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Reserve A Seat!

Fifth Annual Trivia Night March 18

Ready to play Trivia? You'll get your chance on Saturday, March 18 when the Society holds its Fifth Annual Trivia Night. Doors open at 6 p.m., play starts at 7 p.m. at the Christ the King Parish Hall, 1930 Barberry Drive, Springfield.

If you haven't done so already, you can go to our website, www.sangamonhistory.org and purchase a table of 10 seats for \$100 or buy an individual ticket for \$10 (we'll seat you with other enthusiastic trivia players). The table that comes up with the most right answers will win \$200, with second and third prizes of \$100 and \$75 to the runners up.

Well-known Trivia Master Al Gietl is assembling the questions and will oversee evening's game. Emmy award-winning public television host and producer Mark McDonald will emcee the evening's events. Food and drinks will be available for a small fee, including chili prepared by national champion chili cook and Society member Les Eastep.

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 Chili by Les Eastep, hot dogs, cookies and
 and water) available for purchase
 Prizes: \$200 - 1st place; \$100 - 2nd place; \$75 - 3rd place
 Proceeds to benefit Sangamon County Historical Society
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BALLOON SUPER SALES-WOMAN Roni Betts will be on the job on March 18, selling tables balloons for the Balloon Contest, a traditional part of Trivia Night play.

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GIFTED: Society President Ruth Slottag (left) presents speaker Kathryn Harris with a token of the Society's appreciation (our SCHS mug) for her moving presentation on the 1908 Springfield Race Riot. See Page 5.



In Celebration of Women's History Month!

March is National Woman's History Month!

Although women have played a very significant role in American history since our country's formation, women's history was not celebrated until 1980, when then President Jimmy Carter designated the first week in March as Women's National History Week. His proclamation explained:

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built American was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

As a result of much lobbying in Congress, the "Week" has been changed to Women's History Month. You can learn more about this observance by going to www.nwhp.org.

Some of the early women in our nation's history include Abigail Adams, wife of President John Adams who served as an unofficial advisor, and Betsy Ross who created the first American flag, but many others demonstrated similar courage in their endeavors through the years. Some of the best known are Harriet Tubman, Susan B. Anthony and many more.

In Sangamon County, a number of women are recognized in our rich local history. Some of them have been written about by Mike Kienzler, SangamonLink.org editor. A few are listed below.

Salome Paddock Enos (1791-1877) wife of Pascal P. Enos, endured many hardships during her pioneer life. As a newly married couple, they migrated from Vermont to St. Louis. In 1823 Pascal opened the first land office in the Springfield District at the corner of Third and Jefferson Streets. Pascal died in 1832, leaving his young widow to raise their children and manage his sizeable land holdings. In 1837 she donated \$3 million (in 1877 dollars) worth of property for a new State Capitol (now the Old State Cap-

itol). Her later years were spent living with her eldest daughter in her home on North Sixth Street. After her death she left her children one of the largest estates in the city at that time.

Eva Carroll Monroe (1868-1950) created and operated the Lincoln Colored Home, the first orphanage for African American children in Sangamon County, from 1904 until 1933. She was involved in the formation of the Springfield Colored Women's Club and in 1919 was elected president of the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Susan Wilcox (1866-1943) was one of the central figures in a group of literary and political visionaries who agitated and improved Springfield in the early 20th century. An



English teacher for 46 years, she was an educational innovator at Springfield High School, starting a literary magazine, creating journalism, debate and drama classes. During her tenure she nurtured budding talents such as

Vachel Lindsay and Robert Fitzgerald.

Nellie Brown Duff (1888-1971) was a reporter, screenwriter, veteran's advocate and provocateur in Springfield from 1917 until the late 1920s. She later moved to Bellingham, Washington, continuing similar pursuits. Duff is best known as a compiler of the Honor Book of Sangamon County, 1917-1919, which recognized most of the county's World War I military veterans.

Elizabeth Brown Ide (1873-1978) was born into money and married a rich husband. She could have lived her life as merely a socialite, but chose to become a strong children's advocate. She began her career as a Sunday School teacher at the Home of the Friendless and later became secretary of the home's board of lady managers. She worked to improve living conditions and mortality rate of children in Springfield.

To read more about these courageous women go to www.SangamonLink.org.

Ruth Slotta



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Vicky Whitaker, **Historico** Editor

April 18 Book and Look

**Mann, Garvert to Profile Latest Book
Lead Sangamon Valley Room Tour**

If you haven't had a chance to tour the newly refurbished and expanded Sangamon Valley Room and its vast collection of publications, photos, maps, and more at the City of Springfield's Lincoln Library, you'll get the opportunity on Tuesday, April 18 as part of a "Talk and Tour" sponsored by the Sangamon County Historical Society.



