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KDRMA News

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Next Meeting Scheduled for February 19.....

Dear KDRMA Members,

Our first meeting of 2009 will be held Thursday, February 19 at the Bartlett Nature Center!

The Bartlett Nature Center is located in the visitor center at the James "Pate" Philip State Park, 2054 W Stearns Road in Bartlett . On the north side of Stearns Road, west of Route 59 and east of Route 25 (Farnsworth/Dunham Road) For specific maps and directions, please Mapquest or Google via the address only. If you search by using "Bartlett Nature Center," these sites will take you to our old location.

Judy Martin of the Bartlett Park District is the contact person.

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Topic:

Kim Stull will moderate a discussion on the many ways museums are using the internet to stay in contact with their members, visitors and the media.

Come prepared to learn more about social networking and how museums are using new technologies. Tell us how you are using the web, cell phones or other technology to reach out to your patrons. What success stories do you have or have you heard about from others?

Membership Meetings

Membership meetings are held quarterly and on the third Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. unless extenuating circumstances arise. Please mark your calendars! If you would like to be a presenter or you would like to recommend topics for future meetings, please contact the president.

Meeting Schedule:

May 21, 2009 St. Charles Library – 9:30am
August 20, 2009 Gregg House, Westmont
November 19, 2009 Location TBD

Web Site

Our website has been redesigned! Check out www.kdrma.org and update your info.

Board Meetings

Meetings are generally held at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of the month each quarter with the exception of the third quarter. The next board meeting will be on April 9, 2009. Please contact the Tami for details.

Newsletter

Information is due to the newsletter editor the day after the board meeting. Newsletters will be mailed at the beginning of the month of the membership meeting.

Email

An e-mail reminder will go out the first day of the month of the membership meeting.

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NEW KDRMA WEB SITE UPDATE

www.kdrma.org

The new web site is up and running. We've had a good response from members updating their contact and visitor information and submitting photos of their locations. If you have not yet done that and need your user name and password, please contact Sandy Brubaker at sbrubaker@grauemill.org.

All members are eligible to add their locations to the web site for no additional fee. If you are not currently on the site, contact Sandy for a user name and password.

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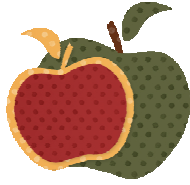
FABYAN VILLAGE

Finding a new or unique tour destination for your group is fun but can sometimes be a challenge! Here is a great opportunity for a fun and fascinating destination. Tours are offered at the Fabyan Villa Museum, located in the picturesque Fabyan Forest Preserve in Geneva. This Frank Lloyd Wright redesigned country house was the home of George and Nelle Fabyan from 1905 to 1939. Their estate on the Fox River encompassed 350 acres and served as the canvas for their myriad interests including WWI military code-breaking, animal husbandry, horticulture, and scientific research.

The museum displays Fabyan household artifacts, some original Mission-Style furniture, Asian ceramic and wood sculptures, natural history specimens from the Fabyan's private collection (the only Frank Lloyd Wright house with a shark on the porch!), and the infamous dummy mummy. Visitors will learn that Fabyan's scientific labs were the birthplace of the NSA, and in 1916 Fabyan was responsible for a judge naming Sir Francis Bacon as the true Shakespeare --for a time!

Tours are usually 60 minutes, but can be customized to fit your group's specific interests and time availability. We also conduct tours of the Fabyan Japanese Garden - designed c. 1909 and a beautiful, tranquil oasis today. The recently restored 19th century Dutch style Windmill is also on the estate and can be viewed during visits and toured by appointment. A trip to the Fabyan Forest Preserve tells a unique and fascinating story that is enjoyed by visitors of all ages.

We hope you will consider bringing your group to the Fabyan Villa Museum and Japanese Garden. Geneva and nearby St. Charles also afford many shopping and dining possibilities that make for a fabulous day trip for all ages. We appreciate your consideration and would be happy to provide you with more information. We can be reached at 630.377.6424 or fabyanvilla@ppfv.org.



Educators Roundtable

Calling all museum educators and program supervisors--- please join us at the Educators Roundtable. We meet several times a year to discuss current issues related to museum education and programming. This is a great way to exchange and share ideas, ask questions, discuss current trends, visit new facilities and meet new colleagues. You don't have to be an educator to attend; everyone is invited. For more information, please contact Melissa Tyer of the Cantigny First Division Museum at 630-260-8274 or MTyer@FirstDivisionMuseum.org.

If you would like to host an Educators Roundtable, please contact Melissa. Most meetings begin at 9:30 am and conclude by 11:30 am. Approximately 15-30 people attend; the meetings are held quarterly.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 9:30 am at Brookfield Zoo

We cancelled the January Educator's Roundtable due to a snow storm. Patricia Santoyo-Marin was kind enough to reschedule the meeting for Wednesday, February 18. It will be at the Brookfield Zoo. We will meet in the **Bocaditos Dining Room 1** starting at 9:30.

The topic will be **Crafts for the General Public and Youth** with a focus on time and money. Please bring your ideas what makes these projects a success, and examples of hits and misses to share.

You must RSVP to Patricia by noon on Monday, February 16. She will give your name to the parking booth, so you do not have to pay to get in. Please give her a call or email if you have any additional questions.

