

Stephenson County Historical Society

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Volunteer Interest Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with SCHS! Every volunteer brings different interests, talents, and experiences to our museum. This questionnaire will help us get to know you and connect you with opportunities you'll enjoy.

About You

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred way to be contacted:

☐ Phone Call ☐ Text ☐ Email

How Would You Like to Volunteer?

Which type of volunteering interests you? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Regular weekly volunteering
- ☐ Occasional volunteering
- ☐ Special events
- ☐ Docent/tours
- ☐ Cleaning and caring for museum buildings
- ☐ Gardening and grounds
- ☐ Research and local history
- ☐ Archives and collections
- ☐ Clerical/office help
- ☐ Wherever help is needed
- ☐ Not sure yet. I'd like to learn more!

What Do You Enjoy?

What kinds of activities or tasks do you enjoy doing?

Do you have any skills, hobbies, work experience, or areas of knowledge you think could be helpful at the museum?

Examples might include research, genealogy, gardening, public speaking, storytelling, organizing, writing, photography, decorating, technology, carpentry, teaching, event planning, or knowledge of local history.

Are there things you would prefer NOT to do?

Availability

If you are interested in volunteering regularly, what days generally work best for you?

- ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday
☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

How often would you ideally like to volunteer?

- ☐ Weekly
☐ A few times a month
☐ About once a month
☐ Occasionally
☐ Special events only
☐ As needed when my schedule allows

Events

Which SCHS events would you be interested in helping with?

- ☐ Perennial Plant Sale
☐ Ice Cream Social
☐ Spirits of Yesteryear
☐ Arts & Craft Sale
☐ Christmas Traditions
☐ Other special events
☐ I'm open to any of them!

What types of event jobs sound appealing to you?

- ☐ Set-up and decorating
☐ Greeting visitors
☐ Tickets/check-in
☐ Food service
☐ Museum/building monitor
☐ Storytelling or portraying historical characters
☐ Tear-down and clean-up
☐ Behind-the-scenes preparation
☐ Wherever I'm needed

Museum & Collections

Would you be interested in any of the following?

- ☐ Leading museum tours
- ☐ Becoming a fill-in docent
- ☐ Learning one building or exhibit really well
- ☐ Researching local history
- ☐ Genealogy research
- ☐ Working with historical documents or photographs
- ☐ Accessioning/cataloging artifacts
- ☐ Clerical or computer work
- ☐ Helping prepare exhibits
- ☐ None of these right now

Caring for Our Campus

Would you be interested in helping with:

- ☐ Merry Museum Maids & Men cleaning days
- ☐ Light cleaning inside historic buildings
- ☐ Weeding or gardening
- ☐ Picking up sticks and light grounds work
- ☐ Seasonal decorating
- ☐ Occasional workdays

A Little More About You

What made you interested in volunteering with the Stephenson County Historical Society?

Is there a particular part of Stephenson County history, museum building, collection, or exhibit that especially interests you?

Is there something you would love to do at SCHS that we haven't asked about?

Thank you for sharing a little about yourself! Completing this questionnaire does not commit you to a particular schedule or volunteer role. Our goal is to find opportunities that are a good fit for both you and the museum.

No amount of help is too small. We're glad you're here!