



Annual Report 2021

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Detail of Museum woodwork. WPD Staff

Together We Win: DuPage in World War II exhibit. Valerie Lorimer

DuPage County Historical Museum Annual Report

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Introduction

DuPage County Historical Museum (Museum) functions as the only institution dedicated to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of the material culture documenting all of DuPage County. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation (Foundation) raises money to support the Museum. The Museum is free to the public and open five days a week.

Mission Statement

The DuPage County Historical Museum is operated as a facility of Wheaton Park District, owned by the County of DuPage by resolution of the County Board pursuant to state statute. Its principal purposes are to educate the general public through the collection, preservation, interpretation, and exhibition of materials which document the history of DuPage County and its relationship to Illinois and the nation, and to provide local history services for historical organizations and for scholarly endeavors.

Stakeholders' Quotes

"The miniature train exhibit was amazing...much local history as well."
Liz Grillos, Facebook review, October 18, 2021

"My little guy...can never remember what he does during the day but he excitedly articulated the lava build and he had a blast yesterday. He loves your Lego camps this summer-thank you for offering them, for inspiring creativity and allowing our kids to have safe, fun interactions this summer."

Amber, Email from camp parent, August 3, 2021

"I still wanted to take a minute to thank you for the tea party...They loved it...I really appreciate your time and I'm impressed with your knowledge."

Jill, Email from Scout parent, March 16, 2021

For more testimonials, see Appendix 1.

Visitor Data

In 2021, the Museum served 2,782 visitors. This was an increase of 109% after 2020's COVID-19 outbreak. See data in graphs on page 6.

COVID-19 Pandemic

The Museum started 2021 closed to the public due to COVID-19. The Museum opened again on January 19 and remained open with no COVID-19 restrictions on capacity for the remainder of the year. The Museum required masks per state guidelines and practiced social distancing at events. Numbers for visitors, birthday parties, rentals, etc. were still down compared to 2019 numbers; however, they rebounded significantly compared to 2020.



Temporary COVID-19 Hours

Tuesday-Friday
10:30A-4:00P
Saturday
12:00-4:00P

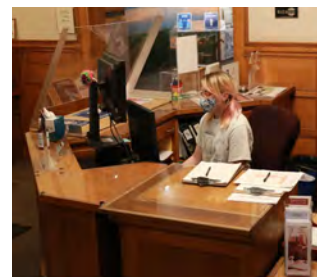
Serves over 30 Communities

Year	Visitors
2016	7,433
2017	8,420
2018	7,301
2019	5,820
2020	1,326
2021	2,782

2021 Visitors: 2,782

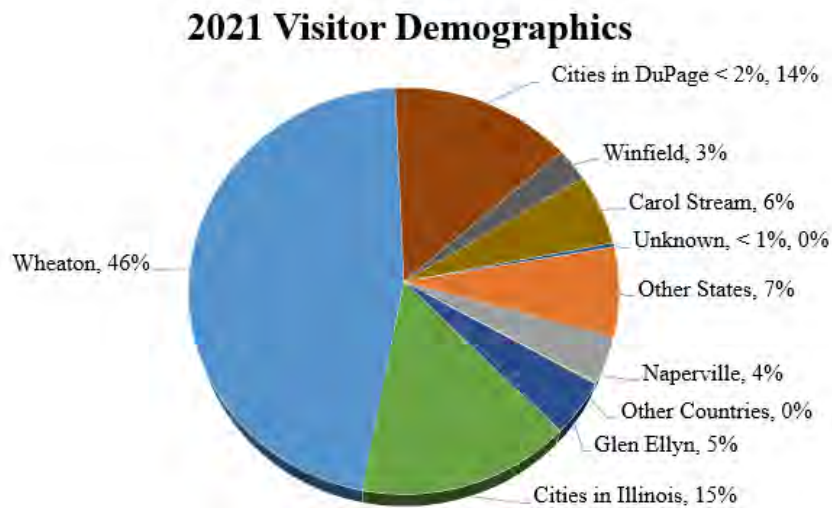
2021 Total Reach: 52,042*

Donations: \$11,697.05



Museum Assistant Angelique Roselli at front desk.
Michelle Podkowa

*Total reach includes every person the Museum touched through the website, rentals, research, outreach events, virtual programming, visits, programming and more.



Operating Budget

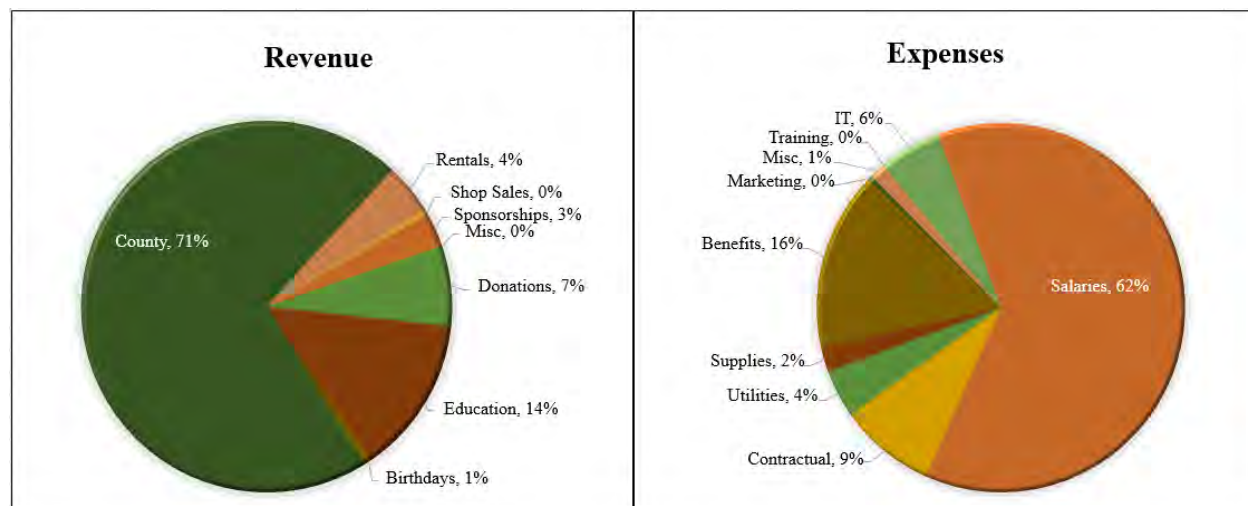
Revenues	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Sponsorships	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$5,000
Edu. Prog/B-day/Research	\$24,352	\$3,380	\$45,942	\$38,971	\$36,454	\$35,578
Special Events	\$0	\$0	\$28	\$0	\$0	\$2,037
Facility Rentals	\$7,536	\$1,875	\$10,290	\$4,925	\$4,520	\$4,994
Shop Sales	\$583	\$1,095	\$1,312	\$1,135	\$1,291	\$1,405
Grants & Donations	\$11,697	\$22,394	\$12,034	\$18,008	\$23,202	\$29,244
County	\$119,166*	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Revenue Sub Total	\$168,335	\$161,244	\$202,104	\$195,540	\$198,467	\$208,259

Expenses

FT Salaries & Insurance	(\$118,911)	(\$117,795)	(\$121,796)	(\$126,668)	(\$120,189)	(\$115,706)
Part Time Wages	(\$6,650)	(\$4,524)	(\$17,404)	(\$16,622)	(\$15,254)	(\$15,693)
Contractual	(\$13,605)	(\$2,330)	(\$23,457)	(\$18,773)	(\$21,089)	(\$21,029)
IT Services & Supplies	(\$8,808)	(\$9,855)	(\$15,889)	(\$11,639)	(\$12,835)	(\$10,899)
Utilities	(\$6,776)	(\$6,468)	(\$6,569)	(\$6,286)	(\$6,956)	(\$7,324)
Supplies	(\$3,541)	(\$1,802)	(\$4,417)	(\$4,997)	(\$10,004)	(\$8,423)
Marketing	(\$548)	(\$550)	(\$3,695)	(\$2,735)	(\$1,663)	(\$2,585)
Fundraising	\$0	\$0	(\$49)	\$0	(\$35)	\$0
Mileage Reimbursement	(\$22)	(\$45)	(\$368)	(\$525)	(\$292)	(\$371)
Dues and Subscriptions	(\$983)	(\$1,013)	(\$1,038)	(\$858)	(\$895)	(\$887)
Training	(\$35)	(\$100)	(\$2,068)	(\$734)	(\$1,738)	(\$1,253)
Capital Expense-Computers	(\$1,143)	(\$2,096)	(\$446)	(\$325)	(\$387)	\$0
Expense Sub Total	(\$161,022)	\$146,578	(\$197,197)	(\$190,163)	(\$191,338)	(\$184,170)

Report Totals	\$7,313	\$14,666	\$4,908	\$5,377	\$7,129	\$24,089
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*County funds increase beginning in 2022. Due to fiscal year differences between County and the Park District, financial protocols dictate a change in the way the County funds are recorded making 2021 show less then the normal annual amount. Funding will appear normal again moving forward.



