

McHenry County Historical Society & Museum 2019 Volunteer Opportunities

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

**If you are interested in volunteering, please check the areas of your interest and
return this form to MCHS, P.O. Box 434 Union, IL 60180, or email michelle@mchenrycountyhistory.org**

Museum Admission Desk 1 - 4 p.m. May - December, 2019

Greet visitors, take admission, docent school/cabin
 Tuesday through Friday afternoons
 Third Saturdays during season

The Collection

Accessioning: catalogue donated items and write up of
description of donated items. Training provided.
 Digital scanning of scrapbooks and photos.

School Programs

September through May, excluding January.

West Harmony one-room school.
2 hours on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Help a
third, fourth, or fifth grade class experience being
students in a one-room school by portraying a teacher
in 1900. Training provided.

Museum Tours. Thursday or Friday mornings.
 Escort a third, fourth, or fifth grade class through
the Museum, Gannon Cabin, West Harmony
School, Textile area, Barn area, and Eckert Hall.
 Tell students about the West Harmony
one-room school. .
 Demonstrate spinning, weaving, quilting, tating,
sewing, or knitting.
 Tell students about farming using exhibits in
the Deicke barn area.

Technology & Office

Computer & electronic hardware & software
problem-solving, installation, maintenance.
 Online selling using Etsy, E-Bay, Craigslist.
 Data processing projects, filing, various small tasks.
 Bulk mailings - fold, seal, label newsletters & mailings
6-8 times per year.

Research Library

Do research on various topics, like genealogy.
 Scanning documents, scrapbooks, and photos.
 Research and write local history articles.
 Transcribe & digitize oral histories.

Demonstrate weaving, spinning, quilting, sewing, tating, knitting or crocheting.

Heritage Fair, second Sunday in July.
 Cider Fest, first Sunday in October.

More opportunities on other side 

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

** Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Availability:

Weekday mornings

Weekday afternoons

Saturday afternoons

Special Events

Sunday mornings

Sunday afternoons

Other Skills, Talents, or Interests:

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Construction/Restoration/Maintenance

- _____ Restoration work on historic buildings owned by the Society.
- _____ Help with exhibit construction.
- _____ Handyman.

Administrative Volunteer

- _____ Assist with small and bulk mailing like the Museum Societies Page or Tracer
- _____ Filing
- _____ Other small office jobs

Muscle Crew

- _____ Occasionally there is a need to move part of the collection and other heavy items.
- _____ Heritage Fair, second Sunday in July -- Setup and/or Take down crew.
- _____ Cider Festival, first Sunday in October -- Setup and/or Take down crew.

Special Events - Occurring annually. A variety of helping positions are needed, including:

- _____ **Heritage Fair, second Sunday in July on the Museum grounds.** Antiques auction, entertainment, bake sale, car show, sales of white elephant items, used books, vintage clothing & garden glitz.
- _____ **McHenry County Fair, first week in August in Woodstock.** Sell quilt raffle tickets, museum store merchandise, and memberships.
- _____ **Cider Festival, first Sunday in October on the Museum grounds.** Cider making demonstration, museum greeter and store, bake sale, sales of white elephant items, used books, & vintage clothing.
- _____ **Autumn Drive, October at Perkins Hall,** corner of Franklinville & Garden Valley Roads. Sell quilt raffle tickets, memberships, and items from the museum store.
- _____ **Holiday Open House, first Saturday in December at the Museum.** Greet visitors, work museum store, assist with bake sale.
- _____ **Antique Appraisals Day in February at the Museum.** Check in desk, admission desk, appraiser assistants.
- _____ **Party People.** Organize and plan members' night, museum opening, the volunteer luncheon, & other special events.

Heritage Quilters & Quilt Raffle Program

- _____ Meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to make a quilt that is raffled off as a fundraiser. This is a good opportunity to learn to quilt and to socialize.
- _____ Quilt Beekeeper - plan raffle quilt design/construction.
- _____ Sell Quilt Raffle tickets at various city festivals within the county.
- _____ Set up/take down quilt display at off site locations.

Bakers - Make baked goods for events

- _____ Heritage Fair.
- _____ Cider Fest.
- _____ Holiday Open House.
- _____ Sampler Series
- _____ Perkins Players
- _____ Halloween.

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