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The Marbold Farmstead - A Legacy in the Making April 15 5:30 pm @ Lincoln Library



Just a quick glance at the before and after pictures of the Marbold Homestead shows the amazing restoration that the engaged Historic Marbold Farmstead Association has accomplished.

President of the Association, Barbara Van Dyke-Brown will share how the group tackled restoring a run-down, rat and termite infested, sagging house that had been overgrown with weeds and stripped by looters.

The Marbold Farmstead was established with the purchase of the property by John H. Marbold in 1851. John, an immigrant from Badbergen, Germany was an

experienced farmer and livestock breeder. He traveled to Menard County at the recommendation of his brother to relocate his family. A widower, John was the father of 3 children, who arrived with him. He established a homestead on the current site that would carry on



for 3 generations. Located just off Route 29, the Marbold home remains a landmark in the community.

In 2004, community members and other interested parties came

Highlights

May Program

**May 21 at Farmingdale
Presbyterian Church
*Underground Railroad
Activities in Sangamon
County***

***Summer Celebration -
Honors and Salutes June
10 at Vinegar Hill Mall***

together to determine how the property might be saved. With the property purchased in 2012, the Association is dedicated to creating a living history farm, focused on the agricultural history of the area from 1880 - 1910. The Association has worked diligently providing educational opportunities for young and old to learn more about the historical and agricultural significance of the Marbold Farmstead during this period.

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Mark your calendar for the
April Program at Lincoln
Library Carnegie Room



From the President's Desk



CINDA KLICKNA

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots. ~ Marcus Garvey

On our most recent survey the question was asked "Why are you a member?" It was obvious from many answers that our Society members believe in this quote and are people who love learning and seek out knowledge about the history of our area.

It is through programs, our annual cemetery walk, and the Historico that the Society provides knowledge about our area - its people and events.

It is hard to believe we are already in April and announcing our last events of the fiscal year - history of the Marbold Farmstead (April), a third program on conductors of the

Underground Railroad (May), and our end of the year Summer Celebration (June).

We are still interested in receiving your surveys so we can plan for next year's events and programs.

And, please take a few minutes to follow the directions to sign into our new website and update your information, pay dues, donate, read about upcoming events, etc.

Thank you for being SCHS members.

Cinda



Registration is open
for Summer
Celebration - Honors
and Salutes. See
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SCHS Board of Directors

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www.sangamonhistory.org or www.sangamohis.org.

Send event announcements to: schshistorico@gmail.com

Unsung Heroines



Members of the Sangamon County Historical Society and the Springfield Choral Society were treated to an amazing performance on Friday, March 21. Springfield Choral Society Director Jake Woollen thanked our Society for the partnership and recognized Linda Schneider as the script writer and Sangamon Link for the research. Thanks to all who attended!



The Unsung Heroines



Spfd Choral Society
Director Jake Woollen



Janet Margedant as Mary
Ann Yezdauskas Sitki



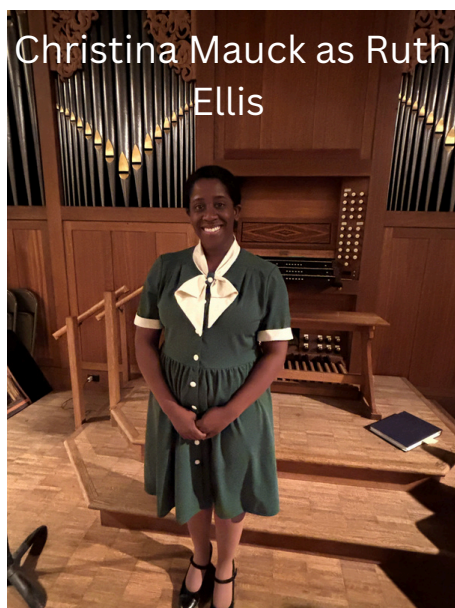
Patricia Davis as
Gertrude Wright Morgan



Mary Dissler as Nellie
Brown Duff



Erica Smith as Mother
Mary Joseph



Christina Mauck as Ruth
Ellis



Tracy Petro as
Carrie Post

Grant Funds Available for Historic Projects



The Sangamon County Historical Society is now taking applications for funding historic special projects within the county that carry out its mission, which is to preserve and promote interest in the history of Sangamon County.

Last year the Society gave grants to the following: Prairie Skies Public Library District for the digitization of microfilm for three Pleasant Plains surrounding newspapers, Pleasant Plains Press, The Review & The Argus; Oak Ridge Cemetery Foundation for six Springfield Underground Railroad Conductor Grave Markers; Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, The Belles Group (Rees Carillon Society) to help produce an educational video to be used in the classroom for K-6th grade students to tie in with the Illinois State Music Learning Standards.

Applications can be found on-line at www.sangamonhistory.org. Click on “Grants.”

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.

The deadline is April 20, 2025. Award winners will be announced at the Society’s Summer Celebration on June 10 (see page 4) . For more information, contact the Sangamon County Historical Society at 217-525-1961.



A program on underground railroad activities in Sangamon County will be presented for the third time on Wednesday (not Tuesday), May 21st at 5:30 at Farmingdale Presbyterian Church, 7971 Farmington Cemetery Rd., Pleasant Plains, Illinois. Several conductors buried at Farmington (Farmingdale) Cemetery less than a mile away will be remembered. Tazewell County Clerk John C. Ackerman will once again represent the previous statewide commission’s final report and share the status of the work moving forward. Following the ceremony, interested audience members will travel to the cemetery to place the specifically created markers on the conductors’ graves. Light refreshments will be offered. A special thanks to Farmingdale Presbyterian Church for hosting us.



