

Summer 2019
Spring 2020

Exhibitions,
Programs &
Community
Events

Annual Calendar

GENEVA HISTORY MUSEUM

Fall 2019

Tuesday, Sep 10 / 12:00 P.M.

Brown Bag Program

Peck Farm Park: A Family Legacy

Join Trish Burns, Manager of Geneva Park District's Peck Farm Park, as she celebrates the Peck Farm House's 150th anniversary with an in-depth look at the Peck Family and their legacy.

Reservations

\$5.00 / Person

\$3.00 / Museum Members*

Annual Fundraiser, Sep 12. See Back Cover.

Tuesday, Oct 8 / 12:00 P.M.

Brown Bag Program

Radical Decorative: Geneva's Howell Furniture Company at the Century of Progress

This year marks the 85th anniversary of the 1933 Chicago World's Fair closing on Oct. 31, 1934. Join Stuart Henn, Marketing and Education Coordinator from Northern Illinois University Art Museum, as he explores Geneva's connection to the Century of Progress Exposition.

Reservations

\$5.00 / Person

\$3.00 / Museum Members*

Saturday, Oct 12

Community Event

Oak Hill Cemetery Walk - 11:00 A.M.

Explore Geneva's east side cemetery on Route 25. Learn the meanings of markings on tombstones and stories of prominent settlers. Meet at the cemetery.

West Side Cemetery Walk - 2:00 P.M.

Explore Geneva's oldest cemetery on Stevens Street. Learn the meanings of markings on tombstones and stories of prominent settlers. Meet at the cemetery.

Reservations for each walk

\$10.00 / Person

\$5.00 / Museum Members*

Saturday, Oct 26 / 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 P.M.

Community Event

Annual Ghost Walks

Where is the most haunted spot in Geneva? Join us for ghostly tales shared through guided tours of the historic district. Tours start at the Museum.

Reservations

\$10.00 / Person

\$5.00 / Museum Members*

Saturday, Nov 2 / 11:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

Feature Gallery Exhibition Closing

Kane County Juried Art Exhibition

Last chance to explore this thematically diverse exhibition celebrating Kane County's cultural heritage. Sponsored by Geneva Cultural Arts Commission & Geneva Foundation for the Arts.

Admission

\$3.00 / Adults

\$2.00 / Children ages 3-10

FREE / Museum Members

Tuesday, Nov 12 / 12:00 P.M.

Brown Bag Program

History of the Fabyan Forest Preserve

In honor of the 80th anniversary of Kane County's acquisition of the Fabyan Estate, Vivian Lasken, Director of the Fabyan Villa & Japanese Garden, will share stories of Fabyan Forest Preserve's history.

Reservations

\$5.00 / Person

\$3.00 / Museum Members*

Thursday, Nov 14 / 10:00 A.M.

NEW Fundraiser

Champagne Brunch at The Little Traveler

Kick-off your holiday season in the Atrium Café with a special Italian-themed brunch fundraiser for restoration of our 18th century Neapolitan nativity. Hear unique stories behind this masterpiece first displayed at The Little Traveler in the 1930s. Limited seats available. Reservations taken by The Little Traveler, 630-232-4200 or LittleTraveler.com.

Reservations

\$30.00 / Person (includes a shopping coupon)

On the Cover:

30 freight cars derailed near the South First Street viaduct in July 1933.

Left:

Kurt Zollers in front of the iconic Black Hawk Statue in Fabyan Forest Preserve, circa 1973.

Top right:

April 11, 1965, a tornado hit Geneva's northwest area with destruction to homes at the corner of Ford Street and Maple Lane.

KANE COUNTY JURIED ART EXHIBITION

JUN 14 — NOV 2, 2019

A thematically diverse exhibition celebrating Kane County's cultural heritage.

Sponsored in part by:



Winter 2019–2020

Tuesday, Nov 26 / 11:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

Community Event

Annual Geneva Giving Trees
& 18th Century Crèche Display

Visit our gallery of Christmas trees decorated by local charities. Marvel at our 18th century Crèche, a historic nativity scene originally displayed at The Little Traveler. Giving Trees and Crèche on display through December 21.

Friday, Dec 6 / 5:00–9:00 P.M.

Community Event

Annual Geneva Giving Trees
& 18th Century Crèche Display

Special evening viewing of Christmas trees and our 18th century nativity during the Geneva Chamber of Commerce Christmas Walk. Take your photo in our antique sleigh photo booth!

Thursday, Dec 12 / 5:00–7:00 P.M.

Annual Fundraiser

Museum Merry Mixer

Enjoy appetizers, music and raffle prizes at this cocktail party fundraiser for our magnificent 18th century nativity restoration. Reservations include appetizers and one drink ticket - (\$5/each for more).

Reservations

\$35.00 / Person

\$30.00 / Museum Members*

Monday, Dec 16 / 6:00 P.M.

Member Event

Annual Members Celebration

Members only private party to celebrate the Museum's accomplishments. Games and fun. Special 20% Gift Shop discount for attendees.

Reservations

FREE / Museum Members*

The Museum will be closed Dec. 23 thru Feb. 7.

Saturday, Feb 8 / 11:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

Feature Gallery Exhibition Opening

Disaster and Destruction Hit Geneva

A photographic exhibition highlighting the disasters and destruction that have rocked this city and how Geneva responded in the wake of devastation.

Admission

\$3.00 / Person

\$2.00 / Children ages 3-10

FREE / Museum Members*

Tuesday, Feb 11 / 12:00 P.M.

Brown Bag Program

Geneva's East Side

Come learn about Geneva's development east of the Fox River. Hear stories about the people, homes and businesses that shaped this area.

Reservations

\$5.00 / Person

\$3.00 / Museum Members*

Spring 2020

Tuesday, Mar 10 / 12:00 P.M.

Brown Bag Program

A Life In Code

In honor of National Women's History Month, join us for this special Skype presentation with author G. Stuart Smith, great-nephew of pioneer cryptanalyst Elizebeth Smith Friedman who began her career at Fabyan's Riverbank Laboratories in Geneva.

Reservations

\$5.00 / Person

\$3.00 / Museum Members*

Tuesday, Apr 14 / 12:00 P.M.

Brown Bag Program

History of Geneva's Drug Stores

This year marks the 55th anniversary of Riley Drug, Geneva's only remaining family owned, neighborhood pharmacy. Join us for a panel discussion about Geneva's drug store history.

Reservations

\$5.00 / Person

\$3.00 / Museum Members*

Tuesday, May 12 / 12:00 P.M.

Brown Bag Program

Frank Brownfield Gray: Geneva Architect

Born in St. Charles, Frank Brownfield Gray eventually established his architectural office at Geneva in 1928. His extensive portfolio of projects throughout the Fox River Valley has been unacknowledged and often overlooked. Michael A. Lambert, Preservation Planner for the City of Geneva, will highlight Gray's career, as well as his architectural legacy in Geneva and neighboring communities.

Reservations

\$5.00 / Person

\$3.00 / Museum Members*



*Present your Membership card to receive your benefits.

Advance reservations are essential to ensure attendance and can be made by visiting GenevaHistoryMuseum.org or call 630-232-4951. Refunds are available if cancellation is made two weeks prior.

Middle right:

Geneva History Museum's 18th century Crèche

Bottom right:

Jim Riley behind the pharmacy counter of Riley Drug, 214 West State Street, circa 1967.