

Approved Workshops:

Dressed for the Occasion –

Men's and Woman's clothing, how clothing changed thru the years 1860-1900 by various persona.

This presentation will be done by Jean Warren, Proprietor of James County Mercantile. Come listen to how a real Living Historian researches/creates and brings a Character to life!! Presenter's main focus will be to teach participants how after they have picked a character (alias) how to research and outfit that character with the most correct clothing and attire for the time and location of the character. I.e.... West Coast, East Coast, or Mid States, Cowboy, Businessman, Businesswoman, etc. She will also direct you how to develop your costume as economical as possible. There will be examples of time period correct fabrics, and attire.

Get Your Craft on the 1860 Way, From Doll Making To Tatting –

Participants will make a rag doll, like in the 1860. We will also have a lucet and the participants will have a chance to make cording. Tatting will also be shown.

If hand work is your thing then this workshop is for you, if not we will teach you. We would like to invite everyone to come on down to our hands on workshop, where you will learn to make and take home your very own rag doll. After constructing your doll you can pick your colors and fabric to dress as you like. Along with making your rag doll, you will have the opportunity to learn other handwork.

Come see what a lucet is and learn to make cording with a lucet!

Have you ever wanted to learn tatting? Well here is your chance to learn. Materials will be provided, but if you have any hemp, crafting string, small/thin ribbon, lace, old buttons, and /or embroidery thread, please bring it with you.

Because of the handmade kits to hold this workshop we will limit to the first 40 participants.

Learning History While Living History: The Participatory Living History Method of 4-H Western Heritage Project

Demonstrate to 4-H Western Heritage leaders and members how history education can be hands-on through activities found in the 4-H Western Heritage Project Youth Activity Guide. This workshop will also assist 4-H members in advancing through the level requirements detailed in the curriculum.

The Quilting Bee: Gathering Around the Frame!

To discuss and implement the steps needed to make a quilt. Presenter would like to complete a 'Baby Quilt' during the length of the workshop.

History reveals that the ladies of the 1800's gathered to help one another sew quilts to provide warmth on a cold winter's night. Learning the process of selecting material, a pattern or design, and the tools needed for completing a quilt will be demonstrated. Just

as our ancestors so long ago, we will gather around the quilt frame to socialize and complete our quilt project.

Famous Outlaws of Missouri -

To present an awareness of the key role that Missourians played in the development of the Old West.

A PowerPoint presentation of some of the most famous Missourians that lived on both sides of the law.

Loom Weaving -

To show how old clothing was used to make something useful. Because cloth was made by hand from yarn that was hand spun, the people never threw away old clothing or rags, but saved them to be used in quilts, rugs and other useful household items. Our ancestors were very frugal with their resources.

Old Time Basket Weaving –

Participants will learn the art of basketweaving through the weaving of a Cape Cod Blueberry basket. The basket will have a Shaker-style square bottom with carved and notched oak basket handle. The instructor will have all materials prepared and will teach the class beginning weaving techniques, including an easy to weave square bottom in plain basket weave style, square base with flat reed, plain-weave continuous weaving, Cut and Tuck, notched handle application, and rim lashing. Excellent for ages 14 and up. Completed basket is 6" wide x 7" tall.

19th Century Farming Skills –

To know what it was like to do some of the tasks on a farm in the 19th century with horse drawn and walking farm equipment.

Games of the Old West –

What sort of games were played before television and video games? Discover the past-saddle up and participate in the following: walking on stilts, 2 man board slide, bean bag double can, graces, stick pull, checkers, marbles, 3 legged race, a cattle drive, calf roping and the list goes on and on. Yee Haw this will be a good time and a reminder that all Cowboys and Cowgirls will participate according to the Cowboy Code of Ethics!

Kids Korral –

We've rustled up a bunch of our favorite western games, activities and projects that are guaranteed to keep young cowgirls and cowboys entertained while at the Kids Korral. Romp through the Old West and dress up like a cowboy, appear on a WANTED poster, sift for gold, make a stick horse, balloon stampede, tin can target practice, sack race, cattle drive, etc. And for those cowpokes that just need a rest a western movie will be available.

30 Ways to use a COWBOY'S BANDANA –

The Bandana is part of the official cowboy uniform. It is simply a decorative piece of clothing, made of cloth and only 22 x 22” in size BUT for the COWBOY its uses were varied and plentiful!

Fishing: Past & Present –

A brief historical perspective of fishing in the 19th Century in early America and the Missouri Ozarks; including methods and gear used in those “good ol days”. Participants will then make their own fishing lure – an in-line spinner; which has history, but is still an effective artificial bait for several fish species today.