Events

Community

Exhibitions, Spring 2020, Summer 2019

Annual Calendar

Fall 2019

Tuesday, Oct 8 / 12:00 p.m.
Brown Bag Program

Radical Decorative: Geneva’s Hewitt 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 Howe, 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.
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
When 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*

Tuesday, Nov 12 / 5:00–9:00 p.m.
Brown Bag Program

History of the Fabyan Forest Preserve
In honor of the 85th anniversary of Kane County’s acquisition of the Fabyan Estate, Virjan 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 with the Amont Café with a special Italian-themed brunch fundraiser for restoration of our 18th century Napolitan nativity. Hear unique stories behind this masterpiece first displayed at The Little Traveler in the 1950s. Limited seats available. Reservations taken by The Little Traveler, 630-232-4200 or LittleTraveler.com.
Reservations
$30.00 / Person (includes a shopping coupon)

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.
Reservations
$5.00 / Person
$3.00 / Museum Members*

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Saturday, Dec 7 / 11:00–3:30 p.m.
Brown Bag Program

FREE / Museum Members*

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

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 cryptographer Elizabeth Smith Friedman who began her career at Fabyan’s Room/stock 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 150th 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 benefit.
**Advance reservations are essential. Have your Members card with you for entry to Genevahistorymuseum.org or call 630-232-4061.
Schedules are subject to change. Call the Museum for more details.

On the Cover:
30 freight cars derailed near the south end of the Fox River Bridge in July 1933.

Left:
Kurt Zollers in front of the iconic Black Decorafix factory in Geneva, photo circa 1933.

Top right:
April 19, 1965, a tornado hit Geneva, flattening the historic east side homes and businesses that shaped this area.

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.

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