



Miller County Historical Society

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POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 22 and plan to join us for our annual spring potluck luncheon which will begin at 1:00 pm. Drinks and table service will be provided; just bring your favorite dish.

A brief meeting will be held following the meal for election of board members. The terms of **Jack Brumley** and **Connie Prather** are expiring, as well as all officers. A slate of incumbents will be presented for your vote.

Those attending will be given a sneak preview of the lovely new 'Jewel Tea' exhibit created by **Doris Wiggins** and **Harold Flaughter** from the dishes given to the museum by **Gary Lee Flaughter** in honor of his wife, **Freda**.

Please plan to attend!

OPEN HOUSE – SAT. MAY 19

The museum will officially begin its 2012 season on May 19. Join us for cookies and punch from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The new '**Jason Ash Veteran's Memorial**,' currently under construction on our front lawn, will be finished and ready for viewing. Summer Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat., 10 am—4:00 pm

NEW COMPUTERS



Bill Weidinger

Two new computers and printers have been added to the MCHS library, thanks to a designated gift. We had the expert help and guidance of **Bill Weidinger**, a St. Elizabeth native and former Eldon High School math teacher, with the installation and networking process. He also successfully set up wireless capabilities throughout the museum which will enable visitors to work from their own laptops or other wireless devices.



Volunteers using new computers

M C H S D I R E C T O R T R A N S I T I O N

Nancy Arnold Thompson resigned her position as Director in December, 2011. Nancy was appointed in the summer of 2007 and quickly became the guiding visionary for the layout and design of our new museum. Her expertise in museum protocol and proper archival techniques, in addition to her consuming passion for genealogy, brought our library and museum up to the highest standards.

Nancy's organizational skills served us well as she created filing and storage systems to accommodate materials. She trained a large volunteer staff that remains in place and worked with them in setting up exhibits and displays. Her connections with the MO State Archives and other museum directors added another layer of professionalism to the Miller County Historical Society.



Thank you, Nancy!



K A R E N W Y R I C K S M I T H

Karen Wyrick Smith has been appointed the new Director of the Miller County Historical Society. The daughter of Doris Edwards and Rex Wyrick, Karen's Miller County roots are very deep. Karen has served as a board member for several years and was one of the first 'Monday volunteers,' working at the museum on a

year round basis. She is a retired teacher from the Eugene School District and currently works part time in the Leutkemeyer Insurance Agency. She, too, is a lover of genealogy, history, and all things Miller County.

Welcome, Karen!

S P R I N G G A R D E N M A P C A S E

A map case used in one of the early Miller County one-room schoolhouses has been added to our museum collection. Contained in a custom made wooden box, these maps were used around the turn of the century in the Spring Garden School which is located in the north part of the county.

One of our able volunteers, **Harold Flaughter**, recently hung the case in the museum school room so it will be available for all to see. The maps are rolled for storage, with one pulled down for viewing. This is just one more reason to visit the museum in 2012!



Harold Flaughter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This spring marks 5 years since I became MCHS president and construction began on our new museum. During this period I have been so thankful for the help of our outstanding board members in giving direction and purpose of our mission to present, protect and preserve the history of Miller County. Beginning with this newsletter I would like to give a short biography of each of our board members.



H. Joe Pryor, M.D.
President



Helen Schulte

I want to start with **Helen Schulte**, board member emeritus, who has been a member since the early 1980's. Helen, who was my 6th grade teacher at Tuscumbia, has been very helpful to me because of her excellent memory. I turn to her for advice regarding issues and decisions made in the past. She also cheerfully serves her 2 week term as docent each season and attends every board meeting and public function.

It would be remiss of me to fail to mention **Peggy Hake**, another 'emeritus'. She not only served as board secretary for years, but also singlehandedly produced our newsletter during that period. Her decades of research of Miller County history and genealogy have been an invaluable resource; we were happy to be able to honor Peggy last spring at the potluck. She now lives in the Kansas City area, but is always available for questions.



Peggy Hake



Carl McDonald

Carl McDonald, our current Vice President, is another long time member of the Society. He has contributed his time in many ways and spearheads our Ice Cream Social each July. However, it was his leadership and hard work during the multi-year project involved in moving the Peter Lupardus cabin to the museum grounds and then undertaking the restoration and maintenance of it that deserves ongoing recognition.

Catherine Ponder of Iberia serves as board secretary as well as being one of our regular Monday volunteers at the museum. She has been instrumental in organizing and cataloguing our obituary file, something invaluable to those doing genealogical research.



Catherine Ponder



Betty Kallenbach

Betty Kallenbach, a retired Eldon teacher, has been the treasurer for the last 8 years. She compulsively and skillfully maintains our expenditures and receipts records, working with a CPA to maintain the highest standards. She & Brice are also regular Monday volunteers.

Thanks to all of our volunteers! We appreciate you!

CONTRIBUTIONS & MEMORIALS

To the Miller County Historical Society: Lois Webb, Tom & Sharon Wehage, Mary Hofstetter,
Joe & Judy Pryor, John & Megan Pryor

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In Honor of Helen Wall

Joe & Judy Pryor, Nancy Thompson, Mary A. Hofstetter,
Mildred Walker, Gerald and Helen Pemberton,
James and Charlotte Lucas, Gus and Glynna Nickels,
Lorene Lyle for the Willoughby Family

In Honor of Betty Lou Smith

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Mildred Gray, Joe Pryor, Susie Pryor, Lois Webb

In Honor of Charles Pemberton

Joe and Judy Pryor

Thanks to all of you for your generous support. It is very much appreciated!

Our dues for 2012 remain the same. You can show your support for our organization and museum by filling out the application below and sending it, along with your payment, to: P.O. Box 57 Tuscumbia, MO 65082

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