Educational Revenue:
\$23,212.39

Total Educational Reach:
1,339



Winston Churchill: The British Bulldog. Michelle Podkova

Total Offerings: 62

- 16 In-Person Events
- 5 Virtual Events
- 21 Tours/Programs
- 2 Outreach Events
- 7 Camps
- 1 Presentation
- 6 Birthday Parties
- 4 Craft To-Go Kits



History Singers performing WWII Songs. Zachary Bishop

Museum Events

Type	Events	Attendees
Adult	7	188
Family	9	383
Total	16	571



Conductor punching a child's ticket on the Santa Express. Michelle Podkova

Education

The Museum provides special events, programs, presentations, and tours to audiences of all ages as part of our mission. Programming explores people, places, and events that shaped DuPage County.

COVID-19 and Museum Education

The Museum continued to offer virtual tours of exhibits. These tours allow for a video to be created of the exhibit to add to the online exhibit archive. Craft to-go kits continued to be offered for those who wished to pick up an activity to complete safely at home. Birthday parties and scout groups began to rebound later in the year. Staff expects 2022 to rebound in most educational programs.

Museum Events

The Museum collaborated with local organizations (listed below) to provide engaging events and family workshops at little or no cost to the attendees. Total fees for presenters in 2021 were \$1,870. Event co-sponsors reimbursed \$400 and the DuPage Foundation grant covered \$1,400. Events are listed in Appendix 2.

City of Wheaton Community Relations Commission
Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois
DuPage County Genealogical Society (DCGS)
DuPage County Historical Society (DCHS)
DuPage NAACP
League of Women Voters Wheaton
Wheaton Public Library (WPL)

Santa Express

The Museum hosted four Santa Express trips for 268 participants. Due to Metra's COVID-19 restrictions, the Museum sold trips at half capacity. Families enjoyed cookies and beverages while singing carols and reading holiday stories aboard the Metra train. Santa visited with each family. The program netted \$3,408. Arrowhead Golf Club sponsored the snacks.

Birthday Parties

The Museum offers birthday parties for children aged 4 to 12. Birthday parties are \$150 for 10 children. Additional children cost \$5. In 2021, the Museum hosted six birthday parties with 82 children. Total revenue was \$1,025 with a profit margin of 72%.

Outreach Events

COVID-19 prevented many outreach events. However, staff attended the Westmont Last Straw event and Northern Illinois Steam and Power Show. Outreach tables were also set up at Museum Foundation events. More than 750 visitors attended these tables to learn more about the Museum. Over 8,000 total people attended these events.

Presentations

The Museum staff facilitates presentations for organizations. Due to COVID-19 policies for many organizations, only one presentation was presented in 2021.

Camps

In 2021, 12 summer camp sessions were offered and eight sessions ran with a total of 109 participants. Of the eight sessions, six were contracted LEGO camps with Play-Well TEKnologies and two were staff-facilitated. Camps had a profit margin of 37%.

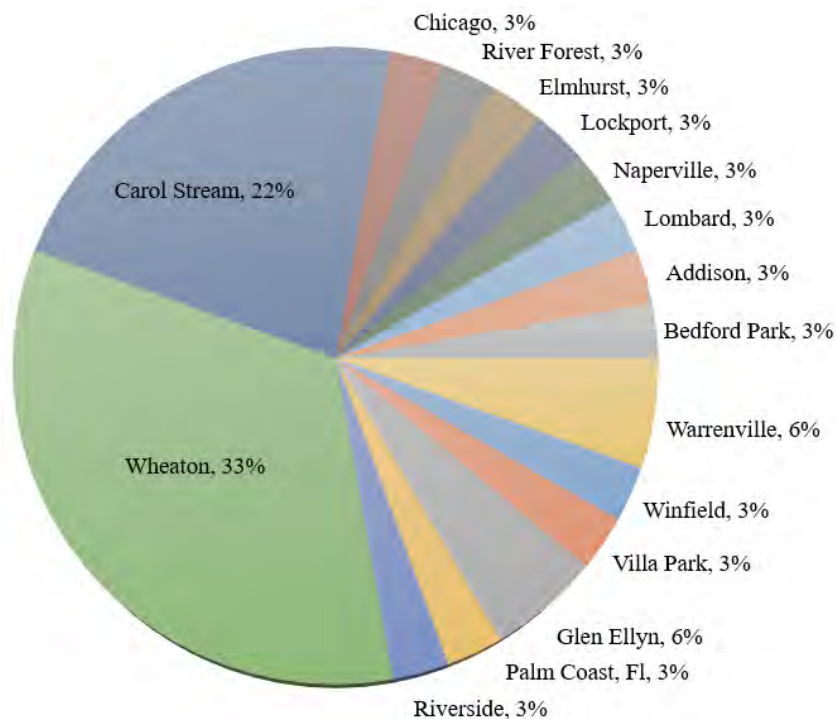
Craft To-Go Kits

Staff created four different craft to-go kits in 2021. The Museum offered curbside pick up for convenience and accessibility. Kits were \$10-\$15 each. Sixty-two kits were sold netting \$628.86.

Guided Tours, School, and Scout Programs

Tours are available for \$2-\$6 per person. School and scout programs are available for between \$4-\$7 per student/scout. Virtual options for schools and scouts are also available. There were 21 paid tours and programs conducted in 2021, earning \$1,637. These tours and programs reached 304 participants. In addition, 13 organizations took advantage of self-guided tours bringing another 152 visitors to the Museum. The listing of 2021 tour groups can be found in Appendix 2.

Tour and Program Group Locations



Camps

Year	Attendees
2016	154
2017	121
2018	148
2019	167
2020	0
2021	109



Play-Well TEKnologies LEGO camp. Michelle Podkova

Tours and Programs

Year	#	Attendees
2016	22	302
2017	21	330
2018	30	628
2019	53	763
2020	25	222
2021	21	304



Airplane Craft To-Go Kit. Michelle Podkova



Tour of Together We Win exhibit. Val Lorimer

48 Donors Gifted

200+ New Artifacts



1985 computer used by the DuPage County Recorder.
Larry Kmiecik

Digitization Project

Type	Photos	Total
3D Objects	16,005	19,624
Images	2,379	9,767
Archives	370	12,119
Books	1,843	2,905
Totals	20,597	44,415

Research Requests

Year	Amount	#
2016	\$631	62
2017	\$217	72
2018	\$506	88
2019	\$569	85
2020	\$785	78
2021	\$115	100



Together We Win: DuPage in World War II. Val Lorimer

Collection

In 2021, 48 generous donors gifted the Museum over 200 artifacts to the permanent, education, and research collections. Staff continues to evaluate artifacts for deaccession in accordance with best practices of the American Alliance of Museums. The Museum is working to make the photograph and artwork collection accessible to the public through the PastPerfect Online Database. Currently, 2,943 artifacts are uploaded and available for community members to view from the comfort of their homes.

Voices of DuPage

In Fall 2016, the Museum began an oral history initiative to record DuPage residents' stories for future generations. The Museum focuses on a different theme every year, but oral histories on all topics are accepted. Staff has collected 41 histories on the themes of the Civil Rights Movement, veterans, agriculture, and 2020-2021 events.

Museum Research and Reproductions

Museum staff provides research services for \$25 per hour with the first 30 minutes free. Reproductions of collection pieces are also available for a fee. In 2021, staff completed 100 research and reproduction requests. For details, see graph to the left.

Exhibits

The Museum presented nine exhibits based on collection artifacts supplemented with items from private individuals and area museums.

