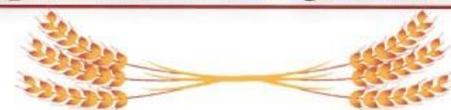


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WESTPORT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Columbus Day, October 14, 2019, is an annual, federal, American holiday that occurs on the second Monday in October. This day is set aside to commemorate the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas and his “discovery” of America in 1492.

Halloween on October 31 is dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed. Traditions of the holiday include attending Halloween costume parties, lighting bonfires, trick-or-treating, decorating and carving pumpkins, apple bobbing, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories and watching horror films.

SPECIAL ART EXHIBIT AT THE 1855 HARRIS-KEARNEY HOUSE

THE NATIVE AMERICAN IN ART

Now through October 26, 2019

Karen White, from Kansas City, Kansas is an exceptional artist who is passionate about creating art which comes to life as she expresses and shares her unique talent with the world. Her works of art tell stories, illuminate history, and depict emotions that capture a moment in time using monochrome and vibrant colors. She draws and paints from her heart with a natural talent and ability that shows what she sees and transfers those visuals to canvas, paper, walls, pavement, and illustrations for children’s books. She enjoys creating in pastel, watercolor, white chalk, oil and graphite pencil.

Karen’s art has been featured in exhibits in several Kansas City galleries, the Bruce Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, and Crown Center among others. She has created work for Iowa State University Library and Donnelly College and participated in various workshops for the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Storytellers, Inc., Youth Friends, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City. She was also selected as one of ten artists to paint murals at Bartle Hall, and one of 50 featured artists at one of the Columbia, Missouri celebration of Art and Life Festivals. She was a featured artist for a Classic Black Gala and was commissioned to create a portrait drawing of the internationally acclaimed Jazz pianist Jay McShann.

For this exciting exhibit, we will showcase Ms. White’s stunning art of Native Americans. You will be delighted with the delicate beauty in the faces of strong people. Please plan to take a tour, very soon.

Museum hours: Friday and Saturday, 1-5 pm. Group tours of 10 or more may also be booked on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Exhibit is included with the price of admission to the Museum.

For more information, contact the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64111; 816-561-1821 or 913-231-6749.

WESTPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

November 9, 2019
1855 Harris-Kearney House
Social at 12:00 noon
Luncheon at 12:30 pm

Women of the Battle of Westport

Women, although not in direct combat during the Battle of Westport, played significant roles in the event. The presentation will discuss five to six vignettes of women who were active participants of the battle. A primary role for most women was as witnesses and survivors enduring the battle such as Eliza Wornall who cared for her family while the battle swirled around and in her home. Many served as medical aid and support to the victims of the engagement. Another aspect is the role of women as spies and fifth column insurgents in support of the conflict. Finally, women in a combat zone were innocent victims of war, subject to military police, punishment, imprisonment and death.

Speaker: Dan Smith, Monnet Battle of Westport Fund, President; Battle of Westport Museum Director, Westport Historical Society, Treasurer.

Cost of luncheon is \$14.00.

RSVP and pay your reservation

by November 3 to 816-561-1821

or westporthistorical@gmail.com. We accept credit card, or checks made out to Westport Historical Society. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Please join us for

CHRISTMAS in WORD AND SONG

Friday, Nov 29 and Saturday, Nov 30, 2019

Entertain your Thanksgiving guests with a Christmas Candlelight Tour of the 1855 Harris-Kearney House. Visit Col. John and Henrietta Harris and their family as they welcome you and their holiday guests from near and far. Tour the beautifully decorated mansion house, listen to Christmas music, sing Christmas carols, be inspired by the magic of Christmas stories, enjoy holiday festivities and join in a 19th century Christmas dance. **Tours begin every 15 minutes from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.** Reservations are recommended so please call 816-561-1821 or 913- 231-6749 to reserve your tour time. Cost for the tour: Adults, \$10; Retired military, \$8; Active military, free; Students, \$6 and children 6 and under are free. Refreshments will be served.

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The Corner Restaurant



Aunt Minerva's Kitchen

Applesauce Cake

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| 1 ½ cups flour | 1 cup applesauce |
| 1 tsp. baking soda | 1 ½ cups seed raisins |
| 1 tsp. baking powder | ¼ tsp. salt |
| 1/3 cup shortening | 2 tsp. cinnamon |
| 1 cup brown sugar | ¼ tsp. crush cloves |

