

## Union

**Grand Opening McHenry County Historical Society Museum—Free Admission/Fee for Craft Beer Tastings**  
Friday, April 29 from 6-9 p.m.  
6422 Main Street, Union

The McHenry County Historical Society Museum will mark its 40th year Friday, April 29, with a celebration of an American staple: Beer. To mark the resurgence of independent craft breweries to the county, the society has created an exhibit that chronicles the history of brewing and taverns here. The exhibit will feature current local craft breweries, as well as historic breweries from the county's past. "Bottles, Barrels & Brews: McHenry County on Tap" features historic photographs, old beer bottles, beer crates, barrels and other items related to McHenry County's historic breweries – including a re-created speakeasy, the Bubbling Over. \$15 inc. pint glass & 5 tasting tickets. The museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. the first four Sundays in May.



Victorian Mourning Dress

New exhibits this year include: "Members Only" (Members showcase their collections), "A Tale of Ten Textiles" (Highlights from the textile collection), "Gone But Not Forgotten: Victorian Mourning Customs" and "Wheeling Through History" (in conjunct. with Heritage Fair).

## Ringwood

**Living History Open House**  
**Powers Walker House**  
**Glacial Park, Harts Road, Ringwood**  
**Sunday, May 17 Noon – 4:00 p.m.**

Visit this Greek Revival 1854 restored house and learn more about the resident



on hand to answer any questions.

families that called this area home. Samuel Walker, a prominent and influential man owned the house after the Civil War. Historically attired volunteers



## Huntley

**Huntley History Booth**  
**Huntley Farmer's Market**  
**Saturday, May 28, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**The Square in downtown Huntley**

Find out about Huntley history by visiting the Huntley History Booth at the May 28th Huntley Farmers' Market on the Square in downtown Huntley from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Take a self-guided tour of the historic artifacts in the newly renovated Town Square, and challenge yourself with the Huntley History Scavenger Hunt. The History Scavenger Hunt may also be found online at [Huntley.il.us](http://Huntley.il.us) or [huntleylibrary.org](http://huntleylibrary.org)



## Crystal Lake

**Plant Sale & Hands on History for Kids**  
**Saturday, May 7 at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**  
**Colonel Palmer House**  
**660 E. Terra Cotta Road, Crystal Lake**

Come early and choose plants from member's gardens of the Garden Gate Club and Green Twig Garden Club. As dedicated partners with CPH, the clubs have donated new shrubs and a red bud tree, tended our cut flower gardens and created beautiful floral arrangements. At 11:00 a.m. kids will enjoy starting their own garden as they plant seeds. Their started seeds can then be transplanted in your own home garden to enjoy throughout the summer months. *Hands on History program is free but registration is required by May 5<sup>th</sup> by calling 815-477-5873.*



## Spring Grove

**"The Grove - After Hours"**  
**Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 pm**  
**Historic Town Hall Building**  
**1917 Main Street, Spring Grove**

Five stories told by Spring Grove residents of the past will give us insight into how the 18th amendment - Prohibition - affected the lives of every day citizens. These "newsworthy" stories from the 1930s show us how some lives were turned upside-down and ordinary folks became criminals because of a law that was supposed to put an end to crime, raise character and strengthen families but which really had the opposite affect.



Frank Nulk, Rum Runner, with his mother, Mary

## Marengo/Coral

**Historic Landmark Plaquing Ceremony**  
**Sunday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Old Harmony Road School**  
**16903 Harmony Road, Marengo/Coral**

The Old Harmony School represents the life and early growth of rural McHenry County. The location was the site of an original wooden school house built in 1859. The building replaced the wooden one circa 1931, which was designed by Ralph Elliot Abell, son of W. W. Abell. The building is an eclectic style, composed of a mixture of older style elements that are characteristic of Colonial (Georgian) and American Federal Revival styles for public-oriented buildings, which have been miniaturized into an elementary school scale.



Harmony School

## Island Lake

Displays of Photos and Artifacts  
Month of May  
Wauconda Area Library  
801 N. Main St

As part of Look at Local History Month, the Historical Society of Island Lake will be displaying photos and artifacts of Island Lake during the month of May at the Wauconda Area Library.



Also enjoy Historic Island Lake Boat Tours! A docent-guided pontoon boat tour highlight points of interest of Island Lake. Relax, enjoy the view and hear the stories of Island Lake. They will do about 10-12 tours per season. They love groups tours of 8 - 10! Season typically runs from July through September. Reservations required. \$10 donation at time of tour. Call Liz Nelson at 847-609-9050 for more information or email her at [lizznelson@me.com](mailto:lizznelson@me.com). Visit the society at [www.facebook.com/Historical-Society-of-Island-Lake](http://www.facebook.com/Historical-Society-of-Island-Lake).



Historic Boat Tours

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## Other Historical Events in 2016

The City of McHenry's annual Colby-Petersen Farm celebration will be on Sunday, June 26, at 4112 McCullom Lake Road. Admission and all activities are free. This year's event theme is "A Hundred Years Ago Today," with artifacts and exhibits showing McHenry County farm life in 1916. Hayrides, farm animals, music and children's games, crafts, textile demonstrations, blacksmithing, a farm garden and farm equipment displays. Children can use an old wringer washer to wash clothes and hang them out to dry. The 1862 farmhouse will be open for tours. Hours are 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Local merchants will sell refreshments. Parking is free.



**Summer Sundays at the Colonel Palmer House in Crystal Lake located at 660 E. Terra Cotta Road.**

### *June 5, 1-4pm - Be Social at CPH*

Before Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, social connectivity was far different. Learn how residents interacted socially around the turn of the last century. From quilting and spelling bees to barn raisings and boxed lunch socials, these activities brought the community together.

### *July 17, 1-4pm - Chautauqua of 1916*

In 1916, Chautauqua hosted speakers and musical performers, enriching the lives of residents. Come listen to musical performances as residents did 100 years ago. Learn what subjects were lectured on from exercise, health/ wellness to finances. Children will enjoy the junior Chautauqua including games and activities just for them. Join them from 1-4pm and relive our cultural past.

### *August 7, 1-4pm - Pioneer Day*

"Wash on Monday, Iron on Tuesday...so the saying goes. Roll up your sleeves and join us for *Pioneer Day* based on this early rhyme. Chores were a part of daily life in the 1860s. Learn how the Palmer family tended to their chores both on the farm and in the farmhouse. Each chore station will feature hands on demonstrations for all ages to try. When your chores are done, enjoy a wagon ride around Palmer's Corner.

McHenry County

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Calendar of Events