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Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at The Library Center,
4653 S. Campbell Ave., in Springfield.

The featured speaker will be Ms. Diane Mutti-Burke, Associate Professor at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Professor Mutti-Burke teaches courses on the Civil War, Southern History, and the history of early American women. Her first book was "On Slavery's Border: Missouri's Small-Slaveholding Households 1815-1865." Prof. Mutti-Burke's talk is entitled " 'They Go in Drove Every Night' Enslaved Missourians' Struggle for Freedom."



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Our April Speaker Prof. Diane Mutti Burke

Diane Mutti Burke is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Missouri- Kansas City, where she teaches courses on the Civil War, Southern History, and the history of early American women. Her first book, *On Slavery's Border: Missouri's Small-Slaveholding Households, 1815-1865*, examines small-scale slavery in Missouri. She has published a number of articles about slavery and slaveholding in antebellum Missouri, as well as co-edited with John Herron from UMKC a collection of *Missouri Historical Review* articles that were written about Kansas City during the first 100 years of the journal's history. Currently she is editing and annotating for publication the diary of Paulina Stratton a 19th century Missouri small-slaveholding woman, as well as co-editing with Prof. Jonathan Earle, University of Kansas, a collection of scholarly essays on this region's Civil War era history. Her next book project will explore the experiences of refugee populations during the American Civil War.

Mutti Burke is very engaged with bringing the Civil War era history of this region to a public audience. In the Summer of 2012, The Center for Midwestern Studies at UMKC will host a National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History Teacher workshop entitled "Crossroads of Conflict: Contested Visions of Freedom and the Missouri/Kansas Border Wars." This is the third time that she and her colleagues will host this program that brings K-12 teachers from throughout the nation to Kansas City to study the Kansas/Missouri Border Wars. In addition, Mutti Burke and Jonathan Earle organized and hosted a major scholarly conference on the Kansas/Missouri Border Wars that was held at the Kansas City Public Library last November. Moreover, she has consulted with a number of museums, libraries, and institutions throughout this region about their Civil War sesquicentennial programming, including the Kansas City Public Library, the *Kansas City Star*, the Johnson County Public Library, the Kansas Humanities Council, the Springfield, Missouri Public Library, and the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis. This spring, she will be the lead scholar for the NEH and American Library Association sponsored Civil War book discussion, "Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War," at the Kansas City Public Library.

Diane Mutti Burke was born and raised in Kansas City. She attended Oak Park High School and earned her B.A. from Dartmouth College and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Emory University.

President's Message for April 2012

Our nation's celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War focuses this month on the events of April 1862. As a former resident of New Orleans, I am reminded of journalist Charles L. Dufour's 1960 classic *The Night the War Was Lost*. I met "Pie" Dufour, as he was known locally, when I joined the New Orleans Civil War Round Table, which met at Tulane University. While I don't agree with Dufour that the fall of New Orleans positively doomed the Confederacy, it was a critical blow from which the South never recovered. Moreover, David Glasgow Farragut's successful sailing up the Mississippi past the Confederates at Fort Jackson and Fort St. Philip in the early morning hours of April 24 was one of the U.S. Navy's triumphant moments of the war. Fort Jackson is now an under-funded Louisiana state park while Fort St. Philip is in private hands. Both were badly damaged by hurricane Katrina. Years ago I was with a group that toured both forts, crossing from Fort Jackson to Fort St. Philip in a landing craft operated by the Army Corps of Engineers. My camera malfunctioned that day, but this photo gives you an idea of the present condition of Fort St. Phillip:



Yet the April 1862 event that has always fascinates me the most is the Battle of Shiloh. It was the first major Civil War battlefield I visited and to get there I took at age thirteen my second ever plane trip. I flew to Memphis to visit my best friend Charlie Patton, who had just moved there. His father drove us to Shiloh, where we spent a long and memorable day tramping over the battlefield. My recollections of the Hornet's Nest and the Sunken Road remain particularly vivid. But the battle came even more alive for me when I got back home and my grandfather lent me his copy of Bruce Catton's *Grant Moves South*, which was published in 1960. Catton's scholarship is now outdated and he is far too defensive of Grant's reputation in regard to Shiloh, but I think there are still today few books better suited to introduce young readers to the Civil War. I also recommend *Shiloh*, the novel by Shelby Foote, who is better known for his multi-volume *The Civil War: A Narrative*, and his appearance in Ken Burns's Civil War documentary. Published in 1957, *Shiloh* alternates Union and Confederate voices in the manner Michael Shaara later made famous with *The Killer Angels*. Foote's *Shiloh* was

another of the many wonderful volumes I discovered on my grandfather's bookshelves at an early age. The novel's historical background is meticulously accurate, although it exaggerates the role of Nathan Bedford Forrest's Confederate cavalry. Is it just a coincidence that one of Foote's ancestors rode with Forrest?

