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THE WESTPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY & 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 – July 2

1855 Harris-Kearney House
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From the early settlers at the start of the California, Oregon and Santa Fe Trails to the Rip Roaring 20's Kansas City was the place to be and captured in these paintings are select moments in time as reimagined from old black and white photos by nationally renowned artist R. Gregory Summers.

Enjoy as 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.

An exclusive showing brought to you by the Westport Historical Society,
and the 1855 Harris-Kearney House.



WORLD DOLL DAY Saturday, June 11
1 pm to 4 pm at the Plaza Library

Sponsored by The Plaza Library and the Westport Historical Society

Additional partners: The Doll Cradle, the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the Toy and Miniature Museum.

Special guest speaker: Elizabeth C. Bunce, Edgar Award-winning author of the *Myrtle Hardcastle Mystery* series.

Every year on the second Saturday in June, World Doll Day celebrates the idea of dolls delivering a universal message of love and happiness. The day encourages the giving of dolls to those who might not have one, because dolls invite curiosity and are a positive influence. This year, along with our love of dolls, we want to highlight the importance of reading and how dolls can encourage inquisitiveness and promote the imaginative spirit side by side with the written word. Educators and parents agree that the combination of reading and dolls is an effective way of learning and taking readers anywhere they want to go.

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Aunt Minerva's Kitchen

Raspberry Charlotte

You may make a charlotte with any sort of jam, marmalade, or fruit jelly. It can be prepared at short notice and is very generally liked. You may use ripe strawberries, or peaches, or other fresh fruit, mashed and sweetened. Be sure to use the corresponding jam.

Slice one pint of raspberries and sprinkle with ½ cup sugar; mash; set aside. Add ½ cup sugar to two cups of whipping cream; beat until stiff; mix in the mashed raspberries.

Slice sponge cake into 1-inch slices. Spread one cup of raspberry jam in a thick layer on the cake slices. Line a glass bowl with the slices of cake with the jellied sided facing up and in. Fill cake lined bowl with cream and raspberry mixture. Chill before serving.

~1851 in Eliza Leslie's "Directions for Cookery"

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Reading about the history of dolls and the various kinds of dolls around the world can introduce the reader to different people, societies, and customs which can help children make sense of their world, builds social-emotional skills, and open the door to resourcefulness. 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."

Special guest for the event is Elizabeth C. Bunce author of the extremely popular *Myrtle Hardcastle Mystery* series. Ms. Bunce will discuss how and why she authors books, answer questions, and entertain the audience with fun facts about Myrtle.

As a special bonus, the one-of-a-kind, **Myrtle Hardcastle Doll** will be introduced, and information will be given on how **Myrtle** may be purchased. Also, everyone will have an opportunity to join *the Myrtle Hardcastle Detective Society*.

The sponsoring organizations and partners of the World Day event are committed to reading and the imaginative spirit of children everywhere.

The sponsors, partners, and clubs will have information tables at the event. A variety of 250 dolls will be given away.

You must register for the event, no walk-ins. To register please go to Kansas City Missouri website: <https://kclibrary.org/>

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

Sponsor Members

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In Concert

Piano Virtuoso

FREDERICK HODGES



**"Syncopated Piano Masterpieces of the Jazz Age:
The Kansas City Connection"**

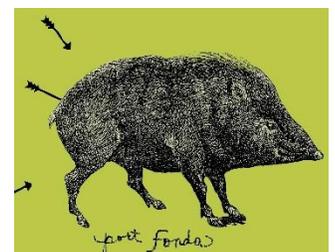
"Meet the Artist" Reception Afterward

Sunday, June 5, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Rd.
Prairie Village, KS

Tickets: \$20 at the door; Children under 16 free

Sponsored by Kansas City Ragtime and Beyond,
Westport Historical Society, and Village Presbyterian Church



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June Holidays

June 14 is Flag Day. This day is set aside each year to commemorate the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

June 19th is Father's Day. Father's Day is a celebration honoring **fathers** and celebrating fatherhood and the influence of fathers in society. In 1966, President **Lyndon B. Johnson** issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. President Richard Nixon made the celebration a permanent national holiday by signing Father's Day into law in 1972.

June is National Candy Month in the US so take time to indulge in your favorite guilty pleasure and celebrate your favorite chocolate, hard candy, gum, and mints.

Word of the Month

REFLECT

By looking back at, and reflecting, on our experiences and feelings it allows us to make our best choices moving forward. "Reflect on your own motives when making a decision."



IT IS TIME FOR SUMMER VACATION

The month of June reminds us of summer and the clear skies and the warmth of the sun. School is done, summer camps begin, vacations are planned, picnic baskets are packed, and life begins to revolve around swimming and baseball.

The staff of the Mansion House invites you to visit us when venturing out on "staycations," day trips, or group get-togethers. The 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum is the perfect place for an introduction into the history of the village of West Port. We are confident you will find your visit worthwhile. Call 816-561-1821 or send an email to westporthistorical@gmail.com for more information.