Ballots of Power: A Century of Women's Suffrage

August 15, 2020 - July 10, 2021

Healing DuPage: From Folk to Modern Medicine

September 12, 2020 - May 22, 2021

Trinkets and Treasures | November 7, 2020 - September 4, 2021

Wheaton Park District: Celebrating 100 Years

May 8, 2021 - April 16, 2022

Together We Win: DuPage in World War II

July 17, 2021 - April 16, 2022

Ghost Towns of DuPage County | September 18, 2021 - June 11, 2022

130 Years of the Adams Memorial Library (at Wheaton Library)

October 2021

Agreeable Friends: Animals in History

November 6, 2021 - July 9, 2022

Timeless Toys (at Glen Ellyn Library)

November - December 2021

In addition, *Wheaton, Illinois: Golf History Starts Here* remained on display at Arrowhead Golf Club. The Museum also renewed its special loans of the 36th Illinois Infantry Regiment National Colors and 8th Illinois Cavalry Guidon from the Illinois State Military Museum. They will remain on display until 2024.

Institutional Stewardship

Building Preservation

In 2021, the County of DuPage (County) continued working with Museum and Park District staff to monitor and adjust environmental conditions in the building for staff, visitors and the collection. A new humidifier was added to the building, completing the replacement of all major parts of the HVAC system which began in 2020.

Featuring the Museum building during the holidays continued in 2021 with the addition of more holiday lights to complement the Downtown Wheaton Association's "Night of Lights in Adam's Park".

In 2021, the Park District and County partnered to submit a proposal to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for their Museum Capital Grant Program. This project includes stabilization of the masonry and rebuilding the historic gutter system for the building. The grant was awarded in early 2022 and work is expected to begin in 2023.

StEPs Program and Accreditation

The Museum continues to work towards future accreditation through the American Association of State and Local History's (AASLH) Standards of Excellence Program (StEPs). StEPs is a voluntary training program consisting of five sections of three sets of guidelines for museum best practices as laid out by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). AAM is the accrediting body in the United States.

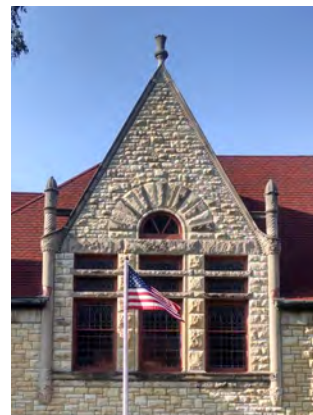
COVID-19 slowed progress in the StEPs program and accreditation as staff focuses on essential functions and best practices during the pandemic. Best practices needed for accreditation are being worked into new policies and protocols as well as daily practice. Plans are being created to provide accreditation education for the two governing boards (County and Park Board) as well as fundraising board for the Foundation. Staff is working on behind the scenes improvements to building preservation, collection management, and planning for the replacement of the permanent gallery.



Museum staff leading a tour through the Enduring Values permanent gallery.
WPD Staff



Winter decorations and holiday lights. WPD Staff



The IDNR grant will allow the Museum's masonry decorations, such as these shown in the photograph, to be stabilized. Michelle Podkowa



Archives. Museum Staff



Grants for 2021: \$8,500

Grants for 2022: \$2,500



Carey Moreland accepting a \$2,000 Wheaton Lions Club grant. WPD Staff



Private rental. WPD Staff

**Total Rental Revenue:
\$7,535.73**

Rental Attendance

Event Type	Attendees
Organizations	509
Private Rentals	235
Reindeer Run	1,100
Total	1,844



Private rental. Erin Fairhead

Honors Grants

- ◆ History DuPage Fund of the DuPage Foundation, Unrestricted Grant, \$10,000 for FY2020 and FY2021.
- ◆ History DuPage Fund of the DuPage Foundation, Community Needs Mini Grant for *Together We Win: DuPage in World War II* exhibit, \$2,500 awarded in 2020 for FY2021.
- ◆ History DuPage Fund of the DuPage Foundation, Community Needs Mini Grant for *Stories of DuPage: Reading between the Lines* exhibit, \$2,500 awarded in 2021 for FY2022.
- ◆ Wheaton Lions Club Grant for the Foundation operating budget, \$2,000 FY2021.

Awards

- ◆ Illinois Association of Museums Award of Excellence in Exhibits for *Ballots of Power: A Century of Women's Suffrage*.

See grant and award letters and selected publications in Appendix 3.



Museum Rentals

In 2021, the Museum hosted 15 private rentals for individuals and partner organizations. These clients rent the Museum auditorium for a variety of events, including parties, meetings, and weddings.

Additionally, the Museum auditorium hosted over 40 Wheaton Park District meetings and events in 2021.

Museum Event Co-hosts and Rental Partners:

Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois
DuPage County Genealogical Society
DuPage County Historical Society
DuPage Symphony Orchestra
HOPE Fair Housing Center
PDK Films
Wheaton Chamber of Commerce
Wheaton Community Relations Commission
Wheaton Park District
Wheaton Public Library

Personnel

Wheaton Park District Administration

The Museum building functions as the Administrative Office for the Wheaton Park District. Museum Assistants serve in an administrative capacity for the Park District by answering phones, assisting with registration, finance paperwork, and other administrative tasks.

Staff Development

All staff is CPR/AED certified and takes yearly online training through the Park District's risk management company. The Museum continues to be listed on the Giant Steps Autism-friendly Directory. Staff attended the Illinois Association of Museums Annual Conference virtually in February 2021. They attended sessions on fundraising, DEI, accessibility, internships, and adapting to COVID-19. Museum Curator attended the "Power of We" training and the Museum Manager attended various DEI trainings and joined the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce's DEI Committee.

Volunteers

In 2021, seven individual volunteers served a total of 258 hours. These volunteers are listed to the right; to view a complete list of volunteer hours, see Appendix 4. Students from Glenbard South High School in Glen Ellyn volunteered virtually to assist with the Voices of DuPage transcriptions, completing 33 hours in 2021.

The DuPage Society of Model Engineers (DPSME) continued to serve the Museum in 2021 by maintaining the model train layout. On the third and fifth Saturdays of each month, they run the trains for patrons. They assist with members-only train hours for the children's Explorer's Club Membership through the Foundation. In 2021, DPSME volunteered a total of 648 hours.



Michelle Podkowa, Angelique Roselli, Zachary Bishop, and Emily Corrigan at the Museum's table for Shakespeare in the Park. Larry Kmiecik

939 Total Hours

Train Engineers: 648

Volunteers: 258

Glenbard South HS: 33

Total Value: \$26,799.06*

*Bureau of Labor Statistics rate, indexed by Independent Sector of \$28.54 per hour.

Volunteers

Helen Bisioulis

Emily Corrigan

Robert Fairhead

Morgan Fox

Larry Kmiecik

Craig Passley

Kent Smith

Glenbard South HS Students

DPSME Members

Forest Andrews

Michael Bauer

Norman Brockmeier

Mark Malik

Andrew Mueller

John Nolan

Tom Schneider

Daniel Taylor, Jr.

Kenneth Valentine

Keith Ward

A Selection of Projects that Volunteers Assisted With:

- ◆ Digitization of archival objects and photographs
- ◆ Revising Disaster Plan
- ◆ Photographing three-dimensional collections
- ◆ Conducting research for patrons and exhibits
- ◆ Transcribing Voices of DuPage oral histories
- ◆ Serving on the Collections Committee



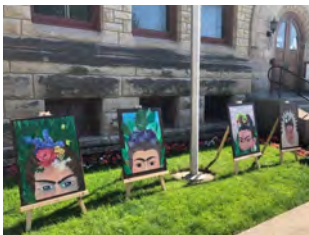
*Wheaton Park District:
Celebrating 100 Years
exhibit. WPD Staff*

Virtual Recreation Center

Video	Views
<i>Ballots of Power Exhibit</i>	2
Calligraphy	10
DPSME Train	10
<i>Home Grown Exhibit</i>	54
Unique Artifacts	8
Victory Gardens	2
Total	86



Museum Sketch. Julie Daley



*Frida Kahlo Paintings done
by Steve Lehman. WPD Staff*



*Koeckritz Rugs donated rugs
for education programs.
Michelle Podkowa*

Marketing and Communications

In 2021, the Museum was able to focus marketing efforts on new exhibits, programs, and events instead of closures and mandates due to COVID-19, like in 2020. An annual marketing calendar was developed and followed throughout the year to outline initiatives on a monthly basis. Eblasts, posters, signage, park district seasonal guides, and social media were utilized consistently to promote events, programs, and exhibits taking place at the Museum.