As we look forward to the 150th anniversary of Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, September 22, 1862, we have a wonderful opportunity to place it in the context of slavery in Missouri. Our April speaker is Diane Mutti Burke of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Prof. Mutti Burke is the author of *On Slavery's Borders: Missouri's Small Slaveholding Households, 1861-1865*. Since the Emancipation Proclamation did not apply to slaves in Missouri, their fate and circumstances are particularly interesting. You won't want to miss this presentation.

The CWRT Ozarks will experience a change of pace as well as venue in May. Our meeting will occur as scheduled on May 9, but not at The Library Center. Instead, we have the privilege of touring the Air and Military Museum of the Ozarks, 2305 East Kearney. Details will be forthcoming, but see the museum's website: <http://www.ammomuseum.org/index.htm>

Also in the works is a tour of Civil War sites in St. Louis, led by Bill Winter, tentatively set for June, and a trip sometime in the fall to see the art collection of The State Historical Society in Columbia. Among other Civil War works, the Society has the original George Caleb Bingham famous painting "Order Number 11":



Neither of these trips will replace scheduled meetings.

We still have members who have not paid their dues. Please renew your membership as soon as possible.

Bill Piston
CWRT Ozarks President

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Minutes for the meeting of 14 March 2012

President Bill Piston called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. There were 44 people in attendance. President Piston welcomed those visiting this evening. The minutes were published in the February issue of the Buck and Ball. The minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Richard Quinn reported an operating balance of \$3265.67. Income from last meeting was \$1253.00. The expenses from last meeting were \$275.35. The monthly ending cash balance was \$3090.32. Money market amount reported as \$5276.55. Total Fiscal Assets as of March 14th was \$8366.87. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership.

Jim Scaminaci reported that there are still horses to purchase for a fund raiser. Horses are \$50.00 each. Contact Jim at 417-887-7844. There are State Beanie Bears to purchase for \$450.00 for the entire collection. These bears represent the 50 states plus territories, plus a George Washington bear. They all have uncirculated quarters attached to their feet. Also, plaques will be given to our donators such as banks, etc. as a way of giving thanks for their donations. These plaques will be given to a representative from the organization during our annual dinner or some other important event.

Ted Hillmer, the Superintendent of Wilson's Creek gave a report. He reported and discussed the following:

- The park is acquiring a State of Illinois flag that flew in the Battle of Wilsons Creek. It will cost ~34k to preserve the flag and the park needs assistance with the costs
- Volunteers are needed at the park especially as park prepares for the influx of students during the spring
- Arts in the Park 2012 concert series begins Saturday, May 5th at 7:00 pm. There will be 5 groups participating
- There were 21k visitors at the Battle of Pea Ridge commemoration this year
- Visitation at the battlefield is up

President Piston discussed the opportunity drawing for this evening. There were two books and two Civil War caricatures. The caricatures were donated by Carol Petty. The books were

- *The Blue and the Grey*, edited by Henry Steele Commager
- *In the Hands of Providence: Joshua L. Chamberlain and the American Civil War* by Alice Rains Trulock

President Piston discussed upcoming speakers for the remainder of the year.

Upcoming events:

- Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Mary Whitney Phelps with a new historical marker in Phelps Grove Park on Sunday, April 29, 2012 beginning at 1:00 pm. Four descendants of Mary Whitney Phelps will be present
- A St. Louis guided tour trip was discussed. Tour guide will be Bill Winters. Price ~\$10/person. A sheet was passed around for those interested in the trip.
- Discussed other trips for 2012

The dues for 2012 need to be paid as soon as possible. To date, only about half of the membership has paid for 2012.

It was proposed that the May meeting of the Round Table be held at the War Museum on Kearney. Those attending will receive a tour of the museum. The action was voted upon and approved by the membership.

----- *Break* -----

After the break, President Piston presented, "Pea Ridge Mar 7-8, 1862: The Greatest "What If" Battle of the Civil War". Afterwards he answered questions from the membership

The book opportunity drawing was held

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Stephen J. Buffat
Secretary
Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

2012 Fund Raiser

States of America Coin Bear Collection. All New and Uncirculated By Limited Treasures

**57 Bears Total with uncirculated state coins attached to paw.
This complete set contains the 50 States of the USA and 6 Territories.**

***These include: American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana, Puerto Rico,
Virgin Islands, and Washington, DC.***

**The One Dollar George Washington Bear is also included.
Description:**

**White Bear is 8 inches tall and has an Uncirculated State Quarter on its Paw.
State name, the date, and number position for entrance into the USA is on
every colorful Bear.**

Released in 2009, the Original offering price was \$9.95 each. (\$567.15)

**The Round Table is offering this collectors' item for \$400.00 to the first
bidder.**

Call Jim Scaminaci at home 887-7844 or cell 214-808-2443

Horse Sculptures

The Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks was the recipient of fourteen
“Sesquicentennial Civil War Horse” sculptures. Through the generosity of the
Creamery Arts Center, we are offering these beautiful art pieces to our members.
The retail price is \$225.00.

