Want to learn more about Geneva’s history?
Come explore the Museum’s Main Gallery exhibition, Geneva’s Story.

Fall 2015—Summer 2016
Exhibitions, Programs & Community Events

What a year for GHM in 2014: If you missed the unveiling, come see the update to our Main Gallery exhibition: Geneva’s Story.

The mission of the Geneva History Museum is to preserve and share Geneva’s evolving story while inspiring and engaging the community. Geneva History Museum is an independent not-for-profit organization. We take pride in operating without help from government institutions or tax-payer dollars. Our life-blood lies with annual memberships, donations, sponsorships, grants and bequests. These things alone allow the Museum to be a valuable asset to the community.

We preserve and care for more than 30,000 artifacts in the Museum collection. We support more than 150 researchers annually from across the country. We inspire adults and students with 50 annual educational programs. We engage more than 5,000 visitors with two galleries and multiple exhibitions.

Annual Donor Levels Support Geneva History Museum and enjoy these benefits. The more you give, the more you receive!

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• Name on annual donor wall
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• Includes Historian benefits plus:
• FREE gift of one-year membership
• Two complimentary tickets to annual GHM Presents
• 50% off Museum room rental fees

Donations may be mailed with the enclosed donation form. Or submitted online at GenevaHistoryMuseum.org. Donations are tax deductible. Your annual donation supports all Museum activities and helps us share Geneva’s story.

Belong to Geneva’s story. Your donation is vital to our success.

Geneva History Museum remains the best community and cultural institution.

GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL MUSEUM
Geneva History Museum is passionate about collecting, preserving and educating the community about Geneva’s rich history. Explore award-winning exhibitions with rare artifacts, participate in fascinating programs and find unique Geneva gifts. Belong to Geneva’s story by supporting the Museum!

Call to schedule research appointments. Or, stop in and browse our Gift Shop.

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VISIT THE MUSEUM
Tuesday - Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission
$3 / adults
$2 / children ages 3-10
FREE / Museum Members

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SECOND GRADE
A Field Trip to The Geneva History Museum and around town
Three parts: total of 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Program fee: $3 per student

Part 1 - Hiking Through Your Community
A guided walking tour of the historic district with communities as the main topic. Students get a map to follow and keep during the hike. We will talk about and see the courthouse, churches, library, city hall (with a stop in the mayor’s office) police station (talk with a police officer) and post office.

Part 2 - Maps
Students will learn about maps of all types, several different years of Geneva maps and make a map of their neighborhood. We also talk Geneva and community development.

Part 3 - Farming in 1900
The groups will watch a presentation about how farming was a way of life in Geneva for over 100 years. They will also explore the farming artifacts featured in the Main Gallery exhibition, Geneva’s Story.

THIRD GRADE
A Field Trip to The Geneva History Museum and around town
Three parts: total of 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Program fee: $3 per student

Part 1 - Hiking Through Your Historic Hometown
A walking tour to explore their hometown and learn more about Geneva’s historic buildings. Highlights include visiting the site of the first permanent settlement in Geneva, the Fox River and ringing the bell in Geneva’s oldest church.

Part 2 - Timeline Activity
Students learn how to read a timeline of Geneva’s history and participate in a scavenger hunt finding important moments in time.

Part 3 - Geneva’s Story Exhibit
Students will explore the artifacts featured in the Main Gallery exhibition, Geneva’s Story.

FOURTH GRADE
A Field Trip to The Geneva History Museum and West Side Cemetery
Total of 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Program fee: $3 per student

History Comes Alive in the Cemetery
Cemeteries are where we learn more about our past. Students will visit the West Side Cemetery in Geneva learn about tombstones, cemetery symbols and epitaphs and hear stories of Geneva’s earliest settlers.

FIFTH GRADE
A Field Trip to the Geneva History Museum and around town
Three parts: total of 2-1/2 to 3 hours.

Part 1 - Architectural Tour of Geneva
Walking Tour of Geneva’s Historic District learning architectural terms and identifying them on buildings.

Part 2 - I-Spy Activity
I-Spy Activity identify unique parts of Geneva buildings

Part 3 - Build Your Own House

HIGH SCHOOL
A Field Trip to the Geneva History Museum and an architectural tour of Geneva. A walking tour of Geneva’s Historic District learning architectural terms and identifying them on over 20 buildings. Total of 1-1/2 hours.

OUTREACH & TRAVELING TRUNKS
Have part of the Museum visit your classroom by scheduling an outreach program or renting a traveling trunk.

Outreach: A Visit with Charity Herrington
Meet the mother of Geneva’s founding family, experience the close quarters her seven children endured in their covered wagon while traveling west, suggest what they should bring on their journey, and discover what Geneva looked like when the first settlers arrived.

Traveling Trunk: Native Americans of the Fox Valley
Students will travel back in time to discover the culture of the Pottawatomi Native Americans. This hands-on trunk allows students to explore the nomadic life of these Fox Valley residents during the 1800s by examining their food, clothing, housing and transportation. Trunk is available for a week rental and delivered to your school.

Traveling Trunk: Swedish Immigration
Students will learn about three children ages 13, 9 and 6 who journeyed from Sweden to Geneva in 1903 by themselves, then the story of an 18 year old Swedish immigrant girl who lived and worked in Geneva in 1899. Trunk is available for a week rental and delivered to your school.

Traveling Trunk: Be a Viking
Students will learn about the life of a Viking including activities, games and a power point on the Viking Ship at Good Templar Park. A great activity before you visit the Viking Ship. Trunk is available for a week rental and delivered to your school.