



MANSION HOUSE NEWS

WESTPORT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



DOLLS AND BOOKS EXHIBIT

The Westport Historical Society hosted a third annual doll exhibit at the 1855 Harris-Kearney House. Visitors were treated to "A Tale As Old As Time..." **through August 11, 2022.**

Featuring centuries of dolls and books for all ages and sharing the Mansion House Doll Collection, our Education Director, Alisha Cole, highlighted the love of dolls, and the importance of reading. Dolls can encourage inquisitiveness and promote the imaginative spirit side by side with the written word. Books children enjoy were paired with dolls that represented the various books and each pair was then placed on display in the rooms of the Mansion House.

Educators and parents agree that the combination of reading and dolls is an effective way to learn and takes readers anywhere they want to go. Books encourage young children to read to their little doll pal and tell a story as they imagine it in their minds. Parents know that the simple fact that children are not "alone" with their books makes reading activities fun and allows children to make the stories their own to share with their "friend."

COME FOR A VISIT

The 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum is the perfect place for an introduction into the history of the village of West Port. We offer many programs, exhibits, events, and free music concerts on Saturday mornings in July. We are confident you will find your visit worthwhile. Call 816-561-1821 or send an email to westporthistorical@gamil.com for more information.

AUGUST

Deep in the wood, I made a house
Where no one knew the way;
I carpeted the floor with moss.
And there I love to play.

I heard the bubbling of the brook;
At times an acorn fell,
And far away a robin sang
Deep in a lonely dell.

I sat a tock with acorn cups;
So quietly I played.
A rabbit hopped across the moss
And did not seem afraid.

That night before I went to bed
Before the window I stood,
And thought how dark my house must be
Down in the lonesome wood.

~K. Pyle

Birthstone:

Peridot

Favorite Fruits and Veggies in August:

Peaches, Cactus Pear, Eggplant, Prickly Pear,
Okra, Celery, Fennel

Flower:

Poppy, Gladiolus

Aunt Minerva's Kitchen

Fried Corn: Buttery and Delicious

Strip and rasp 12 ears of corn, avoiding the husk (4-5 cups).
Heat a skillet and melt ½ pound of butter (1 cup).
Stir in the corn and season with ground pepper and salt. Fry for about 5 minutes over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to med-low and fry for another 5 minutes. Continue to stir so corn browns evenly. If the mixture is too thick, add new-milk by the tablespoon and continue stirring. When happy with the look, transfer to a serving dish and take to the table.

MEMORIES

It is almost time for the kids to go back to school, so this is the perfect opportunity to “scrapbook” all the school drawings, worksheets, art projects, and compositions that remain in piles on the table or counter. Give each child a scrapbook or photograph album and piles of their personal schoolwork, and let them go through their class souvenirs, papers, and artwork.

Don't forget to choose the papers and projects from the beginning of the year and those from the end of the year to preserve the year's progress. Date all the work, and have the children write special memories beside beloved art and projects.

Adding photos and messages from the class experiences help to preserve the year to remember on a faraway rainy day.

P.S. This is a great way to keep the kids busy and the papers and art off the table to begin new piles in a few weeks!

WESTPORT ART FAIR

It is almost time for the WESTPORT ART FAIR. This 43rd annual fair is set for September 8, 9, and 10. Once again the fair will be offered on Westport Road and Pennsylvania. Over 100 artisans will display paintings, pottery, jewelry, woodworks, and much more, for visitors to enjoy and purchase. Sip on your favorite “cold one” and listen to live music as you browse the booths with treasures you will want to take home.

Stop by the **INFORMATION/WESTPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** booth for information, answers to questions, and to say hello. Hours for the fair are:

Friday, Sept 8, from 3 to 9
Saturday, Sept 9, from 10 to 9
Sunday, Sept 10, Noon to 5

If you are interested in volunteering for **2 hour shifts at our booth**, please send an email to westporthistorical@gmail.com.

Two hours go by fast 😊

LIFETIME MEMBERS

- BEER KC Restaurants:
Char Bar, Beer Kitchen,
Mickey's Hideway,
Port Fonda
- Mayor & Mrs. Richard Berkley
- Collins, Westphal & Kelp, Inc.
- Ann Creveling
- Ann Duer
- Jim & Caren Hall
- Harpo's
- Cynthia Higgins
- Marty Wiedenmann Jarvis
- Kelly's Westport Inn
- Crosby Kemper, III (Honorary)
- Olga Marr (Honorary)
- Patricia Cleary Miller
- Jude Montassir
- Steve and Marianne Noll
- Allin & Donna Phister
- L. Thorton & Erin Phister
- Stephen Platt
- Thomas Platt
- Roger and Ann Robertson
- Beverly Shaw
- Torosian Fndn. / Jean Kiene
- Cooper Weeks
- Doris Yonker

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ANTIQUE SPOTLIGHT

Victorian Jewelry During the Civil War: How Wear Pocket Watches Worn?