Mann



Garvert

The "talk" portion, starting at 5:30 p.m. in Carnegie Room North, will feature authors Curtis Mann and Linda Garvert discussing their latest book, *Images of Modern*

America: Springfield, just published by Arcadia. Mann oversees the City of Springfield Lincoln Library's Sangamon Valley Collection and serves as Springfield city historian. Garvert, a librarian who holds a masters degree in instructional media, worked alongside Mann and his predecessor, Ed Russo at the Sangamon Valley Collection for 29 years. She retired in 2014. Mann, Garvert and Ed Russo, who is also retired, have collaborated nearly a dozen books together. All three are members of the Sangamon County Historical Society, Mann a past president, Garvert and Russo, Life Members.

For the newest book, Mann and Garvert assembled and described 1960s and 1970s photos, many in color and most taken by amateur photographers, that illustrate how Springfield changed in that era.

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Mill, Pizza, and a Cattle Baron

SangamonLink.org Continues to Grow

With the number of individual entries approaching a thousand, *SangamonLink.org*, Mike Kienzler, editor of the Society's on-line and searchable encyclopedia of Sangamon County history has added several new entries to the site's every expanding compendium. This time it offers an opportunity to expand your knowledge of everything from an ill-fated former mill to a slice of pizza history.

Among the newest entries is the back story

on the landmark Wolf Creek Mill (also known as Constant's Mill) on Wolf Creek in Williams Township, Illinois. The latest addition is about Saputo's Twins

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Corner, opened by twin brothers Frank and Joe in September 1948 at Eighth and Monroe Streets. When the opening was announced in the *Illinois State Journal*, the culi-

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MARCH 2017 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Lois Jazo, Nicholas and Mary Penning, Veronica Robinson

April 12 Deadline Looms For Special Project Awards

The clock is ticking for those seeking funds for a small but significant local history project but don't have the funds to do it. Applications to be considered for support from the Sangamon County Historical Society through its Special Projects Fund must be received by Wednesday, April 12.



SPECIAL PROJECTS AWARD chair Elaine Hoff (above) will be guiding her committee through its review of 2017 applications. Individuals and groups must send in their requests by April 12.

Special Projects grants have been used to repair the Oak Ridge Cemetery bell controller and repair a weathered, interpretive Bell Tower marker that explained that a marble slab inlaid on the Tower was the one upon which the remains of Abraham Lincoln were first placed in the cemetery's receiving tomb. A Special Projects grant also helped purchase equipment to establish a tree ring analysis laboratory at the Illinois State Museum, and for a National Public Radio series on WUIS-FM about Sangamon history. Previous grants also have underwritten permanent historic flora and fauna markers for a nature path at the Clayville Historic Site; and historic signage in the Village of Williamsville.

"The Society is now taking applications for funding new historic projects within the county that carry out our mission to preserve and promote interest in the history of Sangamon County," explained Special Projects Fund committee chair Elaine Hoff in announcing this year's annual competition.

"Groups and individuals are invited to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 for projects which must start after July 1, 2017, and be completed by June 30, 2018." The Society awards up to \$3,000 for such projects each year.

Applications are available on-line at www.sangamonhistory.org. Completed forms can be submitted online or mailed to the Sangamon County Historical Society, Special Projects Committee, P.O. Box 9744, Springfield, IL 62791-9744.

Award winners will be announced at the Society's annual dinner in June. For more information, call 217- 525-1961.

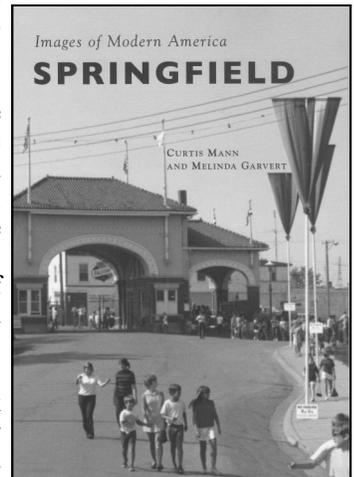
Authors to Speak Followed By Tour of Library Redo

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"Telling the rich and colorful history of a community like Springfield for a 20-year period in just 95 pages is a difficult task in itself, the authors noted in the book's introduction. "Our subtle theme is the changing environment, changes that were quite dramatic when compared with other eras." Images of a Modern America: Springfield, is divided into chapters on tourism and historic preservation, education, entertainment, commerce, civic, and events.