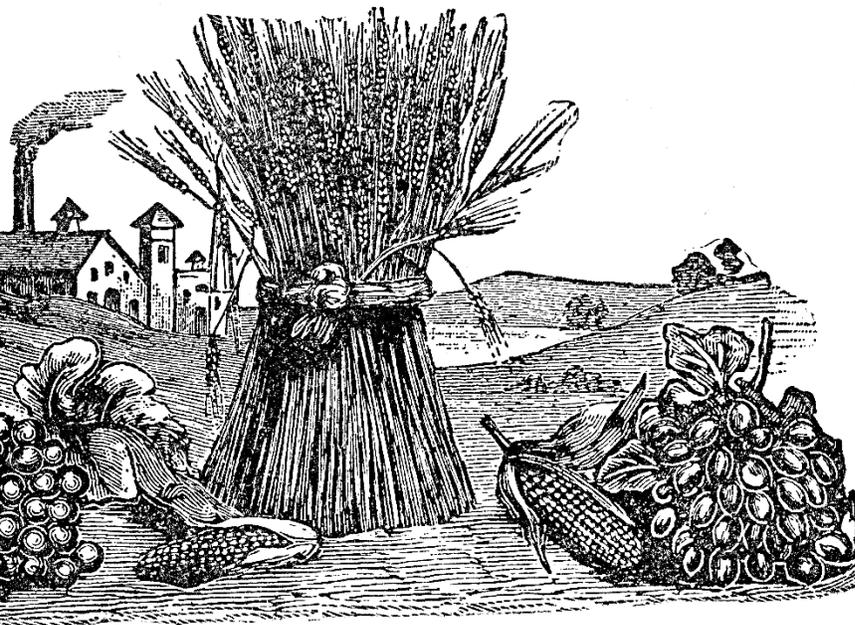
Mix and sift the flour, baking soda and baking powder. Combine the remaining ingredients; boil together for 3 minutes, then cool. Add the flour mixture and beat well. Turn into a creased cake pan and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 45 minutes or until inserted toothpick comes out clean. Serve warm with whipped cream on top.



DECORATE YOUR HOME FOR FALL

Simple and sophisticated ways to decorate your home for the autumn season

1. Take a trip to the pumpkin patch and line your porch with the fall classic. Add a bristle WELCOME mat for an inviting touch. Close to Halloween, carve the pumpkins with fun and creepy faces. Add a candle for a glowing scene.
2. Place some metal flower pots alongside the pumpkins for a rustic feel. Fill them with autumn blooms in colors of red, pink and orange, mixed with some branches and fall leaves.
3. Hang a wreath made of wheat grass and natural materials on your front door. Accent with a bow and twine.
4. Carry the wheat grass theme into the indoor décor by using wheat in floral arrangements in water pitchers or old tins.
5. Adorn the top of your fireplace with metallic garland and polished looking pumpkins. Be sure to mix in other materials, like fall foliage and candleholders with corresponding colored candles.
6. Leave a woven basket by your front door to stash scarves, hats, and sweaters. Add a rope basket for shoes
7. Change your summer themed standard size throw pillows to fall with the use of pillow cases. The pillow cases can be changed for each season with no cause to buy new pillows.
8. Place an outdoor firepit on the patio for crisp fall evenings. Add some warm throws on wicker seating.
9. Potted fall mums add a festive touch to back porches and patios.
10. Decorate with the items that give warm and happy feelings to your family and friends.



OCTOBER DAY

We went to hunt for Chestnuts
One fine October day,
And in the windy country
We wandered far away.
We built a fire of brush-wood
Beneath the sheltering hill,
Among the rustling corn-shocks
The wind was never still.

We played that we were gypsies,
Who never sleep in beds,
But lie beside their fires
With stars above their heads.

But when the air grew frosty,
Beneath the Chestnut Tree
We filled our bags and baskets,
And hastened home to tea.

~K. Pyle

A DIFFERENCE IN PUMPKINS?



Have you ever seen signs at grocery stores or farmer’s markets indicating that they are selling “Carving Pumpkins” and “Pie Pumpkins?” There is a difference—who knew? Carving pumpkins are typically thinner, firmer, and easier to saw and cut. These big pumpkins also have grainy, stringy guts on the inside, making them easier to clean. Pie pumpkins, meant for baking, are usually smaller and more rounded; about the size of a cantaloupe. They are packed full of sweet flesh that is wonderful for cooking, and baking. The pulp in the pie pumpkin also has a better texture (less grainy) and is sweeter when compared to the carving pumpkins. To pick the best pumpkin for carving, follow these steps:

- Tap the pumpkin. It should sound hollow.
- Choose a pumpkin that has consistent color.
- Choose a pumpkin that is free of dark spots, scratches, and bruises.
- When applying pressure with your thumbs to the bottom of the pumpkin, it should feel hard and not give way.
- Make sure the pumpkin is flat on the bottom or it will sit crooked.
- Do not carry the pumpkin by the stem, but cradle it from the bottom.
- Have fun!

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Westport Historical Society is looking for:

- Board Members (including Secretary & Treasurer)
- Volunteers FOUR HOURS A WEEK
(W, Th, F, or Sat, 1-5 p.m.)

If interested, or you would like more information, e-mail
Alana Smith westporthistorical@gmail.com or call (913) 648-0952



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