



# What's Happening at the Village?

January- March 2018

## **January 13 Dennis Stroughmatt Music and Story Telling-2:00pm**

Dennis Stroughmatt is an expert fiddler with extensive knowledge of French-American folkways. His solo acoustic performance encompasses the full-range of North American French music and culture. Dennis is a master musician and will be performing authentic Cajun Music. He is considered "A National Treasure" by the Missouri Humanities Council.

## **January 16<sup>th</sup> Chat Session-1:00pm**

Chat topic will be "The Townships of Shiloh and Casner". Feel free to bring photos, artifacts and other items to show and tell.

## **January 20<sup>th</sup> Morning Coffee-10:00am-11:00pm**

Enjoy a relaxing coffee break with friends of the Jefferson County Historical Society and learn more about what goes on at the Historical Village.

## **February 11<sup>th</sup> Children's Valentine Party- 1:30pm-3:30pm**

Children will make Valentine crafts, play games, and enjoy Valentine treats. Space is limited to 15 children. Pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by calling 618-246-0033.

## **February 17<sup>th</sup> Morning Coffee-10am-11pm**

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## **February 17<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Harris portrayal of Harriet Tubman-2:00pm**

Linking the past with the present, Kathryn Harris slips into the persona of the former slave who, after winning her own freedom, became a conductor on the Underground Railroad in the mid-1800s. In numerous trips back into the South, Harriet Tubman helped more than 300 slaves, including her own parents, escape to the North. After the Civil War broke out, she worked for the Union as a cook, a nurse, and even a spy. Harris has been telling the amazing story of Tubman's faith, determination and courage for over a decade. She is the former director of Library Services at the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL.

## **February 20<sup>th</sup> Chat Session-1:00pm**

The topic for the chat session is "The townships of Pendleton and Dodds". Feel free to bring photos, artifacts and other items to show and tell.

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**February 22<sup>nd</sup> Chili Luncheon Fundraiser-11:00am – 1:00pm**

St. Mary's Parish Center, 1500 Main Street Mt. Vernon

Annual chili luncheon fundraiser for the Jefferson County Historical Society includes homemade chili with crackers or pork tenderloin sandwiches with chips. Drink and dessert are also included. Bake sale items are available for purchase. Tickets may be purchased from JCHS members and are also available at the door. You may also call the Historical Society office at 618-246-0033 to purchase a ticket or for more information.

**March 10<sup>th</sup> Marlene Rivero- a first-person account of Ann Stokes's inspiring fortitude-2:00pm**

Storyteller and living history actor, Marlene Rivero, portrays Ann Stokes, who is believed to have been the first African American woman to serve on board a U.S. military vessel. Born enslaved in Tennessee in 1830 and later a resident of the "contraband camp" in Mound City, Illinois, Stokes was taken aboard a Union ship in January 1863, just after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Marlene Rivero was an employee of the U.S. Forest Service for 30 years. She began her career as a historic storyteller in 1999 as a first-person heritage interpreter with the Forest Service.

**March 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Quarterly Dinner-6:30pm**




The Jefferson County Historical Society will host a spring quarterly dinner and program. Pre-registration is required. Please register by March 9th. You may register by calling 618-246-0033. Payment may be made at the door.

**March 17<sup>th</sup> Morning Coffee -10:00am – 11:00am**

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**March 20<sup>th</sup> Chat Session – 1:00 pm**

The topic for this session is, "The townships of McClellan and Blissville". Feel free to bring photos, artifacts and other items to show and tell.

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