Wheaton Park District celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2021. The *Wheaton Park District: Celebrating 100 Years Anniversary* exhibit opened in May 2021 and will remain on display through early 2022. The exhibit was advertised through ads in the seasonal program guide, quarterly newsletters, monthly eblasts, signage, social media, a press release, and a special issue printed and distributed by *Daily Herald*.

A total of four press releases were distributed in 2021 featuring topics such as the 100th Anniversary, announcing new Foundation members, and grant awards. Two annual newsletters were mailed to a focused group of consistent donors, members, and Foundation in addition to being emailed out to the Museum's large subscriber database.

A total of 23 eblasts were distributed in 2021. They continue to be viable ways to reach the Museum audience with a consistent open rate of 30% and click through rate of 4.5%. These blasts ranged from promoting the Foundation's online auction fundraiser, Giving DuPage Days, summer camps, exhibits, and event announcements.

The Museum worked with artist Julie Daley to create a sketch of the Museum building for use in silent auctions, print materials and the Museum shop. To fundraise for all the foundations of the Park District, an ornament from Daley's sketches was created.

The Cleve Carney Museum of Art and the McAninch Arts Center at the College of DuPage presented *Frida Kahlo Timeless* exhibit from June through September 2021. During the exhibit, a countywide effort to hold Kahlo-inspired activities commenced. The Museum had four custom Frida-inspired yard paintings created by Steve Lehman to display in front of the Museum. The Museum also offered a "Frida flowers" craft activity.

Sponsorship

The Museum was fortunate to receive support from First Trust through a Community Engagement sponsorship in 2021 helping with annual programs, exhibits, and special initiatives.

Other sponsors in 2021 included Koeckritz Rugs donating carpet circles to the Museum for school and scout programs and Arrowhead Golf Club donating products to sponsor Santa Express.

Social Media

Museum and marketing staff cooperatively maintain Facebook and Instagram. All platforms are updated three to five times per week. Posts focus on exhibits, artifacts, events, County history, and facility information. See statistics to the right for Facebook and Instagram.

Advocacy

As a special tour in 2021, Illinois State House Representative Maura Hirschauer from the 49th District visited the Museum in August.



Manager Michelle Podkowa and Curator Zachary Bishop giving a tour to Representative Hirschauer. Kyra Millard

Museum Shop

The Museum Shop focuses on unique, hard to find, or local history-related objects. It also features items related to current exhibits. In 2021, the Shop made \$582.66. This amount is much smaller than previous years due to COVID-19.



Wheaton Park District's 100th anniversary ornament. WPD Staff

Facebook

Year	Page Likes	Average Views/Post
2016	907	160
2017	1,015	192
2018	1,274	286
2019	1,554	426
2020	1,734	646
2021	2,187	1,493

Instagram

Year	Followers	Average Views/Post
2018	599	131
2019	1,012	232
2020	1,095	210
2021	1,238	193

Website

Total website visits: 26,599

Most visited pages:

Home: 21,880
Plan a visit: 4,185
Collections exhibits: 3,996
Calendar: 3,995
Contact: 1,536
Parties & Rentals: 1,377
Architectural History: 1,359
Train Saturdays: 1,259
Volunteer/Employment: 1,051

Visitors linked from:

Google/Organic
Direct
DuPage Museum/referral
Mykidlist.com/referral
Wheaton Park District/referral

PastPerfect Online

Total searches: 1,942

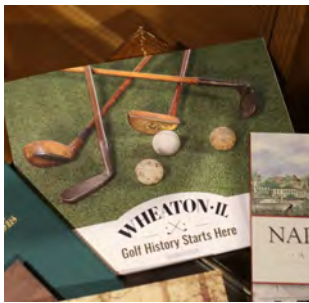
Most common searches:

Wheaton, Map, Downers
Grove, Winfield, Naperville

 **First Trust**

2021 Foundation

David Thiel, President
Marty Keller, Vice President
Mike Benard, Secretary
Bob Jacobsen, Treasurer
Susan Benjamin
Philip Buchanan
Melody Coleman
Emily Doyle
Don Puchalski
Troy Rodman
Samantha Russell
Dan Wagner



A second edition of Wheaton, Illinois: Golf History Starts Here was printed by the Foundation. WPD Staff

Membership

Year	Members
2016	48*
2017	15
2018	196^
2019	41*
2020	24
2021	50

*Membership with \$50+ donation.

^Membership with Casino Night tickets.



October Fest. WPD Staff

DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation

DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation is recognized as a 501© 3 by the State of Illinois. The Foundation's primary function is to raise funds to support the Museum's mission. The Foundation works closely with the Wheaton Park District Development Coordinator, Museum staff, and Park District staff to solicit donations, grants, sponsorships, memberships and coordinate fundraising events.

In 2021, the Museum began to reignite Foundation initiatives and special events. Since the annual Casino Night could not take place in March of 2021 due to COVID-19, the Development Coordinator researched alternative funding options and developed an online auction. Donations of auction items were solicited and received. The auction proved successful raising \$6,900.

For the remainder of the year, the following events were able to take place and raised additional revenue as outlined:

Shakespeare in the Park/August - \$2,892.37 profit from concessions

October Fest/October - \$9,000 profit from concessions

Night at the Museum Halloween Party/October - \$730.00 profit and 39 explorer club members attended for free as a membership benefit

History of Wine/November - \$307.00 profit

The Foundation reached out to donors through its annual year-end appeal. The campaign included mailed letters, emails, and social media posts. The campaign brought in a total donation amount of \$4,120.95.

Additional revenue sources for the Foundation throughout the year included the spring appeal generating over \$4,100, a Wheaton Lions Club grant of \$2,000, tip proceeds from the Memorial Park concert series of \$1,191.90, Night Run proceeds \$4,297.37, the fall newsletter donations of \$878.00 and Lions Club Reindeer Run proceeds of \$2,500.00

The Museum membership program continues to hold steady with a total of 50 members at the end of 2021 as compared to 24 in 2020.

Members receive various perks based on membership level including additional private access to Train Saturdays, early access to Santa Express ticket sales, complimentary entrance to the Night at the Museum event and special invites to exhibit openings. In addition, all Museum memberships include access into the Time Travelers Network which allows access and discounts to over 300 museums and zoos across the nation.

DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation Budget

Foundation Assets

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Assets	\$117,374	\$129,470	\$108,177	\$92,405	\$80,951	\$80,121
Total Liabilities	\$7,195	\$19,864	\$945	\$2,501	\$22,697	\$29,272
Total Net Assets	\$110,179	\$109,605	\$107,233	\$89,904	\$58,254	\$50,849

Foundation Budget Comparison

Revenues	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Administrative	\$28,266	\$31,645	\$21,158	\$35,428	\$29,641	\$13,618
Mad Fore Plaid	\$0	\$18,289	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Casino Night	\$0	\$7,781	\$25,649	\$33,327	\$21,807	\$21,844
October Fest	\$20,383	\$1,000	\$26,895	\$26,480	\$0	\$0
Night at the Museum*	\$1,004	\$0	\$670	\$700	\$0	\$0
Memberships	\$1,999	\$817	\$1,289	\$544	\$635	\$635
Holiday Bazaar	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75
Annual Appeal / Donations^	\$9,543	\$13,995†	\$3,850	\$2,621	\$4,195	\$4,919
On Par for DuPage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,598	\$45,396
Revenue Sub Total	\$61,195	\$73,528	\$79,510	\$97,590	\$88,876	\$87,072

Expenses

Administrative	(\$46,251)	(\$52,231)	(\$35,365)	(\$40,842)	(\$41,707)	(\$254,002)
Mad Fore Plaid	\$0	(\$12,975)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Casino Night	(\$95)	(\$3,075)	(\$11,791)	(\$10,233)	(\$9,473)	(\$9,671)
October Fest	(\$11,601)	(\$197)	(\$12,575)	(\$14,166)	\$0	\$0
Night at the Museum	(\$528)	(\$395)‡	(\$695)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Memberships	\$0	(\$289)	(\$588)	(\$130)	(\$874)	(\$496)
Holiday Bazaar	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	(\$400)
Annual Appeal / Donations^	(\$2,146)	(\$1,993)	(\$1,166)	(\$568)	(\$522)	(\$2)
On Par for DuPage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$24,617)	(\$28,671)
Hope and History	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,379)
Expenses Sub Total	(\$60,621)	(\$71,155)	(\$62,181)	(\$65,939)	(\$77,194)	(\$297,259)

Report Totals	\$574	\$2,373	\$17,329	\$31,651	\$11,682	(\$210,187)
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*2017 and 2016 Night at the Museum expenses and revenue are included in the membership line item

^Does not include final totals (some expenses and additional revenue in January of the following year)

†The 2020 annual appeal saw a 360% increase due to the generosity of patrons during COVID-19 pandemic.

