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Mudd’s Grove - 302 W. Argonne, Kirkwood MO 63122.

Over one thousand Civil War engagements were fought in Missouri, and the conflict could not be quarantined from civilian life. In the countryside, the wives and mothers of absent soldiers had to cope with marauders from both sides. Slavery crumbled and created new opportunities for black men to serve in the Union army but left their families vulnerable to retaliation at home. The turbulence and bitterness of guerrilla war was everywhere.



Our speaker, Jim Erwin graduated from Missouri State University with a B.A. in mathematics. After service in the United States Army, he obtained an M.A. in history from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and a J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia Law School. Mr. Erwin practiced law in St. Louis for 38 years. He is the author of four books from The History Press: *Guerrillas in Civil War Missouri* (2012), *Guerrilla Hunters in Civil War Missouri* (2013), *The Homefront in Civil War Missouri* (2014), and *St. Charles, Missouri: A Brief History* (2017). Jim and his wife Vicki are co-authors of *Steamboat Disasters on the Lower*

Missouri River, to be published in 2020 by History Press. Jim is the President of the Civil War Roundtable of St. Louis for 2019-2020.

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.



*Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas from the
Kirkwood Historical Society.*



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 314-764-0809 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.**
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SPOTLIGHT ON THE KHS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S:

Carla Baum

1. How long have you and your family lived in Kirkwood (including second, third generation, etc.) I have lived in Kirkwood since May 2014 – almost 5 years – worked in Kirkwood from 1995 through January 2006 and loved being part of the community as President of SSM St Joseph Hospital of Kirkwood.

2. What do you think makes Kirkwood a special place to live? It has a metropolitan presence but a small town feel and culture. I grew up in Jefferson City and find the “small town” feel very welcoming – everyone knows everyone but also welcomes new comers like me.

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.". Preserving history and traditions is what our nation is built on. Taking pride in our past and striving to bring the best forward to the future is a noble goal. KHS has been engaging the greater Kirkwood community in its past and its future.



Special thanks to the volunteers who helped decorate Mudd's Grove for the holiday season:

Nancy & Roy Brown – Sue Burkett - Peggy & Fielding Childress – Doug Coombs – Tim Engelbrecht – Liz Gibbons – Betty Hudgins – Cliff Kierstead – Ann Quigley – Phyllis Ravensberg – Nancy Reeves – Holly Washeck. Mudd's Grove looks very beautiful.

AS A REMINDER, MUDD'S GROVE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY. THE HARLAN GOULD MEMORIAL LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL ON THURSDAY'S AND SUNDAY'S FROM 1:00 PM UNTIL 4:00 PM.

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.