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Bunny Hutch 2021:

Let's kick off the season with a safe springtime celebration!



For a hoppin' good time, gather the little ones and hop on over to Oakland's Bunny Hutch!

Now in its 25th year, Bunny Hutch is a much-anticipated spring treat... and it's bound to be an even bigger hit this year as we look for safe ways to come out of hibernation and shake off the winter doldrums.

The event will feature story time with the Story Lady, as well as the chance for children to visit the Easter Bunny and pet a live rabbit. Each child will make a "bunny bag" and enjoy a treat. Craft items will be for sale. Don't forget your cameras!

In order to be in compliance with the county's COVID-19 guidelines, reservations will be limited and activities will take place outside. We will practice social distancing and masks will be required.

Visits will be during 30 minute time slots starting on the hour and ½ hour each day.

Limit: 30 Guests per time slot.

Reserve your spot online at our website www.oaklandhousemuseum.org or by calling Chairperson Joan Komlos (314) 496-6225

Cost: \$6.00 per person

Digital online payment preferred - Payment at the door with cash, check or Stripe

Weekdays - Reservations Required

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
March 29, 30 & 31**

Weekends - Reservations Recommended

Hours: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 20 & Sunday, March 21
Saturday, March 27 & Sunday, March 28**

Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Please check our website frequently for updates on reservation availability and cancellations due to inclement weather.

Questions? Call Charlie Brown (314) 873-3248 or e-mail bbcboakland@gmail.com

Bunny Hutch Decorating Help Needed:

Bunny Hutch Decorating

Saturday, March 13

Start 9:00 a.m. - Work until finished
Lunch will be served

Decoration Take-Down

Wednesday, March 31

Start 1:00 p.m. - After Bunny Hutch
Work until finished

If you have questions, or for more information, contact: Nancy Herndon-Ulrich at (314) 814-4983





We hope that you and your loved ones continue to stay safe and healthy during these unprecedented and difficult times. The overall goal in setting dates for the 2021 Events Calendar was to cautiously resume normal activities as much as possible, while remaining in compliance with official guidelines. As a result, most events have been scheduled with appropriate modifications and precautions in place. Using official guidance, and keeping everyone's safety in mind, we will continue to assess each situation, and will attempt to notify members of any cancellations, postponements or modifications through our website, mass e-mails and social media. Please visit us at www.oaklandhousemuseum.org and watch our Facebook page for updates.

In the meantime, please stay safe and be well.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Dates are set for a fun and eventful 2021...

AHS Membership Meetings

Spring - Sunday, April 25, 2021

Meeting Only - 1:30-3:30 p.m.

(NOTE: No pot luck or program due to COVID-19)

Fall - Sunday, October 24, 2021

Pot Luck Lunch 12:30 p.m. Meeting 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Program: To Be Announced

2021 Open Luncheons

Tuesday, June 8

Thursday, July 22

Friday, August 13

Tuesday, September 14

Thursday, October 14

Tuesday, November 9

These luncheons are open to the public, so come alone, bring a guest, or put together a group. What a delightful way to spend the afternoon with special friends! The Ladies of Oakland serve groups of 15-56. House tours, given by a docent in period dress, are at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please make reservations 2 weeks in advance by calling Dot Huebener at (314) 300-8213.

Please note: Private Luncheons can be booked for groups of 15-56. Call Dot Huebener at (314) 300-8213 to reserve a date for your next group get-together.

Open Houses for 2021

Beautiful Oakland House will be open to the public on the following Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

April 18 ~ May 16 ~ June 20

July 18 ~ August 15 ~ September 19

Free to members \$8.00 for the general public

Mark Your Calendars!

MEMBERS ONLY Luncheon 2021

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:00 noon

Cost: \$10.00

Entertainment: TBD

Contact Lucy Johnson (314) 843-6346 or

Pat Arrendell (314) 353-2096 for

reservations or more information.



Save the Date!

Ladies of Oakland

Annual Afternoon Tea

Thursday, September 30, 2021

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

\$35.00 per person

(details in the July *Oak Leaf*)

Your Help Needed! Let's spruce up, clean up & get organized to make this the best year ever!