‡Night at the Museum was canceled in 2020, however, some expenses were still incurred.

Note for 2017-2019 Budgets: In 2012, Pratapas consulted for the Foundation for \$21,734.74. The amount represented 50%, the rest to be paid in 2017-2019, one-third each year.

Note for 2015-2016 Budgets: In 2015, Inland Real Estate Group donated \$200,000 for the roof project. The new roof was paid for in 2016.

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Appendix 1: Testimonials

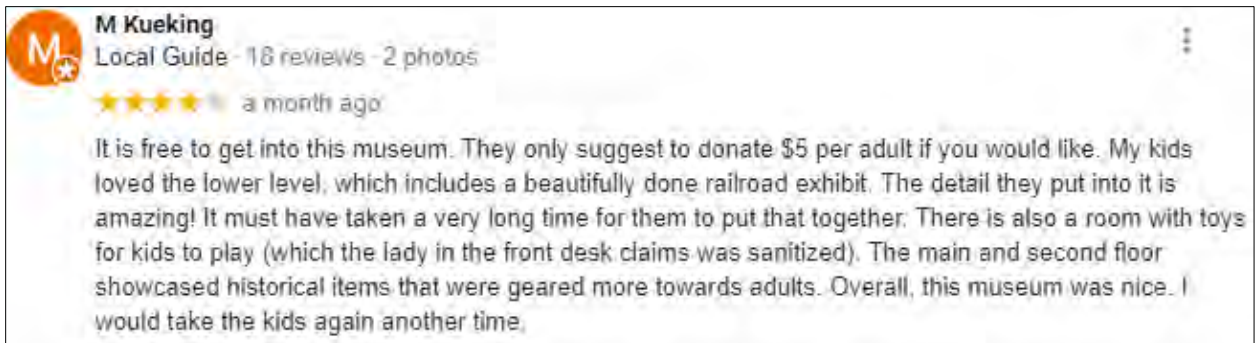
From: Amy Lee R
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 2:15 PM
To: Michelle Podkova <mpodkova@wheatonparks.org>
Subject: Re: Valentines

Thank YOU! I love the history highlights of the different valentine Symbols and the trove of accessories you have included! This will be fun!

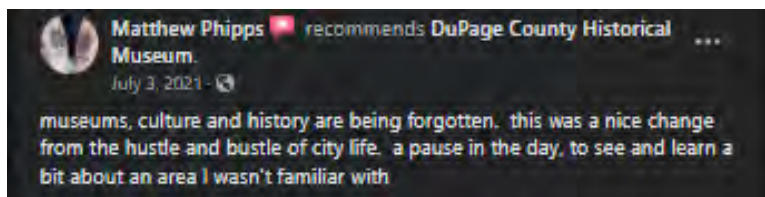
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**Deborah G**
Kent, WA • 214 contributions

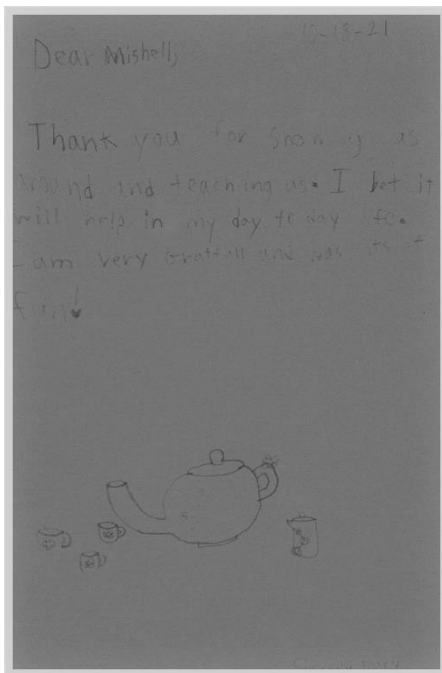


Nice historical background to this charming town.

Sep 2021 • Friends

Donations accepted and there are several areas within this grand building that take you through different eras. The downstairs has a nice train set-up, plus a children's area.

Written September 29, 2021



12-18-21
Dear Mishell,
Thank you for showing us
around and teaching us. I
bet it will help in my day to
day life. I am very gratfull
and was lots of fun.

[drawing of tea set]

From: Susan F
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Michelle Podkova <mpodkova@wheatonparks.org>
Subject: Santa Express & Donation

Michelle,

I just wanted to send a quick note of thanks for the great event this weekend. We were on Santa Express Train 4 (Sunday, 12/12 @ 11:15).

This was our first experience with this event and I feel so blessed that we were able to grab tickets and share this event with our good friends.


Thank you for putting this on and please continue to do so for many years as our daughter is just 3 years old and we have an infant son to come up the age group for next year!

In our way of saying thanks we just made a donation online!

Thanks again!

--
Susan F

December 2021, Google Review

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★★★★★ a month ago

Saturday model train 🚂...a must see

Appendix 2: Education

Tour and Program Group Demographics

Group/Organization	Type	Program	Location
Private Group	Tour	Architectural Walking Tour	Winfield
Girl Scout Daisy Troop	Scouts	Virtual Daisy Tea	Villa Parks
Girl Scout Brownie Troop	Scouts	Virtual Brownie Tea	Glen Ellyn
Girl Scout Daisy Troop	Scouts	Virtual Daisy Tea	Glen Ellyn
Girl Scout Brownie Troup	Scouts	Customized Program - My Family	Riverside
Private Group	Tour	Architectural Walking Tour	Wheaton
WDSRA Rec N Roll Carol Stream	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Carol Stream
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Clare Woods Academy	School	Self-Guided	Wheaton
Private Group	Tour	Architectural Walking Tour	Palm Coast, FL
Private Group	Tour	Museum Tour	Chicago
Private Group	Tour	Self-Guided	Wheaton
Private Group	Tour	Museum Tour	Bedford Park
Mt. Carmel Montessori	School	School Tour	Warrenville
WDSRA Rec N Roll Carol Stream	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Carol Stream
Cub Scout Pack	Scouts	Marble Madness	Carol Stream
Wheaton PEO	Presentation	Farmers Are	Wheaton
Girl Scouts	Scouts	Playing with the Past	Lombard
NEDSRATREC	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Addison
Girl Scouts	Scouts	Social Butterfly Tea	Wheaton
WDSRA Rec N Roll Carol Stream	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Carol Stream
Wheaton College HNGR	Adult/School	Architectural Walking Tour	Wheaton
UCP Seguin	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Naperville
WDSRA Rec N Roll Carol Stream	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Carol Stream
Mt. Carmel Montessori	School	Agriculture and Ghost Towns	Warrenville
LTPD Travel	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Lockport
WDSRA Rec N Roll Carol Stream	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Carol Stream
DuPage Art League	Tour	Self-Guided	Wheaton
River Forest Schools	School	Self-Guided	River Forest
Brownie Troop	Scouts	Making Friends	Wheaton
Cub Scout Pack	Scouts	Marble Madness	Elmhurst
Daisy Troop	Scouts	Daisy Tea	Wheaton
Private Group		Mother/Daughter Gift Exchange	Wheaton

2021 Educational Programs

- ❖ Victorian Craft To-Go Kit
- ❖ Wheaton Park District Virtual Brown Bag
- ❖ Victorian Valentine x2
- ❖ Pop-up Craft for Train Saturday x2
- ❖ Healing DuPage Final Curtain Virtual Tour
- ❖ Airplane Craft To-Go Kit
- ❖ Architectural Walking Tour
- ❖ The Sweet and Secret History of Beekeeping at Lyman Woods (Downers Grove Park District)
- ❖ Wheaton Park District Exhibit Virtual Tour
- ❖ Victorian Quilt Square Craft To-Go Kit
- ❖ Victorian Crafts
- ❖ Winston Churchill: The British Bulldog
- ❖ Songs of WWII by History Singers
- ❖ WWII Sources with Jenny Wagner (Virtual with DCGS)
- ❖ The First Civil Rights March in Wheaton (Virtual with City of Wheaton Community Relations Commission, Wheaton League of Women Voters, DuPage NAACP, and WPL)
- ❖ DCHS Annual Meeting
- ❖ Eleanor Roosevelt by Leslie Goddard
- ❖ Molly's War: WACs in WWII by Cynthia Schaffer
- ❖ WWII Popsicle Art
- ❖ Night of Dance, Day of Infamy with Terry Lynch of History Presents
- ❖ Holiday Card Craft To-Go Kit

Appendix 3: Honors

December 3, 2020

Ms. Michelle Podkowa
Museum Manager and Educator
DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation
102 E. Wesley St.
Wheaton, IL 60187

Dear Michelle:

At the suggestion of Megan and Steven Shebik, a \$10,000 grant is being awarded to DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation from the History DuPage Fund, a donor-advised fund of The DuPage Community Foundation, d/b/a the DuPage Foundation. The grant is unrestricted and must be used within 12 months of the issue date.

