

July 2022



MANSION HOUSE NEWS

WESTPORT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Attend the Arthur Kraft Mural Re-Installation and Dedication

July 28, 2022

4:30 to 5:30, with the unveiling at 5 p.m.

Gould Evans Multistudio

4200 Pennsylvania Ave, KC MO 64111



COME FOR A VISIT

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 offer many programs, exhibits, events, and free music concerts on Saturday mornings in July. We are confident you will find your visit worthwhile. Call 816-561-1821 or send an email to westporthistorical@gamil.com for more information.

Independence Day Greetings

The Executive Directors, the Board of Directors of the Westport Historical Society, and the Staff of the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum wish you, your family, and friends a safe and Happy Fourth of July Holiday.

JULY HOLIDAYS

Monday, July 4, Independence Day, is a federal holiday commemorating the day in 1776 that the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. Celebrations include fireworks, family reunions, concerts, barbecues, picnics, parades, and baseball games.

WORD OF THE MONTH

Accomplish:

To achieve or complete successfully.
“It seemed very possible that she would accomplish her goals.”

Aunt Minerva's Kitchen

Veal Birds

As a dinner dish, we would serve veal birds in a chafing dish. My recipe uses 2 med-sized veal steaks and ¼ pound of salt pork making eighteen veal birds or enough for eight persons.

Trim edges from slices of veal cut from the round, one-third inch thick. Pound the meat thoroughly and cut it into pieces about two by 4 inches square. Make the following dressing:

Chop the meat trimmings and add to them an equal amount of salt (about ¼ pound). Measure combined trimmings and salt and add ½ this amount of fine dry crumbs. Add chopped onion and celery. Moisten with sufficient bullion stock to hold the breadcrumbs and meat together.

Spread each square of meat lightly with the dressing and roll. Secure each roll with a toothpick or thread to form the individual birds. Roll each bird in flour seasoned with a pinch of thyme, salt, pepper.

Brown in small amount of fat over a moderate heat. Reduce the heat and add equal portions of claret wine and water until the birds are half covered. Cover the pan tightly and simmer until birds are tender, about 20 minutes—NEVER let the liquid boil. Remove birds and combine flour, small amount of water, and add to the veal liquid to make a gravy. Place birds in chafing dish and cover with the gravy. Serve.

Summer Vacation

Summer is the time for family vacations, but do not stress! The best family vacation is the one that works best for your family. To help you on your way, the Mansion House staff suggests the following:

1. Pack CDs and DVDs for long car trips
2. Remember extra batteries for headphones and portable players
3. Fill an ice chest with ice to keep a supply of cold beverages
4. Take a selection of snacks
5. Include a SUNSCREEN, a first aid kit, paper towels, Kleenex, a flashlight and batteries, a couple of extension cords, car phone chargers, and a GPS
6. CHOCOLATE!

Just remember to pack patience, flexibility, good humor, and travel guides.

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ANTIQUe SPOTLIGHT

THE MANSION HOUSE

Americans imported the Greek Revival form of architecture from Europe in the late 18th century and the first half of the 19th century. The interest in this classical style was inspired by the finds at Pompeii, paintings by Benjamin West and Jacques Louis David, and the American and French Revolutionary leaders' obsession with the classical heroes.

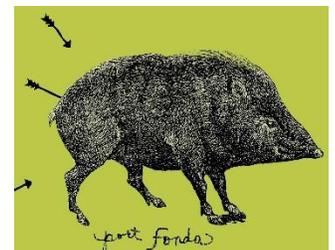
Greek Revival was first seen in the United States in 1800 in the Bank of Pennsylvania. The fashionable style spread to all parts of the country and was extremely popular during the years of 1820 through 1860. This "classic" style moved westward with the frontier and caused beauty and refinement in the wilderness.

Homes in the Greek Revival style are characterized by emphasis on columns; the low, triangle gabled pediment; very symmetrical, balanced proportions, vertical details; windows; emphasis on the front façade; simple, clean lines; and all parts giving the effect of a great temple.