The Round Table is offering these art sculptures for only \$50.00.

They are boxed and can be shipped.

There are only 4 statues available!

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Specifications:

The material is a white satin Resin that simulates marble.

Weight is approximately 25 lbs.

Height: 24.5 in.

Width: 24 in.

Base: 9 x 18.5 in.

Call or email: James Scaminaci Tel. 887-7844 or
jamesscaminaci@sbcglobal.net



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield



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Presents

Arts in the Park 2012

Concerts at the Battlefield



May 5, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. – Red Bridge – This group of entertainers provides high energy & high entertainment shows, which includes fun and natural humor. With their great musicianship, and most of all, a strong variety of songs from which to draw upon, the audience is kept entertained & tappin' their feet.

May 12, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. – Bob Hammons & Wildwood - This gospel group was voted 2012 Midwest Gospel Group of the Year by the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America. They play 50-80 engagements a year, including festivals, fairs, and churches.

May 19, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. - The Missouri State University Community Band – This 45 member, all volunteer community band will perform a concert on the lawn in front of the Visitor Center.

May 26, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. – High Strung – Welcome back this bluegrass group from the Springfield-Branson area who started performing regularly at bluegrass festivals in 2004.

June 2, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Ray House Jamboree - Our annual Civil War & old-time music celebration on the front porch of the historic Ray House (Tour Stop Two), featuring several local groups performing traditional Ozark music.*

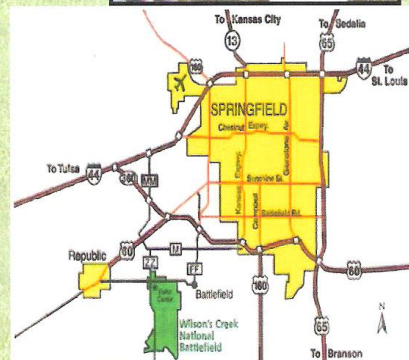
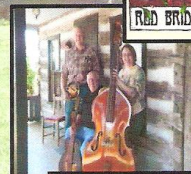
**All concerts are FREE and open to the public except for the June 2nd program, at the Ray House, where the regular tour road admission of \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per car will apply.*

Please bring blankets or lawn chairs for all programs.

For further information, please call 417-732-2662 or find us on the web at www.nps.gov/wicr

ARTS IN THE PARK is sponsored by Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation, and Eastern National.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is located three miles east of Republic and 10 miles southwest of Springfield, Mo. From Interstate 44 take Exit 70 (Highway MM) south to US 60. Cross US 60 and drive three-fourths mile to Highway ZZ. The battlefield is located two miles south on Hwy ZZ. From US 60 and US 65, take James River Freeway to FF Highway, then south to M Highway. Follow M west to Highway ZZ. Go south on ZZ 1 mile to the park entrance.



Upcoming Events

Civil War Book Discussion Group At The Library Center

Monday May 21 at 7:00 in meeting room A for *The Class of 1846: From West Point to Appomattox: Stonewall Jackson, George McClellan, and Their Brothers* by John C. Waugh.

Monday July 23 at 7:00 in meeting room A, *Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War* by Tony Horwitz.

Monday September 24 in meeting room A with *Mrs. Lincoln: A Life* by Catherine Clinton.

Monday November 19 in meeting room A for *Starving The South: How the North Won the Civil War* by Andrew F. Smith.

Lincoln Assassination Programs

The Library Center is hosting two special programs related to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln

Watch a special screening of *The Conspirator* on April 15 at 1:30 in auditorium. Directed by Robert Redford and starring Robin Wright, this film dramatizes the case of Mary Surratt, the woman executed by the United States government. Inspired by the book *The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln* by Kate Clifford Larson. A discussion will follow the film.

"The Assassination of President Lincoln and the Trial of the Conspirators" by Historian Hal Funk, May 15 at 7:00 in the auditorium.



The Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22,
Daughters of Union Veterans
of the
Civil War, 1861-1865

Invite you to celebrate the 200th anniversary
of the birth of our namesake by
attending the dedication of the
Mary Whitney Phelps
Historical Marker at Phelps Grove Park
on the corner of Brookside and Virginia in
Springfield, Missouri

Sunday, April 29, 2012

Era Craft Demonstrations: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

MSU Brass Quartet: 1:30 p.m.

Formal Dedication: 2:00 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at
Trinity Lutheran Church, 1415 Holland Street
(1 block west of the park)

Please RSVP by: April 15, 2012
r.m.jones61@gmail.com

Rose Cole Jones, President
Tel : 417-833-2351

Four Phelps descendants will attend the dedication—
coming from Virginia, Connecticut, New Mexico, and
Arizona. Make plans to attend this special event!

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