



JANUARY 2020

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.

Past Award Recipients

THE HENRY T. MUDD AWARD PRESENTATION

**Michael Kearney
2019 Award Recipient**



Above Photo left to right:
Mr. Joe Godi, Ms. Susan Burkett, and Mr. Kearney.

The Kirkwood Historical Society is proud to congratulate Mr. Michael Kearney on the presentation of the Henry T. Mudd Award for his contributions to the Society.

Award Background Information by Jack Rutter:

The Henry T. Mudd Award was established in 1994 in “Recognition of the Distinguished contributions to the objectives and programs of the Kirkwood Historical Society”. The award is named after Henry T. Mudd, a prominent real estate entrepreneur, local county and state office holder as well as curator of the University of Missouri. Mr. Mudd and his family lived in Mudd’s Grove for seventeen years (1865-1882).

Herb Jones was the creator of the Henry T. Mudd Award. The recipients are selected by a committee composed of past honorees. The award is presented annually, usually at the December quarterly meeting of the Society.

Awardees receive a framed certificate of recognition and their names are added to a plaque displayed on the first floor of Mudd’s Grove.

Member(s):	Year:
Joe Godi / Francis Scheidegger	1994
Mary B, Chomeau / Harlan A. Gould	1995
Frances M. Barnes, III / Harrison Howe	1996
William Bodley Lane / John Davison	1997
Betty J. Beck	1998
de Davison	1999
Phebe Ann Williams	2000
Kenneth M. Schaefer	2001
Thomas O. Menary	2002
Roy T. Bamber	2003
Marian Phelps	2004
Nancy Mason	2005
William Schramm / John Rutter	2006
Susan Burkett / Phyllis Jenkins	2007
Carol Ann Miller	2008
Nancy Spiegel / Ginger Mild	2009
Betty Phillips	2010
Holly Washeck	2011
Peggy Striler	2013
Marie Andel / Kate Ives	2014
Nancy Reeves	2015
Cliff Kierstead	2016
Michael Kearney	2019

**KIRKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR 2020
ELECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.**

The annual election of the Kirkwood Historical Society Board of Officers and Directors (Directors are elected on a rotational basis) was held at the December Quarterly meeting on December 10th, 2019. The results are as follows:

<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>ELECTED:</u>
President:	Gina Jaksetic
Vice President:	Liz Gibbons
Secretary:	Nancy Reeves
Treasurer:	Tim Englebrecht
Curator:	Peggy Childress
Friends President:	Gretchen Curry
Director At Large:	John F. Crowley
Director At Large:	Deb Hill-Jablonski
Director At Large:	Ron Krieger
Director At Large:	Cindy Roeser



OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

The Kirkwood Historical Society wishes to extend our thanks and appreciation to our outgoing Board members for their hard work and dedication:

Douglas Coombs, Carla Baum, Maryellen Dick and Laurie Heitz.



QUARTERLY MEETING PROGRAM - The evenings program was a presentation on “The Civil War In Missouri” given by Mr. Jim Erwin. Mr. Erwin talked about the people and places in Missouri during the war. Very interesting and informative. Thank

you Jim for an excellent presentation.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR - The Historic St. Louis Holiday House tour held on December 7th, 2019 received a nice turn out. Betty Hudgins did an excellent job chairing the event. This was the second year the Kirkwood Historical Society was a part of this tour event.



GAYLORD FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDED TO KHS

The Kirkwood Historical Society was recently awarded an \$8,000 grant from the Gaylord Foundation. This grant will allow the following projects to move forward in 2020:

- **Porch Repair** – Replace porch decking.
- **Alarm System** - Purchase and install a new wireless alarm system.
- **Repairs Survey**-Develop a comprehensive plan of repairs which should be made to Mudd’s Grove over the next ten years.
- **LED Bulbs** – Replace all light bulbs with energy efficient “soft” LED bulbs.
- **Mudjacking** - Repair sunken sections of sidewalk and driveway.

The requested funds will allow KHS to continue with its mission to foster an active appreciation for preserving the history of the Kirkwood area and its relevance to the present and future.

All projects will be completed within six months of receiving the funding.

Submitted by Tom Whittaker.

DOCENT NEWS –

On Thursday, November 14th, 2019 the Society had two visitors to Mudd’s Grove. One visitor took the time to write and sent us the following letter:

November 15th, 2019:

Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed is a check for \$5.00. On Thursday, November 14th, 2019 I was given a guided tour of Mudd’s Grove by one of your volunteer docents (I do not remember her name). I had no cash on me. I thoroughly enjoyed the tour. I subsequently went online and viewed the Kirkwood Historical Society web site and viewed the tour of the home. I then told my sisters about the video and at least one of them has viewed it.

I do not live in Kirkwood. I live in Rock Hill. I yearly walk through Oak Hill Cemetery and am familiar with the monuments for Leffingwell, Mermod and Dana families. The Mudds are buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery and William Bodley Lane is buried in Calvary Cemetery. Unfortunately, I do not consider the latter two cemeteries to be in areas where I feel safe.

I am 66 years old and a life-long resident of the area. I am very interested in the history of the area, recently touring the Sappington House and the Sappington graves in the Sappington Cemetery, Oak Hill Cemetery, and St. Lucas Cemetery. The County Library also has excellent reference works which I have tapped.

Thank you for your efforts in documenting and maintaining the history of Kirkwood.

*Sincerely,
An Anonymous Visitor*

CALL FOR 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

February 2020 - TBD

March 10, 2020 – Speaker is Ruth E. Schneider, Ph.D, J.D. Local attorney and current chair of Women in the Legal Profession for the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

The topic will be the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, women's right to vote.

A MESSAGE FROM PEGGY CHILDRESS, CURATOR

Do you have an interesting item, artifact or antique collection that has something to do with Kirkwood, Kirkwood History or even the surrounding area? If so, we would like to hear from you. The Kirkwood Historical Society is looking for items to display in the 2nd floor display room at Mudd's Grove. If you would like to have your item displayed please contact Peggy at coffee1616@gmail.com. Items need not be donated to the KHS, (but you can make a donation if you so choose.)

The holiday decorations at Mudd's Grove are scheduled to be taken down on Tuesday, January 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Many hands make light work. If you are available to help with this project please contact Peggy Childress at: coffee1616@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your help. It is appreciated.

OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

- 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 80 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.**

Please be mindful of the weather while traveling and be safe.

KIRKWOOD PAST -



Santa Claus Float at Kirkwood Train Station
December 6, 1951

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. IF YOU PLAN ON USING THE LIBRARY DURING JANUARY PLEASE CALL MUDD'S GROVE AT 314-965-5151 (AFTER ARRIVAL) AND TELL THE LIBRARY STAFF YOU ARE AT THE FRONT DOOR. PUBLIC TOURS WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020 FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM.

KHS Newsletter - The newsletter is published monthly by the Kirkwood Historical Society and is delivered to members with a valid email address each month, and quarterly by mail to those members who do not have a valid email address. If for some reason you have not been receiving your copy by either means of delivery, please make sure that 1-) Your email address is valid and on file, and 2-) Your postal address is current and on file. Any issues pertaining to the newsletter should be addressed to: John F. Crowley, kxn896@hotmail.com or sent by postal mail to: John F. Crowley, Attn: KHS Newsletter at 190 Rayburn Ave, St. Louis, Mo 63127-1129.

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.