Spring House Cleaning at Oakland

Saturday, February 20, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

Bring your home cleaning equipment to the annual house clean-up day at Oakland. Lunch will be served.

Docent Meeting

Sunday, March 7, 2021 - 1:30 p.m. - Oakland House

For current docents, or for those interested in becoming one.

For more information, call Charlie Brown (314) 873-3248.

Event Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, March 7, 2021 - 2:00 p.m. - Oakland House

Please come if interested in helping with weddings, receptions or other events held at the House.

For more information, call Rosie Miller (314) 892-3474.

Kitchen Volunteers Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

A meeting has been called for all current and future Kitchen Ladies who serve the luncheons at Oakland.

We're always looking for new members, so please come if you would like to volunteer. Refreshments provided.

For more information, call Lucy Johnson (314) 843-6346.

Oakland House Yard Clean-Up

Saturday, April 17, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Back-Up Day - Saturday, May 8, 2021)

Please bring your own rake or other yard equipment and help us spruce up the grounds. Lunch will be served.

For further information, contact Rosie Miller (314) 892-3474.

Bits & Pieces



Oakland has many trees, which means that a lot of leaves litter the grounds in the fall.

This year the huge clean-up job fell to **Tracy Coleman** who worked countless hours during Thanksgiving week, as well as over several weekends in November and December. She quickly learned how to use the tractor and leaf mulcher, and filled the 6-Top Leaf Container to max capacity three times... that's a lot of leaves, folks!! The next time you see Tracy, be sure to give her a big THANK YOU!



WANTED: Charter Members - The Affton Historical Society is looking for individuals between the ages of 21 & 40 to join the AHS Advisory Board as "Charter Members." If you know of any young person who would be interested in joining the board, please let us know by contacting Charlie Brown at (314) 873-3248 or bbcboakland@gmail.com.



The Oakland House Museum dining room looks even more gorgeous now that it is adorned with a new herb wreath. Many thanks to the **Webster Groves Herb Society** for this generous donation.



??? History Question ???

October History Question:

In what year did Louis Benoist build a handsome white-pillared house on the northwest corner of Eighth and Pine Streets in St. Louis? *Answer:* 1839

History Question for January:

Who owned Oakland House between the years 1872 and 1887?

If you think you know the answer,

contact Charlie Brown at (314) 873-3248 or bbcboakland@gmail.com

Do you LIKE flowers?

Do you LIKE being outdoors?

Do you LIKE digging in the dirt?

Then we'd LIKE you to join the Oakland Garden Club!

We garden on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. beginning May 3rd, weather permitting. We'd love to have your help in keeping the Oakland grounds beautiful. If interested, or for more information, call Rosie at (314) 892-3474.

A Big THANK YOU to the LADIES OF OAKLAND!

AHS offers a great big "thank you" to the Ladies of Oakland. The Ladies presented the Affton Historical Society with a check for **\$771.49** which represents the profit from a successful September Afternoon Tea.

So many give selflessly of time and talents. We appreciate your open hearts and helping hands, and look forward to working with you again in 2021!



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Ladies of Oakland

2021

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The Board meets at Oakland House at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month from January through November.

Members are welcome!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

Mark Your Calendars!

AHS 4th of July Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, July 4, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Country Style Breakfast Buffet ~ Entertainment ~ 50/50 Drawing ~ Tours of Oakland



Affton Historical Society

MASTER CALENDAR of EVENTS FOR 2021

A few members have requested that we publish a listing of all AHS events for the year in chronological order. Here is the result, ready to clip and post on your bulletin board or refrigerator. We hope you find it helpful.

February

- 11 - Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 20 - Spring Housecleaning - 9 am

March

- 6 - Café du Matin (Morning Coffee) - 10 am
- 7 - Docent Meeting - 1:30 pm
- 7 - Event Volunteer Meeting - 2 pm
- 9 - Kitchen Volunteers Meeting - 9 am
- 11 - Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 13 - Bunny Hutch Decorating - 9 am
- 16 - Ladies of Oakland Meeting - 1 pm
- 18 - Film premiere - *Lemp's Last Wright*
- 20 & 21 - Bunny Hutch - 11 am - 3 pm
- 27 & 28 - Bunny Hutch - 11 am - 3 pm
- 29, 30 & 31 - Bunny Hutch - 9 am - 1 pm
- 31 - Take down Bunny Hutch Items - 1 pm

