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WESTPORT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Civil War Wednesday and Special Presentations

The Westport Historical Society, the 1855 Harris-Kearney House, and the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund will open the 2022 Season of **Civil War Wednesday** on Wednesday March 2. Please join our experts to learn more about the Civil War. We hope you will join us each Wednesday from 11:00 am until 3:30 pm.

Along with each Wednesday's Civil War Discussion, once a month you are invited to a **Special Civil War Wednesday Presentation** of a specific Civil War topic to be presented by a Civil War expert.

We are pleased to announce the spring dates and the presentations:

- March 16 **1861 Struggle for Missouri** - Dick Titterington
- April 13 **Debunking the Lost Cause** - Jeremiah Thalheimer
- May 18 **Women in the Civil War** - Alisha Cole

For questions, or more information, send an email to westporthistorical@gmail.com

Reopening

The 1855 Harris-Kearney House will reopen for the season on Wednesday, March 2 for **CIVIL WAR WEDNESDAY** from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. House tours will begin, again, on Friday March 4th at 1:00 pm.

RESERVATIONS FOR 2022

We are accepting reservations for group tours, weddings, receptions, parties, and meetings for 2022. For more questions and more information, please call 913-231-6749.



Word of the month:

INTEGRITY: the quality of being fair, honest, and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness. "The owner is known to be a man of integrity."

Aunt Minerva's Kitchen

Irish Potato Bread (Potato Pancakes or Farls)

If you love potatoes, you will adore Irish Potato Bread, but it is not the typical type of potato bread, but one we love in our Irish household. It's a delicious potato pancake that's popular in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Delicious for breakfast or any meal, especially when fried in the same pan where your bacon was just fried.

1 lb. boiled Russet potatoes
(about 4 large potatoes, cooked in salted water)
-preferably cooked with the skin
1/2 cup + 1 tbsp flour, sifted
1/4 stick butter softened,
1/2 tsp salt

Peel the boiled potatoes.

Rice the potatoes with a ricer if you have one. If not, just mash them, but your potato bread will come out better if you use a ricer.

Add the butter and salt. Taste and add more salt if desired.

Very lightly mix in the sifted flour. It will come together into a dough very quickly and easily.

Turn out onto a lightly floured area gently fold over until smooth.

Divide into two equal portions and form each into a ball. Roll one ball out to about 1/3" thick, then cut into quarters with a large knife. Repeat with the second measure of dough.



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UNCLE MARKS CORNER

By mid-March, we're ready to welcome the start of spring and preparing our gardens for spring.

- Prune bushes and shrubs: Roses, Cornus, Hydrangea
- Trim back ornamental grass stalks to clear room for new growth
- Spray your fruit trees
- If evergreens were protected with burlap during the winter, remove the burlap now
- Clean debris from flower beds
- Plant summer bulbs such as Lily and Dahlia
- Plant snowdrops for next year's display
- Clean debris from vegetable plot and mulch
- Fertilize growing areas
- Cover prepared soil with sheets of black plastic to keep it drier and warmer in preparation for planting
- Sow hardier seeds and half-hardy annuals under glass



Family Fun and Adventures In March

1. Visit the city zoo
2. Go fishing
3. Visit a museum
4. Make homemade waffles
5. Go to a Drive-in-Movie--remember to take the popcorn
6. Attend a basketball game



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March Holidays

Tuesday, March 1 Mardi Gras
Sunday, March 13 Daylight
Savings begins—turn clocks AHEAD
one hour
Thursday, March 17 St. Patrick's
Day

The Leprechauns are Marching

The leprechauns are marching.
They're marching down the hall.
They're marching on the ceiling.
They're marching on the wall.
They're marching two by two.
And now it's four by four.
You say you still can't see them?
Move back! Here come some more...
~Unknown

2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE 1855 HARRIS-KEARNEY HOUSE

March 2 through December 14 : **Civil War Wednesday**
(every Wednesday)

March 5 through December 17: House open for tours.
Check website and Facebook for days and hours of operation.

April 22 and 23: Opening of the Arthur Kraft Mural (TENTATIVE DATE)

May 6 through July 2: **FINDING HIGHER GROUND**
by renowned artist **Greg Summers**

Sunday, June 5: Piano Concert: *WHS with Kansas City Ragtime and Beyond*
present **Pianist FREDERICK HODGES in concert at the Village Presbyterian Church**

June and July: **Music Concerts at the Harris House**
Each Saturday in June and July

June 10 through August 6: "**A Tale As Old As Time**"
Celebrating World Doll Day & National Doll Day

August: To be announced

September: Visit the Westport Historical Society booth at the
Westport Art Fair

October: Paranormal Investigations (Dates to be announced)

November 5 through December 17: Mansion House dress for Christmas

December 4: **CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Deck the Halls** (Special Exhibit)

December 17: Mansion House Closes for the Winter Season

March 1, 2023: Mansion House reopens for 2023 with Civil War Wed.



More Family Fun and Adventures In March

7. Play horseshoes
8. Visit a tulip farm
9. Make homemade playdough in different colors
10. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2
11. Attend a St. Patrick's Day Parade
12. Start your own flower garden

In the U.S., sterling silver flatware was prevalent during the 19th and early 20th centuries. If you've received antique flatware as a family heirloom or stumbled upon silver flatware at an estate sale, you're probably wondering how much it's worth. Work with a professional appraiser for the most accurate values, condition of the flatware, and recommendations for restoration. There are some basic facts that you can use to determine if the antique flatware you own might have any value. Below are some tips that could help identify valuable flatware:

1. Are the pieces Sterling or Silver Plate

Authentic sterling silver is made up of 92.5% silver and is always marked as such. Look for markings such as "925," ".925" or "sterling" for pieces made in the U.S. These pieces are usually darker in color and are naturally lighter in weight. Sterling silver pieces have intrinsic value and can often be resold.

If an item is silver-plated, that means it has a base metal of another material and has been coated with a thin layer of silver. These pieces are usually lighter in color and heavier in weight because of the base metals. Because these pieces contain very little pure silver, they have very little value.

2. A full set or odds and ends.

A full set of antique flatware will have more value than a collection of odd pieces that don't match. A set will have the same marks or engravings.

Also, note the number of place settings.

3. Identify the flatware pattern

The pattern engraved into your flatware pieces may also help determine the value as some patterns are rarer and may have a higher value. Pieces that have a family monogram or are marked with initials have a lower value.

3. What is the overall condition

If items have been well cared for and have maintained their shape, with little to no decay, they will have a higher value. Look for a loss of polish and corrosion pitting which causes small holes in the metal as it deteriorates over time.

Appraisal experts will help you assess the condition of all silver pieces and provide recommendations on restoration if that's a logical option. The experts can offer a dollar value of worth if desired.

~Your Silver Antiques (pamphlet), Unknown





Help Wanted at the Westport Historical Society:

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

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