

# WESTPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



June 2019

## *Aunt Minerva's Kitchen*

### **Stuffed Tomatoes**

- 6 unpeeled tomatoes
- 1 C soft bread crumbs
- 6-8 slices of bacon crumbles
- 1/4 C chopped celery
- 1 sm onion, chopped
- 1/2 C grated cheese of choice
- 1/2 tsp salt and pepper
- 3-4 Tb. butter



Cut slice from top of 6 unpeeled tomatoes. Scoop out centers and mix pulp with bacon crumbles, celery, onion, bread crumbs, salt and 1/2 the grated cheese. Fill centers of tomatoes with filling. Dot, each, with butter. Place in greased muffin tin or baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. When 10 minutes remain, sprinkle remaining cheese on top and then continue to bake. Serves 6.



### **June Holidays**

**June 14** Flag Day

**June 16** Father's Day



### **Summer Solstice and Equinox**

The point of solstice is reached twice each year, when the sun is most distant from the celestial equator. In 2019, the northern hemisphere solstice takes place on June 21 and signals the beginning of the summer season. The solstice happens again in December 22 to begin the winter season. Same dates apply to the southern hemisphere, but reverse the seasons.

The point of equinox is reached twice each year, when the sun crosses the equator and day and night are the same length, everywhere. The spring equinox will take place on March 20 and the autumnal equinox begins fall on September 23. Remember the seasons are reversed in the southern hemisphere.

## Special Quilt Exhibit



The Westport Historical Society and the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum are pleased to announce a special QUILT EXHIBIT in May and June with beautiful Harris-Kearney House quilts from the 19th century. The featured exhibitor is Mrs. Tammy Reid, the wife of Andy Reid, the head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Tammy has been collecting quilts from across the country for many years and will share a sampling of her collected quilts which contain vibrant colors, historic patterns and one-of-a kind designs. This exhibit will be a sneak peek into the extensive exhibit of Tammy's quilts in May and June of 2020. We are grateful to Tammy for sharing her love of unique and dazzling quilts with our members and friends over this two-year period.

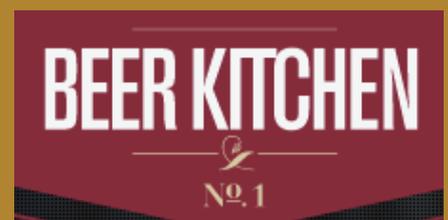
The 2019 exhibit begins on Friday, May 3, and runs through Saturday, June 29. Exhibit hours and mansion house tours are Friday and Saturday, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Private and group tours may also be booked on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. For more information or to book a tour, please call 816-561-1821 or 913-231-6749.

## Battle of Westport Museum



The Westport Historical Society and the 1855 Harris-Kearney House are pleased to announce the addition of a select Battle of Westport Museum exhibit. To learn all about the largest Civil War Battle fought west of the Mississippi and in our own backyard, stop by the Mansion House and take a tour. If you are interested in a group tour, call 816-561-1821 to schedule a day and time, or visit during the Friday and Saturday regular hours.

### Our Business Partners:



## Special Doll Exhibit



The Westport Historical Society and the 1855 Harris-Kearney House are pleased to announce a special doll exhibit in July and ongoing through August. The exhibit is **DOLLS ACROSS THE AGES**. We are delighted that our special exhibitor will be Ms. Judy Porter, award winning doll designer and maker.

Ms. Porter's dolls are resin ball jointed, childlike dolls with lots of personality. She calls them "little kids doing what little kids do." She sculpts the dolls in her studio and does not use molds. The sculptures are then cast in resin and a polymer clay using a clay designed oven. Ms. Porter then dresses the dolls in commissioned outfits. She states that she truly loves to share her knowledge of creating dolls.

To enhance the special doll exhibit, the Historical Society would like to invite our members and friends who have doll collections to, also, be exhibitors. This is a chance to share a sample of your treasured dolls with family and friends. A special showing and a wine and cheese reception will be held on Friday, July 19 from 5:00 pm to 7:00pm.

If you would like to exhibit some of your collection, and for more information email [westporthistorical@gmail.com](mailto:westporthistorical@gmail.com)

If you don't have dolls to exhibit, we hope that you will still visit the 1855 Harris-Kearney House and enjoy the special doll exhibit.

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### Popular Vegetables

It is June and halfway through the year, but there is still time to plant vegetables in the warm June soil for a late summer and fall harvest. Try some of these popular, flavorful favorites:

- Beans
- Beets
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Corn
- Cucumber
- Eggplants
- Herbs
- Melons
- Peas
- Squash
- Swiss Chard
- Turnips

## Outdoor Months



It's time! Everybody out ... outside that is. The kids are finished with school, the temperature is warm and it is time to play. There are many outdoor activities that are easy, fun, and family friendly. Take a hike in a national park, along a mountain trail, or in a sunflower field. Pool parties are fun for kids of all ages, go on a picnic, paddle a canoe, and walk through the zoo and name all the animals. Pitch a tent in the back yard and create an outdoor painting or project a movie

on the side of the house or on a garage door. Bubble parties and water balloons fights are a must on hot days. Roast hot dogs for a neighborhood party, or host a Sunday morning backyard pancake breakfast. Visit a dairy and a truck farm. Pick berries at a berry patch. You might take a family vacation, or a trip to Grandmother's house to visit all the cousins. Whatever the plan, be safe and enjoy time spent with family and friends during the summer months.

## Hattie's Garden



Thanks to the abundant rain and special care from Becky and Phil Needham, and the Kansas City Athenaeum, Hattie's Garden is beautiful and thriving.

It is an inviting corner where the bees and butterflies enjoy the smells of peppermint and lavender as they dance from leaf to leaf and bloom to bloom.



## Questions or Comments?

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**-Board Members**

**-Volunteers**

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