April

- 8 - Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 17 - Spring Yard Clean-Up Day - 9 am - 4 pm
(Back-Up date - May 8)
- 18 - Sunday Open House - 2 pm - 4 pm
- 20 - Ladies of Oakland Meeting - 1 pm
- 25 - AHS Membership Meeting - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- 27 - Members Only Luncheon - 12 noon

May

- 13 - Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 16 - Sunday Open House - 2 pm - 4 pm
- 18 - Ladies of Oakland Meeting - 1 pm

June

- 8 - Open Luncheon - Tour 11 am - Lunch 12 noon
- 10 - Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 15 - Ladies of Oakland Meeting - 12 noon
Salad Luncheon (note earlier time)
- 20 - Sunday Open House - 2 pm - 4 pm

July

- 4 - Independence Day Breakfast - 10 am - 1 pm
- 8 - Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 18 - Sunday Open House - 2 pm - 4 pm
- 20 - Ladies of Oakland Meeting - 1 pm
- 22 - Open Luncheon - Tour 11 am - Lunch 12 noon

August

- 12 - Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 13 - Open Luncheon - Tour 11 am - Lunch 12 noon
- 15 - Sunday Open House - 2 pm - 4 pm
- 17 - Ladies of Oakland Meeting - 1 pm

September

- 9 - Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 14 - Open Luncheon - Tour 11 am - Lunch 12 noon
- 19 - Sunday Open House - 2 pm - 4 pm
- 21 - Ladies of Oakland Meeting - 1 pm
- 30 - Ladies of Oakland Afternoon Tea - 1 pm - 3:30 pm

October

- 14 - Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 14 - Open Luncheon - Tour 11 am - Lunch 12 noon
- 19 - Ladies of Oakland Meeting - 1 pm
- 24 - AHS Membership Meeting
Lunch 12:30 pm, Meeting 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

November

- 6 - Fall Yard Clean-Up Day - 9 am
(2nd date for back-up or if needed - November 13)
- 9 - Open Luncheon - Tour 11 am - Lunch 12 noon
- 11 - Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 16 - Ladies of Oakland Meeting - 1 pm
- 20 - Santa House Decorating - 9 am

December

- 4 & 5 - Santa House - 11 am - 3 pm
- 8, 9 & 10 - Santa House - 9 am - 1 pm
- 11 & 12 - Santa House - 11 am - 3 pm
- 18 - Members Christmas Party - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Year-Round Shopping Reminders:



Any time you shop on Amazon.com, remember to direct a portion of your purchase to AHS. It's easy. Just sign on at smile.amazon.com and register to make Affton Historical Society your charity of choice. Then, every time you shop, be sure to sign in through smile.amazon.com. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to AHS. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you already know, with the same products, prices and service - but with the added benefit of helping charitable organizations. Support AHS by starting your online shopping at smile.amazon.com.



Be sure to sign up for the eScrip Program at Schnucks. Affton Historical Society receives a percentage of your purchase every time you shop.

To keep up with what's happening,
VISIT US at
www.oaklandhousemuseum.org

Also,  Find Us On [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/The-Oakland-House-Museum-213604058674332/) *The Oakland House Museum*

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Ladies of Oakland Meetings

The Ladies of Oakland meet at 1:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday, from March through November. Refreshments are served, and there is always an interesting speaker or other entertainment.

March 16, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Joan Komlos, The Antique Lady
Bring your "treasures" for appraisal

April 20, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment - TBD

May 18, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Ethel Cobb - "Did Mrs. O'Leary's Cow Do It?"

June 15, 2021 - 12:00 noon

Salad Luncheon (note earlier time)
Bring your favorite salad or finger food
Entertainment - TBD

July 20, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment - TBD

August 17, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Barnes Bradshaw as Henry Shaw

September 21, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Mike Truax - "1904 World's Fair"

October 19, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Don Marsh - "Coming of Age, Liver Spots and All"

November 16, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Barbara Kay as Virginia Minor

Fun for everyone! Hope to see you there!