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Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 12 on **Building Community Relationships**. It will be hosted by Michael M. Stachnik, Program Manager at the Schuette-Biermann Farmhouse Museum.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Head of Education The Morton Arboretum Lisle

General Summary: Provide leadership for the Arboretum's Education Program, ensuring the delivery of engaging, meaningful, content-rich educational programming to Arboretum members and the general public through effective administration of personnel, programs, systems, facilities, and budgets. Facilitate the collaboration of the Education Program with all other departments, programs, and initiatives of the Arboretum.

Job Qualifications

Previous Training and Experience

Bachelor's degree in a life science or science education, Master's preferred. Five (5) years verifiable experience as a teacher or in providing educational programming at a public garden, museum or other cultural institution, or suitable combination of education and work experience. Demonstrated administrative and management skills, including staff supervision, budget design and control. Excellent teaching, writing, and public speaking skills.

Physical/Mental Requirements

Possess significant cultural appreciation for and experience with the work of a botanical museum. A genuine concern for the public good and a willingness to be accessible to the Arboretum's audiences are fundamental qualities. Provide leadership qualities, including communication, and ability to motivate and help others to develop their skills.

Working Conditions:

1. Work is performed primarily indoors, in an office setting.
2. Requires some physical activity: lifting (up to 20 lbs.), bending, climbing stairs, carrying (20 lbs.), sitting, standing, walking, and traveling by car and train.

If interested, please forward letter and resume to The Morton Arboretum, Human Resources, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL, 60532-1293, or email to: jobs@mortonarb.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



**Downers Grove Park District Museum
Museum Secretary
Downers Grove**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Under the supervision of the Museum Supervisor, the Secretary is responsible for assisting in the administration of the museum office, including all clerical and receptionist activities, the supervision of volunteer staff, and the implementation of related policies established by the Board of Park Commissioners.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

1. Maintains administrative files in an efficient and orderly manner.
2. Operates computer and other office equipment in support of museum activities.
3. Assists in the preparation of annual budget estimates and recommendations.
4. Assists with public research requests.
5. Assists with the planning, implementation and promotion of museum programs, events and exhibitions.
6. Supervises volunteer staff in the management of the museum office.
7. Adheres to Park District safety rules and procedures and directs subordinates to exercise safe work practices.
8. Keeps current with new developments in the administration of government offices.
9. Participates in staff meetings, staff development sessions and continuing education opportunities as required.
10. Performs other related duties as assigned.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Individual must be able to sit 80% (eighty percent) of the workday, and lift objects weighting at least 25 lbs. (twenty-five pounds). Must have ability to use telephone, computer, keep accurate records, operate office machines, access files in cabinets, and traverse stairs unassisted.

QUALIFICATIONS

High school diploma and two years experience working in a non-profit or government office. General knowledge of the community of Downers Grove. Ability to communicate effectively and work harmoniously with others; exhibit good judgment, tact and courtesy in dealing with the public; and a willingness to complete necessary safety training. Must possess a valid Illinois driver's license. Send resumes by **March 1, 2009** to:

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News & events

Heroes of the Sky: Adventures in Early Flight

Jan. 28-March 16, 2009

Experience the stories of the bold fliers and innovators who transformed airplanes from novel inventions into sophisticated machines. This national traveling exhibit recalls the first remarkable decades of flight by introducing visionaries who pushed the limits of aviation. The exhibit also documents Elmhurst's own aviation history as former home to a regional airport. An NEH on the Road exhibit organized by The Henry Ford Museum and brought to you by the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

Elmhurst Historical Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

Hours: Tues-Sun., 1-5 p.m.

Phone: 630-833-1457

General Admission: Free

www.elmhursthistory.org

Naper Days announces Main Stage entertainment

The Smithereens and Matthew Sweet to perform

Naperville, Ill. — The Naper Days Executive Committee has announced that The Smithereens and Matthew Sweet will be performing on the Main Stage during Naper Days, held over Father's Day weekend June 19-21 at Naper Settlement in downtown Naperville. The Smithereens, who rose to fame during the '80s and '90s, will take to the stage at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 19. Matthew Sweet, a Chicago area favorite, will be performing at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 20. Tickets are \$5 until 6 p.m., \$10 after 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Tickets will be available online at www.naperdays.org. For more info, contact Donna DeFalco at 630-305-5250.

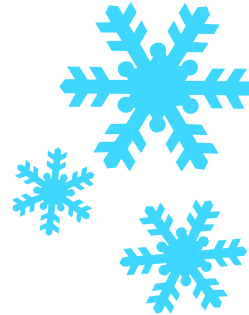
Naper Settlement is an historic museum village located at 523 S. Webster St. in downtown Naperville. Open year round; for more information about hours and admission prices, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

Learn about the Native Americans of Illinois at the Geneva History Center

Native American expert Meg Bero will conduct a lecture about the Native Americans of Illinois on Tuesday, February 10, at noon at the Geneva History Center's Brown Bag Lunch Series. Bero currently serves as the Curator for the Schingoethe Center for Native American Studies in Aurora and teaches museum studies at Aurora University. She is one of the area's leading experts on Native American history and culture. Her lecture will focus on the first cultures who called Illinois home, including Chief Wabonsee's people, the Potawatomi, who lived in the Fox River Valley. Admission is \$5, \$3 for members and includes access to Americans Who Tell the Truth, a limited engagement exhibit which examines American men and women who had the courage to speak truth to power. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Cookies and coffee

are provided.

For more information, please telephone the Geneva History Center at 630-232-4951.



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