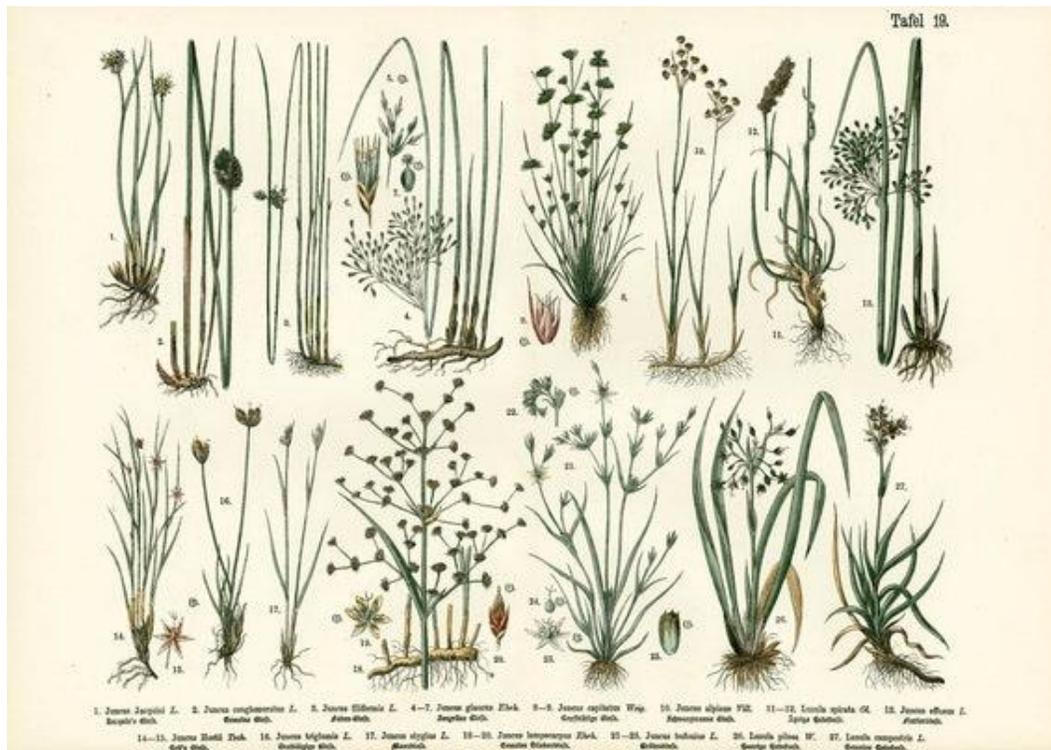
EVENT SPACE RENTAL

The upper and lower galleries of the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum may be rented for luncheons, parties, celebrations, receptions, or meetings. The parlor or dining room may be rented for small weddings, and the Mansion House Grounds may be rented for outdoor events. For more information and pricing, please send an email of inquiry to westporthistorical@gmail.com.

UNCLE MARK'S CORNER

What is the best homemade weed killer? If you want to kill those unsightly and bothersome weeds that grow between concrete seams in sidewalks, mulch, or gravel paths, and driveways, there is an effective homemade option: a mixture of white vinegar, Epsom salt, and liquid dish soap. Each of these ingredients has special properties that combine to kill weeds by drying them out. The mixture will dry out and kill the plants. Do your best not to spray on vegetation that you don't want to kill

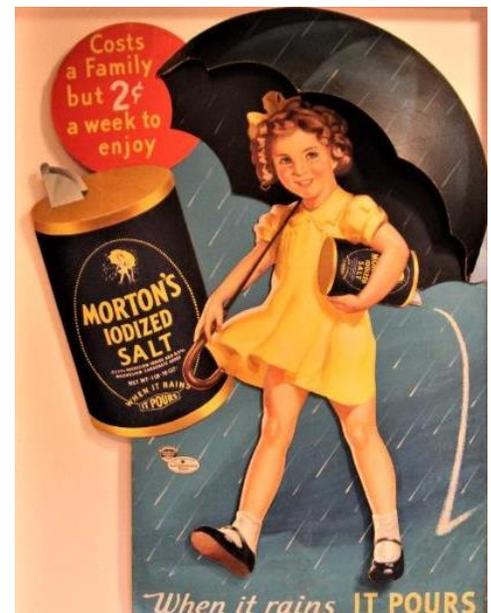
To get rid of tough, perennial weeds, a **20% vinegar solution** is best. This type of vinegar, sometimes called horticultural vinegar, can be found at garden centers and farm stores. Pour the vinegar, dish soap, and Epsom salt into a spray bottle. Shake up until combined. Let settle for 2 minutes then spray the weeds. Wait a few days and repeat if needed.



PIONEER SUPERSTITIONS

It is a sign of rain . . .

- If the clouds hide the sun at sunset.
- If there is a rainbow in the morning. (It will storm within 24 hours)
- If dead tree limbs fall when there is no wind.
- If little whirlwinds blow up in dusty fields and paths.
- If the wind blows suddenly from the East. (There will be heavy rain)
- If tall grass is dry in the early morning.
- If dogs suddenly begin to eat grass.
- If sheep turn their backs to the wind. (There will be heavy rain)
- If a rooster crows at night. (Rain before morning)
- If spiders crawl aimlessly about, glow worms shine brighter, or crickets sing louder. (Expect lot of rain.)
- If bees cluster near their hives.
- If robins sing louder near the house.





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.)

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