If you publicize this grant, please list it as a donation from the History DuPage Fund of the DuPage Foundation.

Please sign and return this letter to indicate 1) that there have been no changes in your organization's IRS status, 2) your agreement to the terms of the grant, and 3) that all funds will be spent for charitable purposes. This agreement may be returned by mail, fax or email at laura@dupagefoundation.org.

In addition, your organization confirms 1) that this grant does not fulfill the payment of any pledge or other financial obligation, 2) that no goods or services of value will be provided to the donor or to the Foundation as stipulated by Internal Revenue Service regulations and our agreement with the donor, and 3) that, in compliance with Executive Order 13224 and the Patriot Act, no funds provided by the DuPage Foundation will be used to support terrorist activity nor to promote or engage in violence, terrorism, or bigotry.

On behalf of the Shebik family and the DuPage Foundation Board of Trustees, I am pleased to forward this grant and hope it will further your mission. If you have any questions regarding this grant, please feel free to call me.


Sincerely,



Barb Szczepaniak
Vice President for Programs

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your check for \$10,000 and agree to the terms of the grant.


Signature


Title


Date

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November 19, 2020

Ms. Michelle Podkowa
Museum Educator
DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation
102 E. Wesley St.
Wheaton, IL 60187

Dear Michelle,

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that your grant application has been selected for funding. This year it is being funded through one of the DuPage Foundation's donor-advised funds. As part of our Community Needs Grant Program process, the Foundation regularly offers our donor-advisors the opportunity to review the grant applications that we receive. We do this in an effort to inform local donors about the needs in the community, to introduce them to the many organizations that apply to us, and to engage donor-advisors in helping us boost the level of grant support that is provided through our grant process.

This year, in response to your grant application, a donor-advisor recommended a \$2,500 grant from the History DuPage Fund, a donor-advised fund of the DuPage Foundation, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the United States' entry into WWII and honor soldiers who fought and educate the public on WWII using firsthand stories and artifacts.

If you publicize this grant, please list it as a donation from the History DuPage Fund of the DuPage Foundation. Also, if you wish to send a note to the donor-advisor, you may send it to us and we will forward it.

Please review, sign and upload the grant agreement to your account by November 30 to indicate 1) that there have been no changes in your organization's IRS status, 2) your agreement to the terms of the grant, and 3) that all funds will be spent for charitable purposes.

At the conclusion of your grant or by November 1, 2021, whichever occurs first, you will be required to complete a final report. The final report is an opportunity for your organization to reflect upon the challenges and successes you have experienced related to this grant and will provide the DuPage Foundation with valuable information to evaluate the impact of our grantmaking in the community. The Community Needs final report form should be completed and submitted through your online account.

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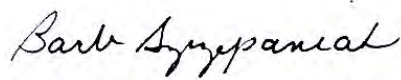
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Sincerely,

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Barb Szczepaniak
Vice President for Programs

P.S. Please share the news about your grant on social media and don't forget to tag the DuPage Foundation.

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November 18, 2021

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Museum Educator
DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation
102 E. Wesley St.
Wheaton, IL 60187

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This year, in response to your grant application, a donor-advisor recommended a \$2,500 grant from the History DuPage Fund, a donor-advised fund of DuPage Foundation, to acknowledge and celebrate local authors, past and present, and to discuss iconic literary works and their influence in DuPage.

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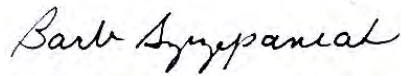
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Vice President for Programs

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Appendix 4: Personnel

Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name	Started	2021 Hours
Helen Bisioulis	2021	15.5
Emily Corrigan	2021	116.75
Robert Fairhead	2021	8
Morgan Fox	2021	50
Jean Gieraltowski	2000	0*
Jerry Gieraltowski	2004	0*
Larry Kmiecik	2015	13
Craig Passley	2014	47.75
Kent Smith	2021	7
Avry Tower	2016	0*
Totals		258

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, these volunteers took time off in 2021.

DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation adds three new board members



In May, the DuPage County Historical Museum will open a new exhibit, "Celebrating 100 Years: Wheaton Park District Centennial." (*Courtesy of DuPage County Historical Museum*)

Submitted by DuPage County Historical Museum

Updated
4/9/2021 3:33 PM

The DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation is pleased to welcome to its volunteer board Philip Buchanan of Naperville, Susan Benjamin of Carol Stream, and Daniel Wagner of Wheaton.

- Philip Buchanan's passion for historic preservation has led to a career as a project manager for exhibit companies that focus on museums and

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trade shows. One of his most recent projects included the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

- Susan H. Benjamin, a member and treasurer of the Carol Stream Historical Society, has spent time organizing and documenting artifacts with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and most recently with the Robert R. McCormick House at Cantigny. She is also an active member of the League of Women Voters.

- Daniel Wagner, senior vice president of government relations for The Inland Real Estate Group, LLC serves on numerous real estate industry and government boards and committees and is familiar with the vital role the DuPage County Historical Museum plays in the county. In 2014, the museum received a \$200,000 donation to replace the museum's roof from The Inland Real Estate Group, LLC CEO Daniel Goodwin.

"I am honored to be on the DuPage Historical Museum Board of Directors," commented Dan Wagner, senior vice president of government relations for The Inland Real Estate Group, LLC. "I look forward to continuing to help preserve history for the future generations of DuPage County citizens."

The DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation board also includes President David Thiel, Vice President Marty Keller, Treasurer Bob Jacobsen, Secretary Michael Benard and members, Samantha Bauman, Melody Coleman, Emily Doyle, Don Puchalski, and Troy Rodman.

The foundation exists to raise funds in support of the museum's mission to educate the general public through the collection, preservation, interpretation, and exhibition of materials that document the history of DuPage County.

The foundation relies on revenue from special events such as "Casino Night," "Octoberfest," and "Night at the Museum." Unfortunately, with

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the ongoing limitations on special events due to the pandemic, the foundation wasn't able to host events in 2020 but is focusing its efforts on developing new and unique fundraisers for 2021.

