

March 2020



# MANSION HOUSE NEWS

WESTPORT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Manion House reopens, for the 2020 season, on Friday, March 6 at 1:00 pm. Come visit and see new exhibits and programs.

**Reservations are being accepted for home schooling days, school field trips, and group tours. Call 816-561-1821 or 913-231-6749 for pricing and available dates.**

## HOURS, MEMBERSHIP, ETC!

The 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum (the Mansion House) is open Thursday through Saturday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Admission prices: Adults--\$6.00; Seniors--\$5.00; Students--\$4.00; Active Military—Free; Retired Military—half price.

If you are a Society member and would like to renew your membership, you may do so by sending a check made out to the Westport Historical Society or you may use PayPal. If you are not a member of the Westport Historical Society, we invite you to become a part of our society family. You will find membership information on our website [www.westporthistorical.com](http://www.westporthistorical.com) or call 816-561-1821.

## WELCOME TO MARCH

It that time of year when the last blustery wind of winter begins to die and the soft spring breeze takes a first breath. It is time to till the soil as the sun begins to warm the earth. It is time to plant colorful, ornamental, and everlasting flowers. Some favorites might include: pansies and poppies, snapdragons and sweet peas, daffodils and daisies, lilacs and lilies. Maybe add some climbing roses in colors of red, pink, white, and yellow which will soon fill your house with beauty!

## Mark Your 2020 Calendar of Events

**March 6, 2020**---- House Opens for the Season  
April: TBA

**May 1 through June 27**--- Doll Extravaganza

**July 3 through August 29**---- Music Exhibits  
and Concerts

**September 4 through Oct 31**---- Quilt  
Extravaganza & Exhibits  
of Tammy Reid's Quilts

**September 12**----Lost Arts Fair

**November 14**----Westport Historical Annual  
Meeting and Luncheon

**December 5 and 6**----Christmas Open House  
featuring themed  
decorated rooms

**December 19**-----House Closes for the Season

**March 5, 2021**----House Opens for the Season

Special events and speakers to be announced.

Announcing New Kansas City Area's Music  
History, Programs and Concerts.

## *Aunt Minerva's Kitchen*

### Potato Chips

--One of Col. John Harris' Favorites

Wash and peel some potatoes, then pare them, ribbon-like, into long lengths; put them into cold water to remove the strong potato flavor; drain them, and throw them into a pan with a little butter, and fry them a light brown. Take them out of the pan, and place them close to the fire on a sieve lined with clean writing paper to dry before they are served up. A little salt may be sprinkled over them. (a little Parmesan cheese is good, too)

~ Godey's Lady's Book, 1865

### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The earliest recorded American observance of St. Patrick's Day occurred in Boston in 1737 when new immigrants remembered their strong ties to Ireland with parades and banquets. By the beginning of the 1800's, the St. Patrick's Day celebration had become part of the American culture. The day is now marked with parades, shamrocks, music, dance, food, and much liquid refreshment! Gather your family and friends to listen to traditional Irish music, try a bit of step dancing, drink cups of strong tea (or something a wee bit stronger!).

### FLOWER BULB PLANTING INFORMATION

If you would like to plant some bulbs that will produce lovely spring and summer flowers, but are not sure how to start, help is near. Clear, easy-to-understand guides and information that will help you with planting spring flower bulbs can be found at <https://www.americanmeadows.com/planting-flower-bulbs>

### MANSION HOUSE

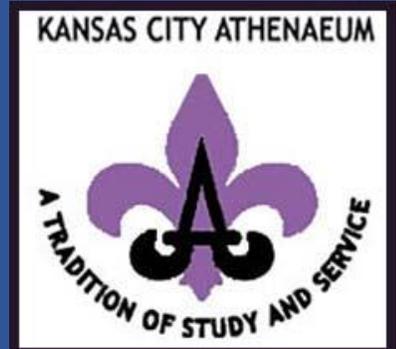
The staff of the Mansion House continues to do a tremendous job in maintaining the museum as a place that engages and embraces the Westport community. The historic collection and programs honor the diverse heritage of Westport through connections that challenge and activate creative thinking. We invite those in our community who have never visited the Mansion House or who have not visited in a long time to come to the 1855 Harris-Kearney House and enjoy the incredible experiences that the museum offers and understand that the museum is a fun and interesting place that is relevant to everyone. Each year we offer extraordinary exhibits, exciting demonstrations, and educational programs that teach about the past and the importance of tomorrow. Please thank our staff, volunteers, and Board members for their time and efforts to ensure the House Museum and the Society fulfill our Mission to the community.

### STAY CONNECTED WITH THE MANSION HOUSE

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](http://www.westporthistorical.com) Send questions or comments to [westporthistorical@gmail.com](mailto:westporthistorical@gmail.com) You may also call 816-561-1821 or 913-231-6749.



**Joe's  
Pizza**  
Buy the Slice



## WINTER GAME

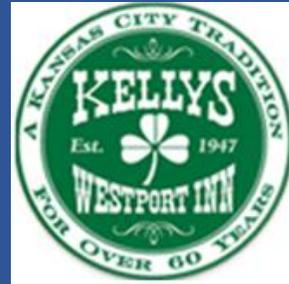
When the kids are looking for something to do on a snowy day, try this twist on a popular game:

### BINGO

Choose bright pieces of colored paper. Locate various winter-themed clipart. The top line on the page should spell B-I-N-G-O. Then, line the images in columns and rows of 5 each on the paper. Switch the order of clipart on each sheet of paper. You may place a FREE space in the center of the card, if desired. Print an extra sheet with the clipart images and cut out each image and place in a bowl. You will use these to call the game of BINGO. For added fun, use mini marshmallows, snowman styled candy, gummy bears, red and white mints or other pieces of candy for the BINGO card markers. Let the kids eat the candy when the games are over!



Announcing New Kansas City Area's Music History, Programs and Concerts. Keep abreast of the latest news on our Facebook page.





Westport Historical Society seeks:  
--Board Members (including Treasurer)  
--Executive Director  
-Volunteers FOUR HOURS A WEEK  
(W, 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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