Following their presentation, attendees will be able to tour the newly expanded Sangamon Valley Room on the third floor, part of a major library renovation project made possible through a \$1.9 million gift to the library from the estate of Joe and Rose De-Frater.

The talk and tour will be a few days



short of the 48th anniversary of the original opening of the Sangamon Valley Room, an event that then underscored the role the Society played in its creation, design, and financial support. At a dedication ceremony at its opening on April 22, 1977, Society officials noted that it climaxed "the dreaming stage of our Society's plan for a permanent collection of Central Illinois historical data," that would continue to grow "because of the awareness that the time of records of the present become almost immediately the history of the past." The Society continues to provide financial support for the Sangamon Valley Collection as needed.

ERA CAPTURED: Curtis Mann and Melina Garvert's newest book, *Image of Modern America: Springfield*, takes a photographic journey of the city in the 1960s and 1970s. They'll discuss their work at the Society's April 18 meeting.

Mills, Pizza and More on *SangamonLink.org*

(Continued from page 3) Price-Prather House in Prather, in turn, deeded it to his son in 1882 for "\$1 and natural love and affection."

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Price-Prather House in Williamsville, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, "partially for its architectural features, but also for its connection to Prather," Kienzler writes.

The house, built by another cattle dealer, James Price in 1835, and was eventually sold to Prather's father in 1813.

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TAKING A NEW LOOK AT THE 1908 SPRINGFIELD RACE RIOT



Larry Stone photos

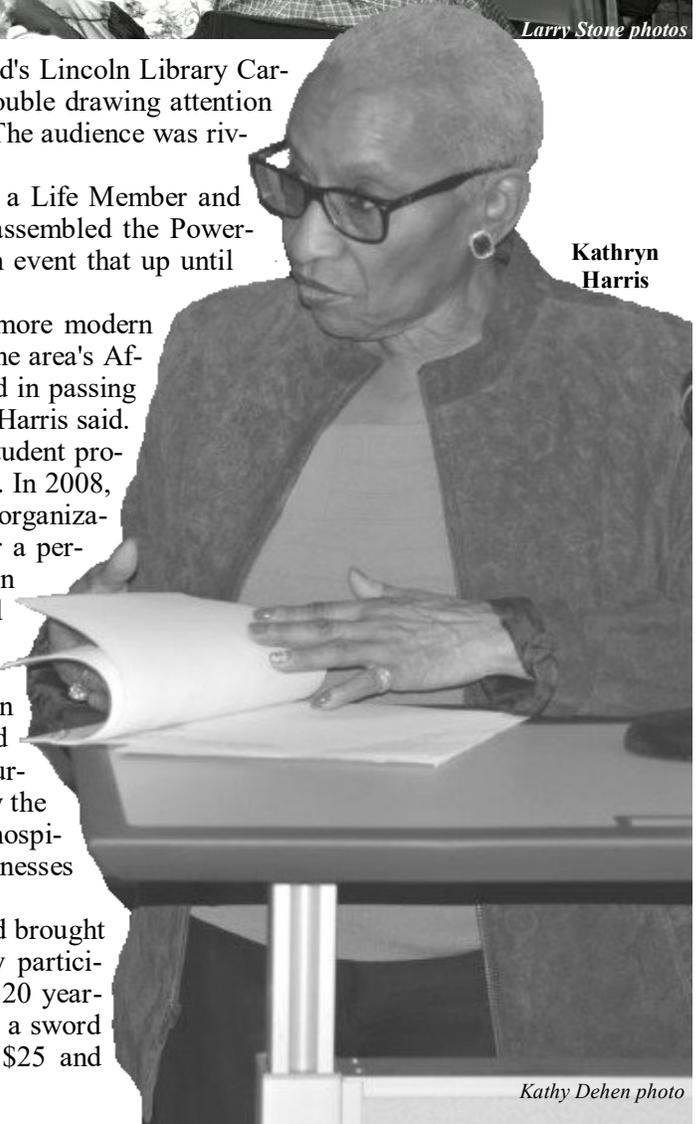
With an overflow audience that packed the City of Springfield's Lincoln Library Carnegie Room North on February 21, Kathryn Harris had no trouble drawing attention to her visual presentation on the 1908 Springfield Race Riot. The audience was riveted to the images.

Harris, president of the Abraham Lincoln Association and a Life Member and past president of the Sangamon County Historical Society, assembled the Powerpoint from historical photos, news accounts, and maps for an event that up until recently, was rarely known or discussed.

