

What's Old is News!

Stephenson County Historical Society's Museum Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 27th SCHS Annual Dinner

SCHS Annual Meeting, Dinner, and Program. Eagles Club. Social Hour starts at 5PM, Dinner at 6PM. Program topic TBA.

May 18-20 Perennial Plant Sale

The perennial plant sale will take place on the museum grounds Thursday & Friday 9AM-4PM Saturday 9AM to 3PM.

Sunday, June 11th Ice Cream Social

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on the grounds of the museum on Sunday, June 11th from noon to 4PM. Watch for more information on this updated fun family event!

Who's Who

Executive Director: Sharon Welton
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Grace Wagner
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Audrey Holmstrom

Welcome to the first edition of our online newsletter!

It's been over a year since we have sent out a newsletter, and we apologize. A lot has been going on at the museum keeping us very busy. We have now created an online newsletter, "What's Old is News!" We hope to be on track and we plan on keeping everyone up-to-date regularly on what is new at the museum. Watch for our newsletter and special updates coming to your inbox!

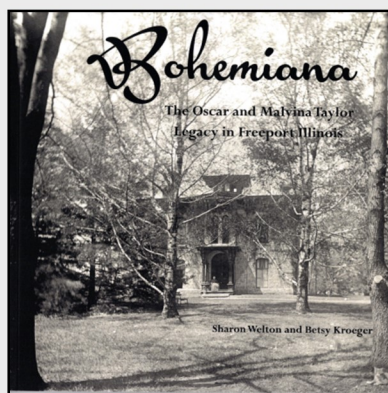
New Exhibits Opening Soon

Two new temporary museum exhibits have just been finished and will open soon. The first exhibit is *50 Years of Fashion: 19th Century Women's Dresses*. The exhibit features some of the best women's dresses from the collection of the SCHS, dating from about 1845 through 1900. Most have documentation as to who wore the clothing, and a brief history of those women. Included in this exhibit is a display of hair art that was fashionable during this period. The second exhibit is *Taylor Artifacts from the Marshall Taylor Collection*. This exhibit features a recent donation of Taylor artifacts from the great grandson of Oscar Taylor. The collection came from California and includes some of Malvina Taylor's hand painted plates that she displayed at the 1893 Columbian Exposition World's Fair, a tea set used by the Taylor's, photo albums, and more. The exhibits can be seen when the museum is open for tour, Fridays-Sundays, Noon-4PM. A members reception is in the planning stage.

Museum Grounds Gets New Blacktop

A big thank you goes out the Freeport Park District for funding a project that replaced the blacktop drive and parking area on the museum grounds. It was long needed! The grounds look so much nicer and it is so much easier driving and parking now. The beautiful museum grounds have been greatly enhanced because of this project. We really appreciate the wonderful support and partnership the Park District has been providing to us.

New Book about the Taylor Family and Taylor House is Ready!



It has long been a goal of the SCHS to have a book written that can be a souvenir for people who have toured the museum or want to know more about it. Finally, director Sharon Welton and board member Betsy Kroeger got together to make it happen. The final product is a 77 page book that tells the history of the Taylor family and their home, and gives highlights of the artifacts displayed in the house. The book retails for \$16 and is available in the museum gift shop.

Spring is Coming -Volunteers Needed!

Are you ready to get outside and enjoy the spring weather? Would you like to help out on the beautiful grounds of the historical society? We need volunteers to help the museum grounds retain the beauty that everyone has come to enjoy. You can volunteer for a day, or come when you are available. Weeding, trimming, raking, picking up sticks, and pruning are all some of the things that we need help with. Give the office a call if you want to know more about this and other volunteer opportunities.

Membership Drive Coming

April 1st starts our new fiscal year, and that means it is time for our annual membership drive! You will be receiving your membership mailing in late March. We appreciate all our members and ask that you please consider renewing quickly, as it helps us operate more efficiently and is one of our primary sources of funding. If you normally renew your membership at another time of year, you will still receive the membership information in March. We apologize for any confusion.

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What's New at the

National Museum Of Arcade Toys

Even though our dreams of building a new museum to house our world-class collection has been put on hold, we continue to increase the collection. In 2022, we added some very interesting pieces.

Special thanks to Jim Yingst, a toy collector, who has recently loaned us several very rare toys to exhibit in the museum. We appreciate Jim and all the collectors that have loaned toys to the museum. The support we have received from so many people is fantastic.

If you haven't toured the toy museum lately, you should come see what's new. It's always changing!

Annual Craft Sale Recap:

Over 300 people visited our Annual Holiday Craft and Gift Show in November to shop the selection offered by 20 local craftspeople and artists. We received many compliments that the mansion looked beautiful all decked out for Christmas! Achieving this does not happen overnight and we are extremely appreciative all of our faithful volunteers who spend hours moving furniture, decorating, setting up the display areas and arranging the wares—and then taking it all down afterward. A special thank-you to two high school students (pictured) who were able to help out this year!



Cousins Gabrielle Gastel and Isabel Gastel help decorate the Taylor House for Christmas.

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