10
JUNE

SCHS

5:30
PM

SUMMER CELEBRATION – HONORS AND SALUTES

VINEGAR HILL MALL
107 W. COOK ST. | SPRINGFIELD, IL

ENJOY HORS D'OEUVRES AND DRINKS, HEAR ABOUT THE HISTORY OF VINEGAR HILL MALL (ONCE THE EDWARDS & CHAPMAN LAUNDRY, OPENED IN 1905), CELEBRATE THE SCHS'S GRANT RECIPIENTS, HONOR OUTGOING SCHS BOARD MEMBERS AND SALUTE NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

★ REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.MEMBERS.SANCOHIS.ORG/EVENT-CALENDAR

★ EMAIL: SCHSOFFICE@GMAIL.COM

★ MAIL TO: P.O. BOX 9744 | SPRINGFIELD, IL 62791-9744 ★

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Tickets _____ @ \$35 per person = \$ _____

New SCHS Website



The new website is live! We hope you like it!

If you have not yet created a login to access the Member Info Hub, please take a moment to do so.

Member Info Hub

Members can log in to the Info Hub to:

- Update contact information
- View and register for events
- View and pay invoices
- View and upload resources

To log in to the Info Hub

- From the Home Page, click Member Login
- If you have not set up your account, under “Don’t have an account”, click “Create One”
- Enter first name, last name and email address
- If a match is found in the database (we must have your email on file), you will receive an email to create a login. Within this email there will be a link to create your username and password. Admins will NOT have access to your password.
- If no email match is found, you will receive notice that the account cannot be created. Please provide an email address to be able to proceed.



Your Membership
Benefits
in Your Hand!

Download on the
App Store

ANDROID APP ON
Google play

If you want to access the Info Hub from your cell phone, download the Member Plus App.

With the app you can easily stay up to date with events, news and other information, update your contact information, pay open invoices and access resources. The app also offers push notification. For example, in the event that a program is cancelled due to weather, you would receive a direct notice on your cell phone.



The app is available in iTunes and Google Playstore.

Please log in to the Member Info Hub and make sure your information is correct so you don't miss out on anything!

While registration is not required for the monthly programs, if you do register in advance you will receive a confirmation with event details, AND you will get a reminder email.

**DON'T
MISS OUT!**



Calendar

A Heads Up Guide to Area History Events

Save the Date!



Send announcements, information, photos and illustrations to schshistorico@gmail.com.

**April 17, 6:00 pm: Art
History Happy Hour at
Springfield Art Association**



Enjoy a glass of wine and listen to a lecture by a local art expert. Lincoln Tears and Iron Project presented by Chris Allen. Doors open 5:30 pm. Free.



**ILLINOIS
STATE MUSEUM**
explore. discover. learn. share.

**April 23, 5:30 pm at Illinois State Museum
Research & Collections Center (1011 E. Ash St.):**

Join Curator Erika Holst as new acquisitions are revealed. Items from Abraham Lincoln's extended family in Springfield, passed down through five generations of the Edwards and Hickox families, will be on display.

**April 25 to April 27;
Fri. & Sat. at 7:30
pm and Sun. at
4:00 pm:**

Mr. Lincoln at The Hoogland Center for the Arts. The one-person play features both the folksy wisdom of Lincoln's biography



and the transcendent grandeur of his nation-healing words as president, healing that was cut short by an assassin's bullet.

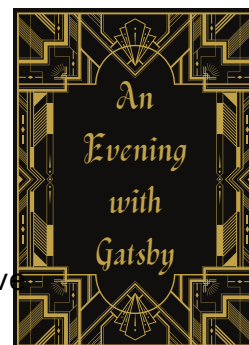


**April 26, 10am-4pm at
Illinois State Military
Museum: Medical Units
Through Time
Free - Donations
Welcome**

The Living History Detachment and reenactors will portray a timeline of soldiers, medics and nurses from various wars and conflicts that Illinois has been involved in.

**April 26, 6:30 pm at Dana-
Thomas House:**

Join the SAAC and IDNR for an Evening with Gatsby, a literary celebration for the 100th anniversary of The Great Gatsby. Experience the roaring 20's with live entertainment, arts activities and tours of the Dana-Thomas House. \$100/person. Guests are encouraged to dress in period inspired attire.

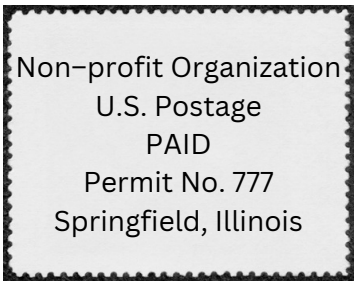


**May 3, 5:00 pm
Refuge Ranch
(9350 Cascade,
Rochester, IL):**

Join Refuge Ranch, which offers therapeutic care to children through horse riding and care, for a fundraiser with live music, food stations, program, tour, photo ops with horses and other animals, raffles, giveaways, and line dancing. Free but tickets required. See the evening's agenda and get tickets at: www.expandrefuge.eventbrite.com

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Return Service Requested



Sangamon County Historical Society 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Form

Mail this form with your check to the Sangamon County Historical Society, P.O. Box 9744, Springfield, IL 62791-9744. Our membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. All memberships cover adults and children 16 and over living at the same address. Be sure to list their full names. Please Print.

Your Full Name _____

Spouse/Significant Other First Name _____

Spouse’s maiden name where applicable _____

Your e-mail _____

Your address _____

City, State , Zip _____ Phone _____

Choose Your Level of Membership: ☐ Regular (\$30) ☐ Pioneer (\$100) ☐ Settler (\$250)
☐ Trailblazer (\$500) ☐ Lifetime (\$700 one-time fee) ☐ College/University Student (individual) (\$20)
☐ This is a GIFT (Name of recipient, mailing and e-mail address):

☐ I am adding a donation to the Society in addition to my membership in the amount of \$_____