Though it made headlines around the nation in 1908, in more modern times, the riot that brought death, looting, and destruction to the area's African-American community in mid August of 1908, was noted in passing if at all in public school and college history curriculums here, Harris said. It wasn't until the mid 2000s that an Iles elementary school student project evolved into an effort for the city to acknowledge its past. In 2008, the 100th anniversary of the race riot, city and community organizations held numerous events, placed markers and arranged for a permanent bronze sculpture to be created and placed in Union Square Park, adjacent to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

The Powerpoint included photos of some of the estimated 5,000 rioters, old postcards, scenes of the destruction and murder sites, the victims and two women whose lies and actions incited the riot. When it ended, two blacks were murdered, five white men killed from assorted wounds inflicted by the militia or incidental rioting, 100 persons of both races were hospitalized, 40 black homes burned and nearly two dozen businesses destroyed, Harris noted.

In the last weeks of August 1908, a grand jury convened and brought 107 indictments against nearly 80 individuals who allegedly participated in the riots. The state managed only one conviction, a 20 year-old Russian vegetable peddler who was charged with stealing a sword belonging to Illinois National Guard officer. He was fined \$25 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.



Kathryn Harris

Kathy Dehen photo

Annual Trivia Night to Benefit Society Projects, Programs

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This year's round sponsors include Scheels; Kone Elevator & Escalator; Massie & Massie Associates; Marine Bank; Maddox Dentistry; Rammelkamp Bradney, Attorneys-At-Law; Illinois National Bank; Josh Langfelder, Sangamon County Recorder; Kristen DiCenso, Candidate for Ward 6 Alderman; and Flagg Farmstead.

The game is played in 10 rounds, each round with 10 questions that may be visual or audio. One player at each table oversees an answer sheet that reflects the consensus of that table's players. After each round, each table has a few minutes to fill in any blanks or change its answers, after which their answer sheet is brought over to a panel of judges who review the answers and give each table a score from zero to 10. And there's a way for a table to leave a blank space if they don't know the answer, without hurting their score: the *Mulligan!*

Before the trivia game officially begins at 7 p.m., each table will be able to purchase

a strip of 10 stick-on Mulligans, stickers that can be pasted on the answer sheet in place of only one of the ten answers in each round. With a Mulligan in place of a blank space for question you and your tablemates couldn't answer, you'll get credit for the question as if you answered it correctly. A strip of 10 Mulligans will cost \$10 per table

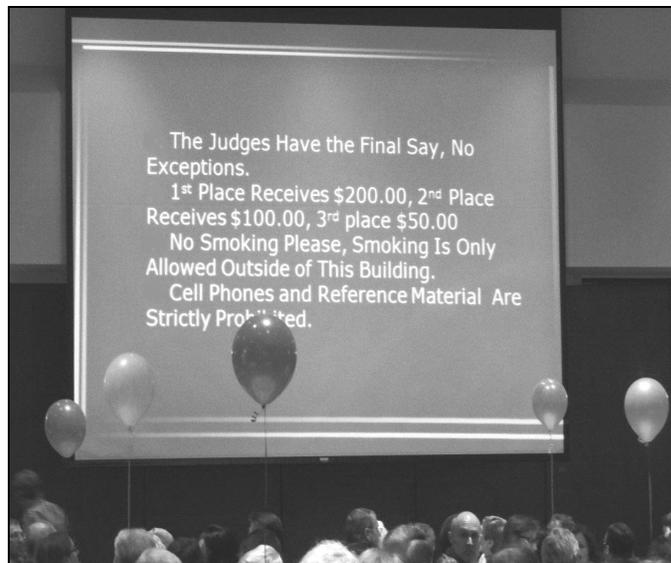
There's another way to also come home with a prize: A table can purchase a balloon for \$10 for the Balloon Round Game.

When you look at the score sheet, you will see that in each round, one of the 10 questions is clearly designated as the "Balloon Round" question. That means that if you are playing the Balloon Round Game, your table must correctly answer that question correctly. And if you're in the game, a Mulligan cannot be used on a Balloon Round question.

If your table had the wrong answer, you must immediately pop that balloon!

The table with the last balloon tethered to it, wins the

Game, the glory, and half the money collected for the Balloon game. If there is a tie after the balloon round the Balloon game.



GROUND RULES: There are some universal rules about playing Trivia. You can't use a cell phone, computer, or tablet to look up the answers, for one. In fact, all those electronic gadgets must be out of sight during the course of the evening. That goes for all other reference materials except, of course, your fellow tablemates. Be sure to put your cell phone on silent mode. There's no smoking in the building. And in case you forget, the Rules and an explanation of how to play the game will be listed on a tent card on every table. If you're curious how you're doing as compared to the other tables, the running score will be projected on the wall.

Solving a History Mystery: How and When Did Playing Trivia Begin?