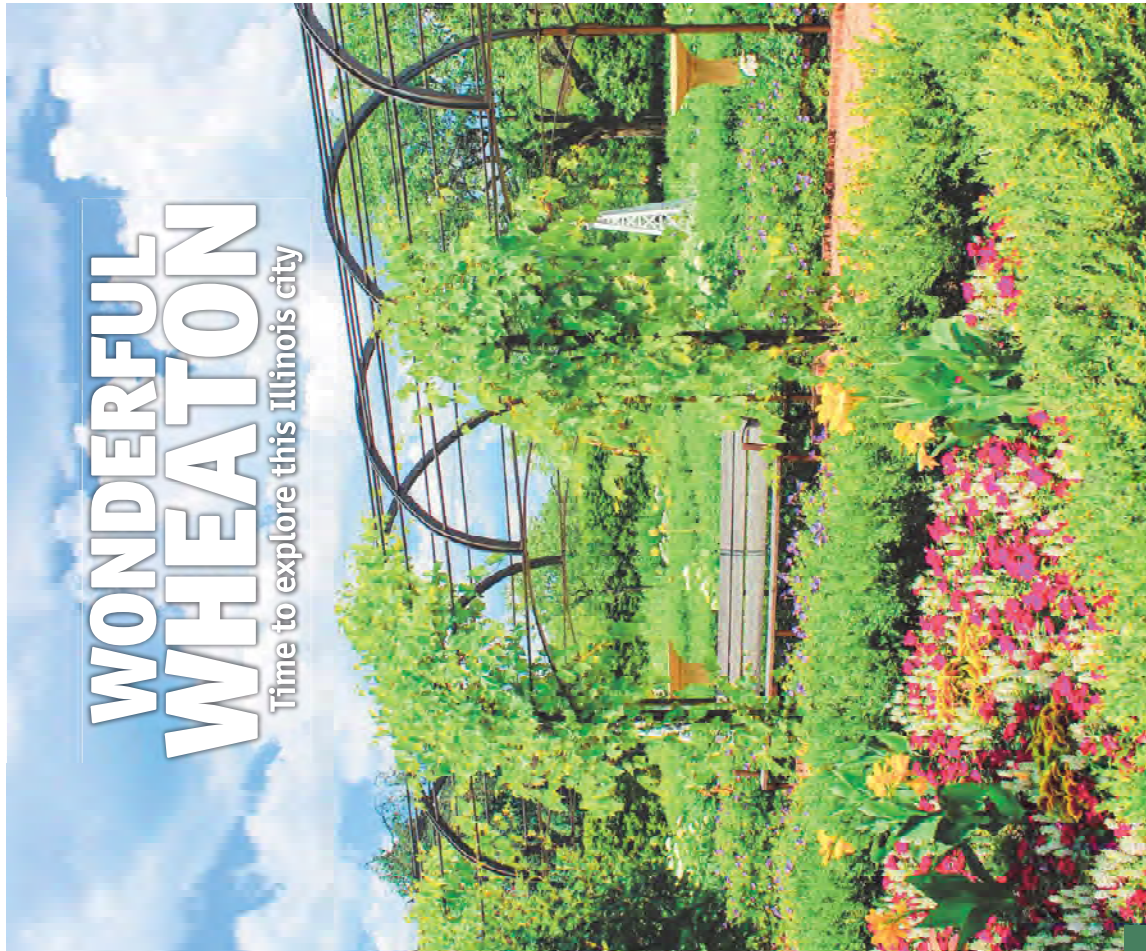
Through the foundation's fundraising success over the years, its support has been able to assist with many temporary exhibits, the restoration of two civil war flags which are on display in the museum auditorium as well as the development of various specialty publications including catalogs titled, "1917: Catalyst for a Modern Era," "Early Illinois Folk Art," and "Wheaton, IL: Golf History Starts Here."

Many of the artifacts included in the Golf History catalog are currently on exhibit at Arrowhead Golf Club, located on Butterfield Road in Wheaton.

The museum offers a variety of virtual and in-person programming and new exhibits including "Celebrating 100 Years: Wheaton Park District Centennial" opening in May, "Together We Win: DuPage in World War II" in July and "Ghost Towns of DuPage County," opening in September.

The museum functions as the only institution dedicated to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of the material culture documenting the county of DuPage, Illinois. The collections represent artifacts collected by the DuPage County Historical Society since 1929 as well as artifacts collected by the museum since its founding in 1965.

The museum is free to visit but donations are greatly appreciated. The museum relies on revenue through donations, special events, and programming. It is open Tuesday to Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. More information can be found at dupagemuseum.org (<http://dupagemuseum.org>) or www.facebook.com/dupagemuseum (<https://www.facebook.com/dupagemuseum>).



WONDERFUL WHEATON

Time to explore this Illinois city

WONDERFUL WHEATON

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Town Square Wheaton. Photo Courtesy of DuPage CYB.

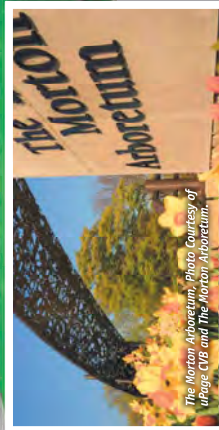
Wheaton arrived and between the two of them, they laid claim to 940 acres of prime land. They were followed by other settlers from New England who joined them in the community. One of the smartest things the trio did was to give the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad three miles of right of way. Railroad officials named the depot Wheaton. I'm sure that thrilled the brothers. The railroad and beautiful depot in downtown Wheaton is still an important facility because the city is a bedroom community for many who work in the Chicago area.

The community was incorporated as a village in 1859 with Warren serving as its first president. It was incorporated as a city in 1890, when the first mayor of the city was selected—Judge Elbert Gary, who was a key founder of U.S. Steel in 1901.

But enough about history. As much fun as it is to delve into that aspect, you'll want to know why you should come to Wheaton today. Of course, you can't ignore the fact that Wheaton is only 29 miles from Chicago. Use Wheaton as a home base and discover all there is to do in Chicago, including the Skydeck at Willis Tower, the Navy Pier, Shedd Aquarium, and the Field Museum. But you don't have to even leave the area.

The Wheatons and the Garys weren't the only folks

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The Morton Arboretum. Photo Courtesy of DuPage CYB and The Morton Arboretum.

WONDERFUL WHEATON

By Dee Litten Whitted

I've always been fascinated by how different regions were explored and then settled. I've lived in places where I wondered, "What were they thinking?" But when I visited Wheaton, Illinois, I could clearly imagine what "they" were thinking.

It was in 1831 when Charles Wesley Gary came from Connecticut to the area now known as Wheaton. He must have liked what he saw because he made several trips to and from Pomfret, Connecticut, before moving his family, including his mother, to Wheaton. I think I know what his wife was thinking when he announced they were moving. "We're doing what? We're moving five states away where there's no town?" She must have finally agreed or went begrudgingly, because Gary laid claim to 790 acres (or 320 half hectares, if you prefer).

Gary must have been very persuasive because it wasn't long before his friends Warren L. Wheaton and Jesse

WONDERFUL WHEATON

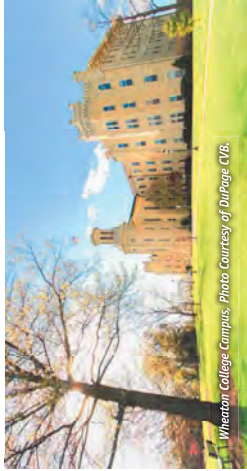
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Morton Arboretum 1-acre maze.



First Division Museum, Cantigny Park - Photo Courtesy of DuPage CVB.



Wheaton College Campus, Photo Courtesy of DuPage CVB.



Performing artists at Wheaton College.



Some of the tempting baked goods at Wheaton's French Market.



Wheaton's French Market features fresh cut flowers.



Locally grown vegetables abound at Wheaton's French Market.

who found the area enticing. In 2018, *Money Magazine* named Wheaton No. 27 on their Best Place to Live in Illinois. In 2014 Wheaton was rated among the top 12 suburbs by *Chicago Magazine's* Best Places to Live. In the same year George Washington University bestowed the honor to Wheaton as one of the Top Walkable Cities in the Chicago Area.

There was another family who found Wheaton irresistible. In 2016, my son and his family (Scott, Holly, Tommy, and Brandon Reed) moved to Wheaton answering a call to ministry there. They love it and have fully embraced all the city has to offer. That's how I also discovered Wheaton. I, too, find it lovely.

Wheaton in 2021 features a downtown out of central casting, a red brick town hall, an old theater with a classic façade, and locally owned shops. The downtown plays host to year-round events, such as Taste of Wheaton, a live music and food festival held at the outset of summer. A couple months later, residents can grab dinner at their downtown restaurant of choice and walk a few blocks to Shakespeare in the Park. If you're yearning for home-grown fruit and vegetables or home-baked breads, freshly made desserts, and any homemade products, then attend the Saturday morning French Market. Pick up some flowers, a coffee, also craft

permanent and temporary exhibit space.

Wheaton College also contributes to Wheaton's art scene. Their Artist Series features world-renowned performers showcasing their unique musical expressions in Edman Chapel. Plan to enhance the evening experience by attending Grace Notes, the free pre-concert conversation before each main series event.

In other art news, beginning on June 5, the Cleveland Museum of Art and the McAninch Arts Center at the College of DuPage, in nearby Glen Ellyn, will host one of the largest private collections of original artwork by Frida Kahlo in a multifaceted exhibition entitled "Frida Kahlo: Timeless." The exhibition, on view June 5 – September 6, 2021, will be the most comprehensive presentation of Kahlo's work displayed in the Chicago area in more than 40 years.

