

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 2023

2023 PROGRAMS & EVENTS



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THE CHANGING FACE OF AGRICULTURE

The McHenry County Historical Society and the Center for Agrarian Learning at McHenry County College will feature farmers and local food professionals who are redefining the image of the American farmer, forging new paths with innovative product mixes and marketing channels. Hear their stories and participate in the discussion.

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - 7:00 pm

McHenry County College

Leucht Auditorium inside Building B

8900 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake

Admission: \$8 MCHS members, \$10 nonmembers

FILM SCREENING: *HARVEST OF LONELINESS: THE BRACERO PROGRAM*

The film sheds light on a program between the U.S. and Mexican governments to recruit Mexican farm laborers for temporary work in the United States. The program began during World War II and ended in 1964. The film includes interviews with surviving Braceros and their families. Raices Latinas: Agriculture in McHenry County is a project funded by the Community Foundation for McHenry County's Transformational Grant. The project's mission is to honor the valuable contributions of the Latino/Latine community to McHenry County's rich agricultural history. The film is in Spanish with some English subtitles. For more info, email info@raiceslatinasmc.org

Thursday, March 30, 2023 - 6:30 pm

Woodstock Opera House

121 W Van Buren Street, Woodstock

Admission: FREE. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., with a reception and refreshments until 6:30 pm.

March 2023

SPRING 2023 SPRING SHOWCASE

Join the McHenry County Historical Society and more than 130 Exhibitors for the Spring 2023 Consumer Showcase! Lots of giveaways, drawings, and prizes!

Thursday, March 23, 2023 - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Del Webb Sun City
Prairie Lodge
12880 Del Webb Blvd., Huntley
Admission: FREE

April 2023

BEFORE THE CHICAGO CUBS: BASEBALL COMES TO THE WINDY CITY

Professor Bruce Allardice discusses baseball's early spread and early (pre-1870) baseball in McHenry County.

Monday, April 10, 2023 - 6:30 pm
Huntley Park District REC Center
Willow Room
12015 Mill Street, Huntley
Admission: \$8 MCHS members, \$10 nonmembers

Our Mission:

We engage and educate current and future generations by preserving and sharing McHenry County history

May 2023

MUSEUM OPENS TO THE PUBLIC WITH FIVE NEW EXHIBITS

Join us in celebrating 60 years of collecting, preserving, and sharing its county's history with the public. To commemorate this anniversary, a special exhibition will highlight 60 never seen objects from the historical society's collection to tell the story of McHenry County. Other new exhibits include the Transportation Revolution, Bands & Music, World War I and, the 1920s, Prohibition and Crime.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm
McHenry County Historical Society & Museum
6422 Main Street, Union
The Museum is open Tuesday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, and Saturdays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm from 5/2/23 - 11/3/23
Admission: FREE

MT. THABOR CEMETERY WALK

Join local historian and McHenry County cemetery expert Trudie Dryer as she takes you on a walking tour of one of the County's first Catholic cemeteries while you learn about its origins and the exciting and sometimes tragic lives of the adults and children buried there.

Saturday, May 20, 2023 - 9:00 - 10:30 am
Northwest Corner at the intersection of Illinois Route 176 and Mt. Thabor Road, Crystal Lake
Parking at this location is limited, and admission is open to the first 20 registrants.
Admission: TBD. Registration opens 4/1/23
Rain Date: May 2, 9:00 - 10:30 am

June 2023

CHEERS TO 60 YEARS MUSEUM OPENING

Join us as we officially kick off our 60th year with a friendraising party in honor of 60 years of collecting, preserving, and sharing the county's history! Musical entertainment, Food trucks, and 6 breweries will be on-site to provide fun, food and beverages*.

Friday, June 2, 2023 - 5:00 - 8:00 pm
McHenry County Historical Society & Museum
6422 Main Street, Union
Admission: FREE - *Food & alcoholic beverages available for purchase

OAKLAND CEMETERY WALK

Join local historian and McHenry County cemetery expert Trudie Dryer as she takes you on a walking tour where you will revisit the lives of Civil War soldiers, learn about the purpose and residents of the Potter's field, and discuss the lives of some of those interred, for whom Oakland was not their first place of cemetery residence!

Saturday, June 3, 2023 - 9:00 - 10:30 am
13707 West Jackson Street, Woodstock
Admission is open to the first 40 registrants.
Admission: TBD. Registration opens 4/1/23
Rain Date: June 4, 9:00 - 10:30 am

July 2023

ANNUAL HERITAGE FAIR

Food, entertainment and fun for the whole family!

Sunday, July 9, 2023 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
McHenry County Historical Society & Museum
6422 Main Street, Union
Admission: FREE.

August 2023

THE REINTRODUCTION OF NATIVE AMERICANS INTO ILLINOIS

Chief White Winnebago will introduce participants to the culture and history of the Ho-Chunk nation. He will examine the history of his tribal territory and settlements, how his family was relocated into Starved Rock, tribal names and culture, his regalia, and artifacts.

Saturday, August 26, 2023 - 2:00 pm
McHenry County Historical Society & Museum
6422 Main Street, Union
Admission: \$8 MCHS members, \$10 nonmembers

September 2023

DID BLACK LIVES MATTER IN EARLY ILLINOIS? VOICES FROM THE BRINK OF SLAVERY AND FREEDOM

In the first years of statehood, the Illinois legislature included a number of proslavery advocates who made a bold attempt in 1824 to change the Constitution to allow slavery. Who were these voices advocating for a permanent constitutional change to allow slavery? And who stood up against them, preserving the free state of Illinois we know?

Saturday, September 9, 2023 - 2:00 pm
McHenry County Historical Society & Museum
6422 Main Street, Union
Admission: \$8 MCHS members, \$10 nonmembers

October 2023

ANNUAL CIDER FEST

Food, entertainment and fun for the whole family!

Sunday, October 1, 2023 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
McHenry County Historical Society & Museum
6422 Main Street, Union
Admission: FREE

ANNUAL AUTUMN DRIVE

Food, entertainment and fun for the whole family!

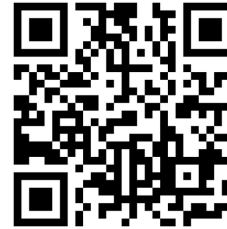
Friday - Sunday, October 13 - 15, 2023 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
McHenry County Historical Society & Museum
6422 Main Street, Union
Admission: FREE

December 2023

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Vintage Display of historic holiday memorabilia

Saturday, December 3, 2023 - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
McHenry County Historical Society & Museum
6422 Main Street, Union
Admission: Free for Members, \$6 for nonmembers



Ways You Can Become a Part of the Story

- BECOME A MEMBER
- VISIT THE MUSEUM OR ONE OF OUR HISTORIC PROPERTIES
- ATTEND AN EVENT OR PROGRAM
- LEND FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- BECOME A BUSINESS SPONSOR OR ADVERTISER
- DONATE MCHENRY COUNTY RELATED FAMILY, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION ARTIFACTS AND DOCUMENTS
- BOOK A SCHOOL FIELD TRIP
- FIND OUT ABOUT ADULT/GROUP PROGRAMS
- EXPLORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- RESEARCH TOPICS OF INTEREST
- PLAQUE YOUR HISTORIC HOME
- FOLLOW THE BARN QUILT TRAIL

ANSWERS, HOW-TOS AND MORE CAN BE FOUND AT GOTHISTORY.ORG

The McHenry County Historical Society & Museum looks forward to all opportunities to welcome and recognize all the people whose stories and contributions have endowed our community with its rich history.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Contact us at Info@McHenryCountyHistory.org or 815-923-2267

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