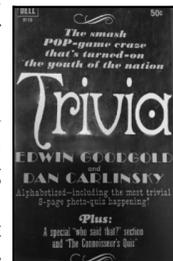
Every wonder how playing Trivia became a national pastime? If you're thinking that it goes back to the introduction of the Trivial Pursuit board game by Selchow and Richter in 1982, you'd be wrong.

Although its roots are even older, the modern game we play was organized in the 1960s by two Columbia University college students, Dan Carlinsky and Ed Goodgold who used the term "Trivia" in a college newspaper article, to describe a casual parlor game in which fellow col-

lege students traded questions and answers about pop culture. Goodgold and Carlinsky started organizing trivia contests and parlayed their avocation into writing a series of trivia books (the first, *Trivia*, published by Dell, hit the *New York Times* Best Seller list). The book was followed by several more that brought the pair fame if not fortune.

Carlinsky went on to become a well-known magazine journalist, author, and literary agent. Goodgold was the first manager of the singing group, Sha Na

Na, composed of some members of a Columbia University a cappella group. Four years later, he co-authored "Rock 'n' Roll Trivia" just as he and the William Morris Agency began steering Sha Na Na's career. Goodgold retired last June as assistant to the Dean of New York University's Partnership School Program.



Calendar of History Events

Now Through July 30: "The Story of New Philadelphia."

The Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum exhibit showcases the first town in the United States platted and registered by an African American in 1836, former slave Free Frank McWorter. McWhorter purchased his freedom and that of his wife and 13 family members, leaving Kentucky for Pike County, Illinois in 1830 where six years later he founded New Philadelphia which he thought would benefit from the commerce along the planned Illinois and Michigan Canal (which was never built). The town was integrated. Before the Civil War, New Philadelphia had become one of the stations along the Underground Railroad for shepherding escaped slaves to Canada. With emancipation, more settlers arrived in New Philadelphia. Its population peaked at close to 160 shortly after 1865. Bypassed in the construction of the Hannibal and Naples Railroad in 1869, the population drifted away and the town dissolved in 1885. The subject of extensive archeological research that began in 2004. The New Philadelphia site was added to the National Historic Register of Historic Places in 2005 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 2009. Artifacts excavated from New Philadelphia, provided by the Illinois State Museum, are among the items in the new exhibit. The Museum is located at 1440 Monument Avenue, Springfield. Museum hours are Noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

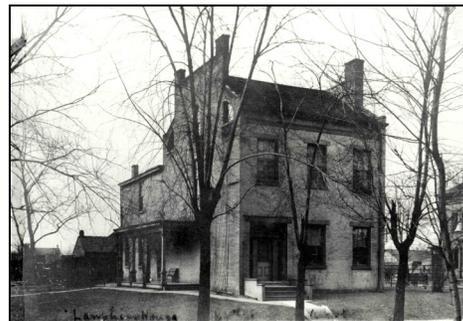


Friday, March 10 (Opening Reception) through Saturday, April 1: **Shifting Sands: Springfield's Architectural Legacy, Part 2.** The Springfield Art Association and the Sangamon Valley Collection of the Lincoln Library provides a sequel to their popular 2015 *Shifting Sands: Springfield's Architectural Legacy* exhibition with an additional 40 photos of Springfield's historic buildings from the 19th and 20th centuries, along with the stories of how these buildings were built, used, and restored or destroyed. The exhibition opens with a March 10 reception, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,



We may have gotten a break from Mother Nature so far this winter, but now that March is here and the tornado season taking shape for the spring and summer, weather is very much on the Society's radar. If weather conditions call for it, the Society could cancel a meeting or a special event. And if that happens, an announcement to that effect will be posted by 3 p.m. of the day of the meeting/event several different ways. Notices initially will be posted on our main website, sangamonhistory.org and on our phone, 217-525-1961 by 3 p.m. on the day of the meeting or event. This should give you ample time to change plans. Where possible, we will also post any cancellation notices on media websites and request that they be broadcast through local radio and television outlets.

with a gallery talk at 6 p.m. by the show's curators Erika Holst, Curtis Mann, and Stephanie Martin. A wide variety of buildings will be featured:



19th century mansions such as the Lanphier House (at right) mansions-turned-businesses such as Norb Andy's, nostalgic buildings such as Thrifty Drug, and imperiled buildings such as the YWCA. The exhibit will be in the Art Association's Martin M.G. Nelson Family Gallery of Art, 700 North Fourth Street, Springfield. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 13: SCHS Annual Meeting & Dinner, Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains. Keynote speaker will be Carolyn Moore who headed the Society in 2007.

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