Nancy Harmon, President, Ladies of Oakland

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family & friends of
Jane Saufnaur
who passed away on December 21st.
She will be missed.

Café du Matin (Morning Coffee) - COVID Style

Saturday, March 6, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

You won't want to miss this delightful morning of coffee, tea, *les pâtisseries* and good company presented by the Ladies of Oakland! Our informative program will be:

**Eliza Haycraft - St. Louis' Notorious
Victorian Madam... and More**

Presented by: **Edna Dieterle**

Due to COVID-19, reservations are strictly limited, and we will practice social distancing. Masks are required and hand sanitizer will be available.

The cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations are required, and are on a "first-come, first-served" basis, so don't delay. For more information, see the insert in this newsletter or contact Pam Danklef at (314) 842-0149, (314) 503-6401 or jpgdanklef@aol.com.

Your financial support is greatly appreciated!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Please welcome the following new members
who joined since the October Oak Leaf.*

*Their addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses
will appear in the new 2021 Membership Directory.*

John Benoist	Abigail Jarvis Lambert
Peter Jr. & Laura Benoist	William Tautphaeus
Marianne Erickson	Chris Turdo

Please Note: Membership information changes will appear in the new 2021 Membership Directory.

Watch for it in February!

Thank you to "Shutterbugs"

Charlie Brown & Tracy Coleman
who provided photos for this issue.



This May, AHS will be listed as a registered non-profit organization for the 8th Annual **Give STL Day**. Please keep us in mind for your 2021 charitable giving plans. Watch for details in the April *Oak Leaf*.



AFFTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31
(DUES ARE CONSIDERED DELINQUENT AFTER JANUARY 31 - RENEW TODAY!)

There are many members who work tirelessly for the Society - who give of their time as well as their treasure.

In order to accomplish all that they do, they need the financial and emotional support of other members who faithfully pay their dues, buy raffle tickets, bring their friends to Oakland and advocate for AHS in the community.

SO REMEMBER: YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT... and "MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES!"

As a member in good standing, you are:

- Invited as our guest to the annual Members' Christmas Party.
- Entitled to Open House tours at no charge.
- Invited to the Members Appreciation Luncheon.
- Automatically a member of the Ladies of Oakland and
 - On the mailing list to receive the *Oak Leaf* newsletter each quarter.

So be sure to renew your Society membership today and

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



AHS membership is for a calendar year, Jan 1 - Dec 31 - Dues are considered delinquent after Jan 31

In order to be included in the 2021 Membership Directory, dues must be received by February 1

Please complete and clip the form below to renew your dues for 2021



Date _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____ CHECK CASH
(circle one)

Please mail this form with
your check made payable to:

New Member? [] Yes [] No Renewing Member? [] Yes [] No

Affton Historical Society
P.O. Box 28855, Affton, MO 63123

Any changes in membership information? [] Yes [] No

PLEASE PRINT -

Name E-mail address

Address City State Zip

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Memberships Available:

- [] Individual \$20 [] George I. Barnett Level \$51 - \$100 [] Clemence Benoist Faris Level \$501 - \$1,000
[] Couple \$35 [] Kate Chopin Level \$101 - \$150 [] Sarah Wilson Benoist Level \$1,001 - \$2,500
[] Father de Smet Level \$36 - \$50 [] Robert Brookings Level \$151 - \$500 [] Louis Auguste Benoist Level \$2,501 +



Members with e-mail addresses: If you have an e-mail address and are not receiving monthly e-mail updates on "Oakland House Museum Happenings," please contact Pam Danklef at (314) 842-0149, (314) 503-6401 or jpdanklef@aol.com.

Membership Reminders: 2021 dues need to be paid by February 1 if you want your name to appear in the Membership Directory. If you have questions about membership status, or if any personal information is incorrect or needs updating, contact Pam Danklef at (314) 842-0149, (314) 503-6401 or jpdanklef@aol.com



Many thanks to all the members who renewed their 2021 memberships early - and especially to those who chose to upgrade to a higher level of membership. Remember, all dues money goes toward the upkeep of Oakland House Museum.

Also, special thanks to Barb Cook whose help in processing membership renewals is greatly appreciated!

Pam Danklef, Membership Chair



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