

OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

November 2011

Trash or Treasure!

Calendar



November 17, 2011
General Meeting
Mahaffie Heritage Center
Potluck and Trash or Treasure
6:30 p.m.

December 3, 2011
Holiday Homes Tour
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
\$8 in advance at the Heritage
Center
\$10 Day of Tour



December 12, 2011
OHS Board Meeting
Mahaffie Heritage Center
7:00 p.m.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please contact Maureen Donegan at modoneg@hotmail.com.

Last year's treasures included 19th century cracker crates, an English tea set, jewelry, mantle clocks, and children's toys. Join us on November 17th for our annual potluck and "Trash or Treasure", Olathe's version of the Antiques Roadshow. Mary Ann Brooks makes a return visit to provide some history about our treasures and ballpark estimates on their value.

We'll start with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Main dishes will be provided by the Olathe Historical Society board. Others are requested to bring a side dish if their last name begins with the letters A – M and a dessert if their last name begins with the letters N – Z. Beverages and table service will be provided.

Because of the popularity of this event, we're asking everyone to limit themselves to just one special item for Mary Ann to look at. Thank-you!



This photo from the Olathe Public Library collection is of the interior of the Firestone Store that was located on the SE corner of Park and Kansas. The photo appears to have been taken in the late 1940s or early 1950s. I bet some of you have some "Trash or Treasure" items that look like these!

**OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
HERITAGE CENTER**

October 10, 2011

ATTENDING: Bob Courtney, Maureen Donegan, Margaret Endecott, Lisa Karstetter, Susie Nightengale, Mary Cochran, Ann Johnson, Vicki Holdman

MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 8, 2011 Board Meeting were read and approved.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Investigation will be made regarding the invoice received from the EBE Company for services provided for the Canon Copier/Scanner.

A motion was made and approved for the renewal of membership in the Olathe Chamber of Commerce.

Membership dues renew March 1 of each year. Membership forms are available at the Heritage Center.

CORRESPONDENCE – DONATION

A donation of \$50.00 was received from the SILVER SET of Grace Methodist Church in appreciation of the presentation given by Bob Courtney.

A letter of resignation was received from Board Member John Andrade. We will miss his professionalism and the public relations services he has given of so freely to this society. Thank you John!

Bob Courtney receives numerous phone calls as the President of our Society concerning photos, and information on historic facts concerning our city's past. Thank you Bob for your investment in OLATHE!

OLD BUSINESS

Items for donation to the Olathe Historical Society may be left in the Research Room at the Heritage Center. Index cards on the table need to include the name, address and phone number of the giver.

HOUSE TOUR – DECEMBER 3RD, 2011

Mark your calendar for SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 10am until 5pm for the Olathe Historical Society's Bi-annual Homes Tour.

Five historic homes and buildings will be on this year's tour.

- 104 East Elm the Schnetzer Home
- 515 South Chestnut the Vaughan Home
- 509 South Chestnut the Nance Home
- 540 East Loula the Potter Home
- 450 East Park School for the Deaf Administration Building and
- 455 East Park the Deaf Community Center

The School for the Deaf is celebrating its 150th Anniversary and will share with our community their beautiful historic Administration Building.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day of the tour in one of the homes please contact Bob Courtney at (913) 764-2494.

An artist for the Tour "mug" has been chosen and mugs will be available on the day of the tour.

Thank you to our volunteers who will make the Name Tags to be worn by each coordinator and host or hostess for the tour.

"OLATHE – THE CITY BEAUTIFUL" FILM SERIES

A DVD of the first 4 films all on 1 disc are available at the Heritage Center gift shop for \$10.00 each. The films on the first disc include: A Place Called Home, The Bricklayer, Renaissance Man, and Out of the Mud. Notification has been received that the Bricklayer, Marshall Ensor and Hodges Brothers films have been nominated for Emmy Awards. Presentation of the Emmy's will take place in St Louis, Missouri on October 22nd of this year. Congratulations to Greg Sheffer for the production of these films.

OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – WEBSITE

Administrators for our website which is hosted by Go Daddy will be determined and updates posted.

Please note the change in address for our website:

www.OlatheHistoricalSociety.org .

We invite you to visit the site and learn about our "Olathe – City Beautiful"!

JOHNSON COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST FUND

GRANT – "I'VE PAID THE BILL", "QUANTRILL'S RAID ON OLATHE", "SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF" AND "WALNUT GROVE ONE ROOM SCHOOL"

Bob Courtney and Maureen Donegan attended several meetings and gave much information to boards granting funds for the above mentioned films, kiosks, preservation of documents and restoration of buildings to further the work of saving and giving information on the history of our city. Verbal notice has been received that full or partial funding has been granted for a portion of the films, etc. When written confirmation is received we will pass the word along. Work has begun on "Quantrill's Raid on Olathe". Some filming is going to be starting during the month of October.

PROMOTIONAL BUDGETING

Business cards to be distributed at presentations of the films at various venues have been suggested. A motion was made and approved that Olathe Historical Society have the business cards prepared. Fliers to be placed in the Heritage Center for information pertaining to the Olathe Historical Society, meeting dates, times, website, and who to contact are being prepared and will be available soon.

NEW BOOK OPPORTUNITY - "IMAGES OF AMERICA - OLATHE"

The Olathe Historical Society has been asked to become involved with preparing pictures and written material for the future publishing of a book about Olathe. Many cities in our state currently have a book about their city and our hope is to complete the information necessary for Olathe.

The company publishing these books asks for at least 200 photos of each city and each must be identified as to location, building or people. The Historical Society has many photos in its possession but this is a time consuming job as research needs to be done. If you are interested in helping please contact Bob Courtney and 764-2494.

ONLINE PURCHASING

Requests have been received from those living in other states and cities for information on acquiring the books, tapes, mugs and various articles that the Historical Society has in the Heritage Gift Shop. We have volunteers who have shown interest in keeping the inventory

of merchandise and packaging/shipping. The plan is to having this information available on the website for those who are interested in purchasing.

FAMOUS OLATHEAN CARDS

The picture of famous Olatheans of history, Events that have taken place in Olathe or Places of interest in Olathe are on one side and information of their fame is written on the back side. These can be made available to school children and at Olathe events. Susie Nightengale has volunteered to help with this project. Be watching for their debut!

NEW BUSINESS

Suggestions were given for Program ideas to be used for future meetings and events..

NEXT GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, November 17th, 6:30pm HERITAGE CENTER Please note the time change to 6:30 pm for our Annual Potluck/ Trash and Treasure Meeting with our Antique store owner, Mary Ann Brooks. This is always a great evening with various artifacts on display. Items brought are limited to 1 per person as this event has grown over the years and is always such an enjoyable evening.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - HERITAGE CENTER
DECEMBER 12, 2011, 7:00 PM
ADJOURNED

Olathe Historical Society Dues

March 1st is the renewal date for Olathe Historical Society Dues. Individual dues are \$10/year, Sustaining Membership is \$25/year, and Lifetime Membership is \$100. Dues can be mailed to the Olathe Historical Society or brought with you to our next general meeting.

Olathe Historical Society

Officers and Board Members

Officers

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