

Parker Community Historical Society, Inc.

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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~kspchs>

Museums located at
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Marilyn Sheets-Rhoades,
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2016 – FALL NEWSLETTER

Dear members, alumni, friends and neighbors,

Wow, it's hard to believe we are at the end of October already and so close to starting the Thanksgiving through Christmas seasons. We have been blessed with beautiful fall weather here in and around Parker. Hope all of you have had a safe summer and are looking forward to the new year. The PCHS ANNUAL meeting will be held Tuesday, **November 15, 2016 at 7 p.m.** at the **New Museum**. At this meeting, we will elect a new Board of Directors; discuss projects we would like to accomplish in the coming year; and any other business presented to the Board. Members are encouraged to attend to help select new officers and share ideas and concerns you may have. Immediately following the Annual Board Meeting the regular monthly meeting will be held. Officers for 2017 will be elected at that time. All monthly meetings are held the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **7 p.m.**

From our President

The 2016 year is almost over and we are rapidly heading into 2017 with a lot of changes in the future.

If you have any family histories or pictures you would like to share with us, we would appreciate copies of them. We have several families histories available to read.

We would also appreciate any pictures of any schools or students from Liberty Township, Centerville Township or Scott Township.

We want to thank all of the people who have donated or loaned items to be displayed at the museum.

Louise Stites, President

Monthly **Work Days** are held the **1st Tuesday** each month at **9 a.m.** and the **3rd Tuesday** starting at **5 p.m.** The museums are open to visitors at these times as well. We are also available to open by special request. Persons to contact are Louise Stites at 913-898-6991, Janice Stahl 913-898-6662 or Marilyn Rhoades 913-898-6891. **No work days nor monthly meeting held in December.**

We have had several family groups visit again this year, from various parts of the US, and share their memories of Parker, Kansas, with their kids and grandkids. We continue to open the museums for Alumni weekend, Memorial Day, and Parker Days. It is always fun to have old friends and young, new friends visit. Some guests have especially come to research their family histories.

Sadly the Historical Society and the community of Parker have recently lost a valued member. We will all miss Juanita Huffman Holderman (class of 1943) who passed away October 11. She was always available to help us piece missing links together from days gone by. Many of you may have had her as a teacher or was in elementary school while she was on staff. Sincere thanks to her family who selected the Society to receive memorial funds in her name. As stated by her nieces and nephews, "Juanita had a remarkable memory about her students and especially the first years of teaching in the one-room schools. It is fitting that her memorial is to assist in preserving some history."

From the Charity Quilters

The Centerville and Parker area Charity Quilters sponsored a quilt show at the School House Museum on Main Street on Saturday, September 17, 2016—Parker Day. The old school was full of beautiful quilts on display. There were antiques, very old quilts, a PRHS quilt won by Al Kerr at the Alumni banquet, charity quilts, personal quilts, gifted quilts, 2016 Parker Day raffle quilts and the 2016 quilt block entries for the Parker Day Block Contest. It was a beautiful day and many quilts were hung outside on clothes lines. Those who attended enjoyed seeing the handwork of many talented people.

We wish to thank the PCHS board members for allowing us to use the "old school" for the display; we thank those who shared their quilts for the show and also those who helped clean the school, hang the quilts and take them down.

Carolyn Dunlop, Reporting

I hope you have been able to visit the One-Stop when you have been in Parker. For some months now, the PCHS has been able to display items in the "Shadow Box" in the dining room. We highlighted FFA by featuring Governor Brownback's State and Nat'l FFA jackets, the Boy Scouts by featuring John Riggs vest with many of his medals, and more recently local events including PRHS Alumni and Parker Day. In the future, we want to honor our veterans and current military members from around our communities. We would appreciate pictures (in uniform if possible) of family members who are veterans as well as military men and women currently serving. Please include the dates of service and any other information you might want to share. An original picture may be returned if requested.

We also thank Bob Orth for creating and donating our sign at the One-Stop.

So, until you stop in to see us or our Spring newsletter,

Merry Christmas to all from PCHS. May your new year be blessed with good health, happiness, joy, and peace.