



MANSION HOUSE NEWS

WESTPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



SPECIAL DOLL EXHIBIT

JULY 5 - AUGUST 31, 2019

At the 1855 Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO

DOLLS ACROSS THE AGES

Dolls are perhaps the oldest known toy. They are used in play, in rituals, in learning, and as collectibles. Since the 19th century, play has been encouraged for children to enrich their imaginations and prepare them for adulthood. Dolls reflect our dreams, ideas, and aspirations. They enable us to create our future and recreate the past. Our exhibit will explore the roles played by dolls and the stories they tell in the lives of children and adults over the last 200 years.

The exhibit will feature antique and vintage dolls that are cherished by our members. Each doll will share their stories of affection and adventures. Dolls come in different sizes and mediums - paper to porcelain, cloth to wood. They are the stars of our storybooks, characters from our favorite movies, our nightly companions, and our friend for every adventure.

A reception for the Doll Exhibit was held on Friday, July 19, 2019. Our guest was doll artist, Judy Porter, who presented the following day. For a calendar of more associated activities, see next page.



Presentations At 1855 Harris-Kearney House

“Let’s Play Dolls: A History of Children’s Dolls” by Laura S. Taylor, Curator of Interpretation, The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, **July 5, 2019, 2 p.m.**

Judy Porter, Doll Artist, July 20, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

“Rose O’Neil: The Kewpie Lady and More” (preliminary title) by Susan Scott, Bonniebrook Museum, **August 2, 2019, 2 p.m.**

“The Bicentennial (almost) Doll” by Susie Graber, Doll Artist, **August 17, 2019, 2 p.m.**

Doll Collecting, Heirloom Doll Club of Kansas City, Missouri, tbd (watch for details on Facebook!)

Activities

Doll Lock-in at the Museum

July 26, 27, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 11 am

Dolls will spend the night at the museum, having adventures that will then be shared with their human companions the following morning when they return to pick them up. Sign your doll up, today, for this fun adventure by calling 816-561-1821 or 913-2231-6749.

Doll Making Workshop, August 9, 2019, 2 p.m.

Participants will make a rag doll.

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**Museum hours:** Friday and Saturday, 1-5 pm. Group tours of 10 or more may also be booked on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Exhibits are included with the regular price of admission to the Museum.

For more information, contact the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum at 816-561-1821 or 913-231-6749.

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**The Corner Restaurant**



# Aunt Minerva's Kitchen

## Red and Green Mix-It

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4 small zucchini squash | 2 teaspoon sugar          |
| 4 tomatoes              | 1 clove garlic            |
| 4 bell peppers          | 2 tablespoons olive oil   |
| 4 onions                | 3 tablespoons lemon juice |
| 1 small eggplant        | salt and pepper to taste  |

Peel and slice zucchini, tomatoes, onions, and eggplant. Seed and quarter the peppers. Mince garlic. Heat olive oil in a large pot. Add vegetables and then the sugar, garlic, salt and pepper. Cook slowly 50 to 60 minutes. Stir occasionally. Add lemon juice after 30 minutes. Serve hot or cold. Makes 8 servings.



## SUMMER

At the beginning of summer, Victorian women protected their very expensive wool carpets. In large cities, “carpet men” could be contracted to remove carpets, sweep, shake, and beat them. Then the carpets would be rolled and placed in linen bags with camphor or tobacco as a moth deterrent. Some women opted to have their carpets re-laid in the various rooms of the house. Some women preferred the look of bare floors for the summer. Others purchased straw matting as a carpet substitute as the mats were thought of as being “very cool” for the hot months; however, some women used the straw mats year-round. Called “Madas” or “Canton” the matting was inexpensive and came in many patterns. Sold in 24 to 66-inch widths, the straw mats were edged with cotton binding and could be used in individual strips or sewn together to make room size coverings. Unlike woolen carpets, which are damaged by dirt and dust, the mats permitted the objectional particles to sift through to the floor. There was a draw-back to the use of straw mats: they were highly flammable, and thus were not often used in rooms with an open fire. Since few bedrooms were seldom heated, the matting became a very popular year-round covering for those rooms. In the winter, strips of carpeting might be placed over the matting near the bed.

## FLOWERS ALL THE TIME

If you love fresh flowers, but don't have a green thumb, you might consider joining a Flowers of the Month Club. Shop breathtaking, handpicked immediately after harvest, hand-tied bouquets which are sent directly to the home from sustainable farms around the globe. Fresh flowers make the perfect gift for your mom, wife, aunt, anniversaries, and a treat for YOU! Many clubs offer the options of weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly



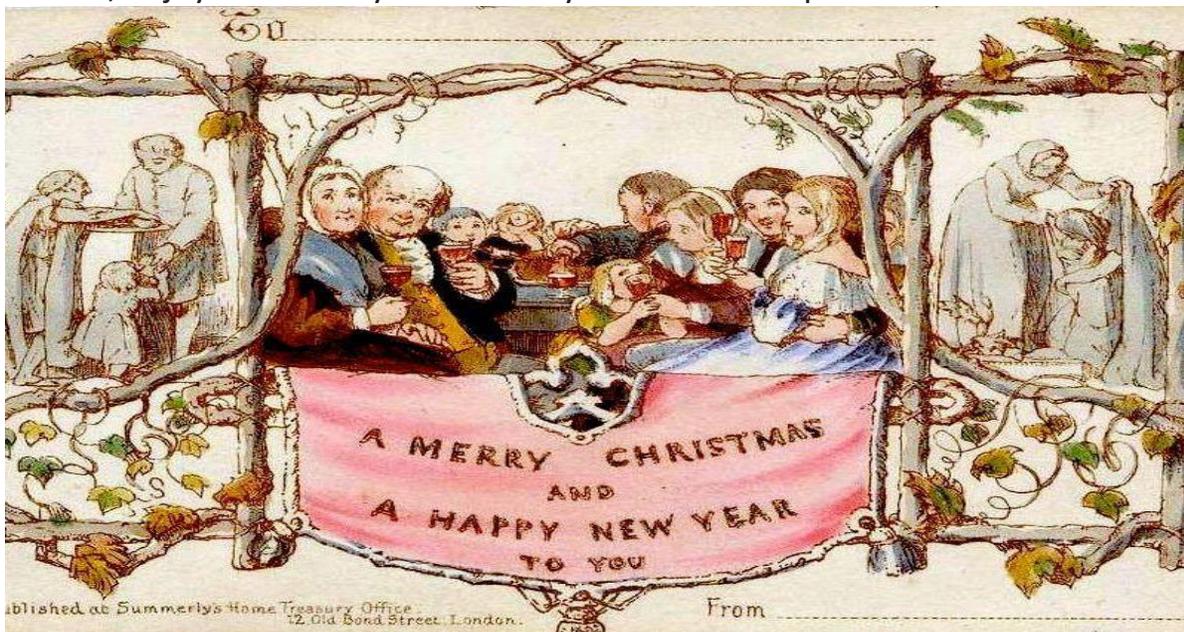
deliveries. You or your gift recipient will receive seasonal bouquets featuring flowers like Red Sonja Orchids from Thailand, Sarah Bernhardt Peonies, or Le Reve Oriental Lilies. Some months, the featured flowers may be the flower of the month. For July, the designated flower is Larkspur or Water Lily in colors of green, russet, and red.

## CHRISTMAS

If you missed the idea of Christmas in July to begin crafting or buy presents for our December holiday, you aren't too late! Christmas in August works just as well. In fact, lots of items go on sale in August, as merchants need to make room for the fall assortment of goods and products. So, it is the perfect time to make your purchases. Craft stores have filled their shelves with of all the items needed to make hand-made presents.

Give yourself a break and make it a little easier this year. 4 reasons to shop in August:

1. Save money by shopping sales
2. Spread out spending and you may find you don't spend as much if you were to wait for the holidays
3. You won't forget anyone and if you do, you will have time to find the perfect gift
4. Less stress because you aren't fighting crowds and worrying about what to purchase. Instead, enjoy the holidays with family and friends at parties and celebrations.



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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.)

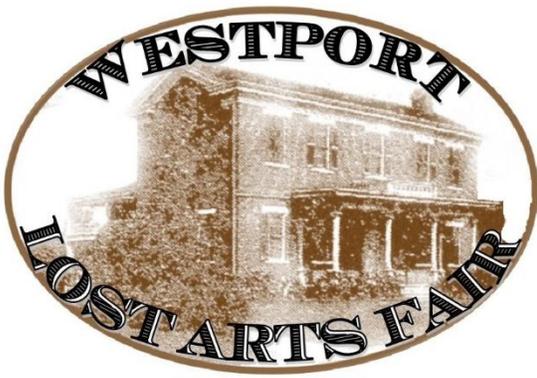
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**HARRIS-KEARNEY  
HOUSE**

# WESTPORT LOST ARTS FAIR

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

**9 AM to 5 PM**

**Sunday, September 8, 2019**

**11 AM to 4 PM**

The Westport Lost Arts Fair – a fun, family friendly, hands on experience in the heart of historic Westport – where Kansas City began.

Meet and talk with artisans practicing their crafts from long ago. Explore the everyday life of the residents of Ol' Westport when they lived on the frontier.

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The Westport Lost Arts Fair brings together a broad array of artisans, practicing nearly vanished skills and crafts. The Fair coincides with the dates of the nearby Westport Art Show. A feature of the Fair is the provision of a horse drawn carriage to travel between Lost Arts Fair and the Westport Art Show.

of a cotton gin, tobacco curing and cultivation, rope making from hemp fiber, lacers, corset making and construction of other items of 19th century apparel.

Visitors to the event will learn the unique history of Kansas City's formation which first started at Westport on the Santa Fe Trail, and soon connected to Westport Landing on the Missouri River (near the City Market). Westport (and Jackson County)--where 1,000s of people jumped off each spring on the westward trails--was at the western edge of the United States until 1854!



The demonstrators include black smith, hand loom weaving, spinning wool and other textiles, demonstration



# VISIT

4000 Baltimore (next to Pryde's)  
Kansas City, Missouri

Include the **LOST ARTS FAIR** while enjoying the **Westport Art Fair**, which the **Westport Historical Society** has participated in since its formation two decades ago.



The Lost Arts Fair takes place at the **1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum**, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Society's house museum explores Westport and the Harris-Kearney families' history. They also host the **Battle of Westport Visitor Center**.



Westport Historical Society expects to have approximately 35-40 exhibitors and demonstrations being performed during the two-day event. Come enjoy!



There are no charges to visit the grounds. Indoor, guided tours with additional exhibitors is \$5/adult. **Westport Historical Society** members, and youths 13 & under are free.