Women wore pocket watches on a fine, long, gold chain. The chain allowed the watch to attach and swivel at the end. A beautiful slide was in the center to loosen or tighten the chain. The chain could be worn inside or outside the bodice of the dress, but ultimately the pocket watch would be tucked into a belt, waistband, or pocket at the wearer's waist. A lady might also wear her pocket watch at the waist with the chain extended from one side of the belt to the other with the watch again tucked in at the belt. The chain to which the watch was attached was called an "Albertina." Women did not wear a pocket watch around their necks or as a pin above the breast.

Pocket watches for men were worn on a chain referred to as "Albert Chains." They got the name from Prince Albert who was fond of wearing a watch on a chain. During the Victorian era the watch chains had a bar on one end and a watch swiveled on the other end. The bar was made to fit through a buttonhole at the waist of a man's vest with the watch being tucked into the pocket. A single "Albert" had one chain with the watch swiveling at the end. A double "Albert" had two chains with one watch.



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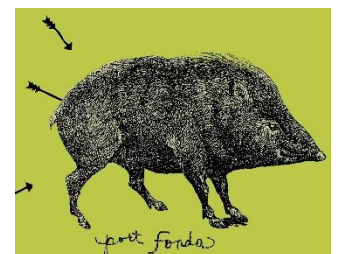
Want to know more about what is happening at Harris House? Follow us every day on Facebook (1855 Harris-Kearney House, and Westport Historical Society) and at our Website www.westporthistorical.com

BOOK IT AT THE MANSION HOUSE

Reservations are being accepted for school field trips and group tours. We are also taking reservations for weddings, anniversary and birthday parties, bridal and baby showers, and meetings. Send an email to westporthistorial@gmail.com for pricing and available dates.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY



BY POPULAR DEMAND, WE ARE **EXTENDING THE EXHIBIT THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST.**
NEW PAINTINGS WILL JOIN THE EXHIBIT.

THE WESTPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE 1855 HARRIS-KEARNEY HOUSE

Are pleased to announce a special Art Exhibit

"Finding A Higher Ground: Forgotten Treasures of Kansas City"

by

World Renowned and Award-Winning Kansas City Artist R. Gregory Summers

May 6 through August

4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64111

The past comes alive in these paintings capturing the early beginning of Kansas City as it went from the jumping off point of the Santa Fe Trail, to a major player in the economic growth of the nation.

Using old black and white photos of historic Kansas City as his inspiration, Summers uses his artistic license combined with a love of local history to create an all new series of original paintings featuring KC as it once was.



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UNCLE MARK'S CORNER

Pall Mall

Pall Mall is a game made popular in France in the 13th century, introduced in England in the 16th century, and brought to America in the early 1860's. Notes indicate that the game was played almost exclusively by Royal families and the higher aristocracy. The game was simple in its execution. Played on a flat surface, a boxwood ball was struck with a long-handled mallet in an attempt to drive the ball through raised iron ringgits.

The game, a close cousin to Croquet, was quite suitable for women since it required considerable grace and skill to maneuver the ball, but not much strength. Although, this was never a man's game, it had its advantages: men and women could play together and make conversation while walking between shots. The game was well favored by courting couples. Pall Mall on the grounds of the Mansion House is such fun!

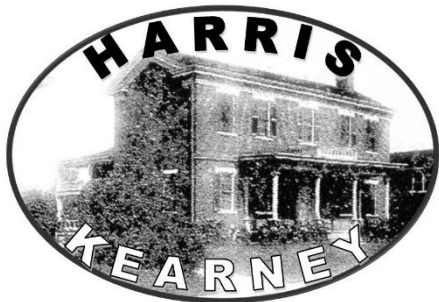




Help Wanted at the Westport Historical Society:

- Docents and other volunteers **FOUR HOURS A WEEK**
we practice safe social distancing
(Th, F, or Sat, 1-5 p.m.)

**If you are interested, or you would like more information, e-mail Alana Smith
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