Greek Revival did not require strict adherence to ancient Greek styles but made free use of Greek elements to produce a style suited to American needs, likes, and materials. There were several builder's guides available which showed a few plates of Greek buildings, details of door framing, and roof and stair construction. The designers thus produced a style which used traditional elements but accepted local building materials to conform to climate needs. This borrowing of elements is sometimes called "Carpenter Classic": a contractor-builder built according to his preferences. A Greek Revival look varied from home to home and builder to builder but there was always an effort to achieve true classic style.

At the time the Harris House was built, there were several men in the community who listed their profession as "architect." This title did not necessarily mean training, it meant that they used the guidebooks to help prepare the design work and supervision of the construction for the new houses.

~Westport Historical Society files



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Ageless Ideas

Figures never lie, but liars can figure.
Advice after mischief is like medicine after death.
Man's true wealth is the good he does in the world.
Prosperity destroys fools and endangers the wise.
God heals and the doctor takes the fee.
A harvest of Peace is produced from a seed of contentment.
Keep your conscience clear, then never fear.
There are lazy minds as well as lazy bodies.
All things come to him who waits if he works hard while he is waiting.
He that waits upon fortune is never sure of a dinner.
He is a good who makes his doctor his heir.
Since you are not sure of a minute, do not throw away an hour.
When you speak to a man, look on his eyes; when he speaks to you, look
on his mouth.
The traveler who is struck by lightning seldom gets home to tell his widow.
~*Pioneer Proverbs* collected by Mary Turner

Event Space

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.

STRETCH THAT FOOD DOLLAR

Today, the prices on food are rising and rising as inflation becomes a bigger and bigger problem. It does not take much to spend a hundred dollars or more at the grocery store each week, then get home and find you really did not get enough supplies to last until the next trip to the store. These days, cutting coupons does not save enough to pay for the gas to travel to the store. In order, to waste less food and spend less money, try following the ten ways to stretch your food dollar which are listed below:

1. Shop at your local farmer's market on a regular basis and purchase only what you can use or eat within five days.
2. Buy those fruits and vegetables which are in season. Unseasonable items cost growers and suppliers more and those costs are passed on to the consumer.
3. To ensure a steady supply of fresh fruits and vegetables that will cost you very little, plant and harvest your own garden or become a member of a community garden.
4. Save money by checking the price per ounce, pound, roll or can. Just because something is "on sale," it is not necessarily a bargain.
5. Buy in bulk whenever possible as it costs less for the supplier to package in a few large boxes or bags rather than lots of small ones.
6. Shop sales and buy store brands for the best savings.
7. Make menu plans and grocery lists before going to the store so that you buy only what you need. This will slow your impulse buying.
8. Join a Community Supported Agriculture Program or Food Co-ops which offer great discounts.
9. Share large purchases such as a side of beef if you all have the freezer space.
10. As a nation, we waste up to 40% of the food we buy. Do not leave previously prepared food in the refrigerator to spoil because no one is interested in eating it again. Instead, leftovers can become soups, stews, casseroles, pasta dishes, stuffing for birds, or fillings for pies.

~Compiled by Marianne Baner

UNCLE MARK'S CORNER

A few helpful hints

Household Pests

Some basic methods of controlling all kinds of household pests are as follows: Screen all doors, windows, and other entrances to the house. Screen rain barrels or rainwater tanks and see that no stagnant water collects in tin cans or other receptacles. Keep garbage in tightly covered containers in the house and allow no accumulation of dust and dirt in corners, underneath carpets, in closets, etc. Cover all food stuffs and leave no crumbs or other bits of food about the house.

Alcohol on Furniture

If alcohol has spilled on the polished furniture, the stain can be removed by rubbing it with some olive oil.

Whiter Clothes

Add a tablespoon of turpentine to the water in which clothes are to be boiled. It will whiten the clothes.

~Roberta Lee





Help Wanted at the Westport Historical Society:

**-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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