The DuPage Art League is active in Wheaton and presents a number of gallery exhibits, free public fine arts programs, and exhibits by the league's artists in numerous commercial and public buildings.

If you're searching for fresh air, check out one of nearly 50 Wheaton city parks. This list doesn't even include the large ones like The Morton Arboretum or Cantigny Park.

Cantigny Park is the 500-acre former estate of Col. Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It was named after a small village in France, where Col. McCormick commanded an artillery battalion in 1918 as a member of the U.S. Army's First Division. The Battle of Cantigny was America's first victory in World War I.

You'll never be bored at Cantigny and you may never have time to explore the entire site. I'm sure the variety of options will appeal to someone in your party. These include the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum, Cantigny Gardens, Visitors Center, and Walking Trails. Cantigny Golf, a 300-acre complex, includes 27 scenic holes and a full-service clubhouse with dining and banquet facilities. My husband, an avid bird watcher, found the walking paths irresistible and photographed many beautiful birds.

The Morton Arboretum, in nearby Lisle, was founded in 1922 by Joy Morton, whose father founded Arbor Day. As an aside, Joy Morton founded the Morton Salt Company in Chicago in 1885. The motto of the arboretum is "Plant Trees." Its grounds, covering 1,700 acres, include catalogued collections of trees, gardens, and restored areas. Enjoy the hiking trails, roadways for driving and bicycling, a 4-acre interactive children's garden, and a

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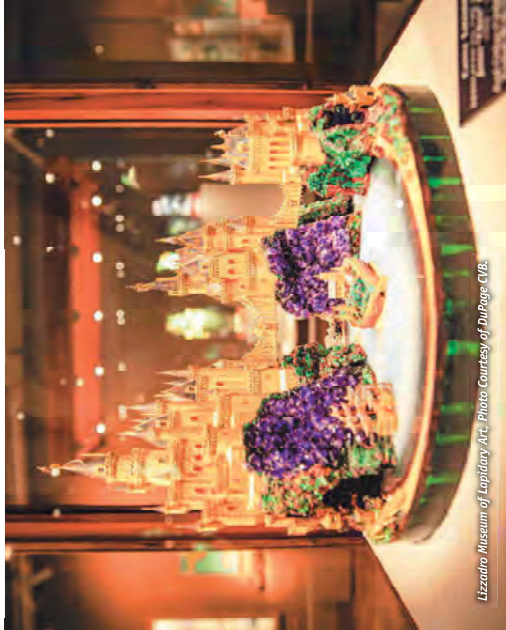
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Camigny Park. Photo Courtesy of DnPage CVB.



Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art. Photo Courtesy of DnPage CVB.



Morton Arboretum is a great place to see birds, like this beautiful tree swallow. Photo by L. Michael Whitford.

1-acre maze.

For kids of all ages, a visit to the Cosley Zoo is a must. Get close to nature right in the heart of the suburbs. The zoo is home to farm animals and native Illinois wildlife. Visitors will be immersed in natural habitats for white-tailed deer, red fox, Blanding's turtles, a bobcat, a coyote, and more. The zoo is instrumental in helping to increase the population of the endangered Blanding's turtle. Eggs are hatched at Willowbrook Wildlife Center where the baby turtles spend their first year of life. Cosley hosts them for the second year and then they are released into the wild. The program has helped to release 2,100 turtles since 1996.

For something a little more adult, check out Tasting deVine in Wheaton, which specializes in wine tasting, gourmet food items, Lynfred wines, chocolate covered wine, and a wine club. Established in 1999, Lynfred Winery is the oldest and largest, continuously operating, family winery in Illinois, producing more than 80 varietals.

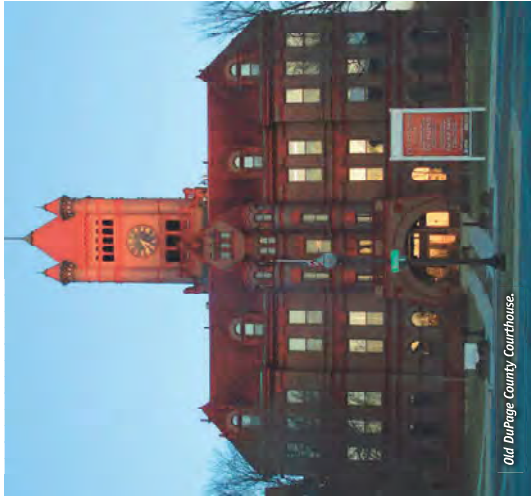
Wheaton has a thriving downtown with a large variety of restaurants and shopping. The Little Popcorn Shop is perhaps one of the most loved and narrowest stores in Wheaton measuring 4 feet wide by 64 feet long. In

1921, Wheaton resident E. Claire Brown placed a roof over an alleyway at 109 1/4 Front Street. Wedged between a barber shop and livery stand, Brown set up his first shop. Although it has since moved, it's still little and still an iconic stop for any popcorn or candy lover.

Today, stepping into the store's small, quaint space is like stepping back in time. Popcorn is still freshly popped, candy lines the wall, and locals greet each other warmly while welcoming newcomers to this very special place.

For more extensive shopping, drive to nearby Oak Brook and shop at Oakbrook Center, which is a spectacular outdoor mall. There's an expansive selection of department stores, specialty stores, and an abundance of one-of-a-kind dining and entertainment experiences.

Also in nearby Oak Brook you may visit a museum at the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art. The founder, Joseph Lizzadro, gained appreciation for the unique characteristics of the mineral world as a lapidary hobbyist and collector in the 1930s. He especially loved to cut and polish jade. In addition to jade, Joseph added other carvings to his collection and also items of amber, ivory, coral, agate, and gemstones. As his collection grew, his dream was to display the beauty of stone and share it with others. The museum's collection includes mosaics,



Old DuPage County Courthouse.

dioramas, jade carvings, cameos, organic gems, and gemstones.

Wheaton's DuPage County Historical Museum is housed in what was formerly known as the Adams Memorial Library. The building was erected in 1891 by John Quincy Adams (descendant of two presidents) as a gift to the community in memory of his late wife, Marilla Phipps Adams. In 1967, the building opened as the DuPage County Historical Museum. Designed by Charles Summer Frost in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, the building was added to the National Register in 1981. The museum functions as the only institution dedicated to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of the material culture documenting the county of DuPage, Illinois. The collections represent artifacts collected by the DuPage County Historical Society since 1929 as well as artifacts collected by the museum since its founding in 1965.

If you do plan to head into Chicago, go a bit east and visit Lake Michigan, the second largest of the Great Lakes. It's about as close to an ocean as you're going to see in the Midwest. A variety of businesses will help get you outfitted for a great water experience. Try your hand at paddle boarding, rent a jet ski, or even rent a boat. If you prefer being near the water, but not in it, then



Wheaton Hall at Wheaton College. Photo by Scott Reed.



Wheaton is not only a great walking city, but great for biking, too. Photo by Scott Reed

rent a bike. Renting bikes is super easy in Chicago since Divvy came along. Divvy stations are located all along the lake front. If you're interested in having the bike all day, then try www.bikechicago.com.

The early pioneers obviously didn't know what to expect when they got to this beautiful part of the country, but you now have a good idea about why you need to head your rig either east, west, north, or south to take in all this gem has to offer.

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Event listing from DuPage County Historical Museum & Wheaton Park District Administration Building: Saturday, August 21 from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Train SaturdaysThe [censored] Gauge Model Train is operated by the DuPage Society of Model Engineers on the third and fifth Saturday of each month. The model features a detailed layout that covers 2,000 feet of track and highlights some of DuPage County's railroads and landmarks in a landscape that blends fact and fantasy. Train Saturdays are the 3rd and 5th Saturday of the month from 1:30-3:30PExplorer's Club Members receive extended time with the trains quarterly (March/June/September/December) — learn more about Explorer's Club.See more upcoming Train Saturdays.

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2021 Polar Express Train Rides, Holiday Express, Santa Train, and Santa Trolley

By: Nicole Majewski August 15, 2021

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All aboard! The Polar Express trains, trolleys, and rides are back in many towns for 2021. The Polar Express has been a tradition in my family for years and we are so excited for it to be back. My kids love heading to the North Pole to visit Santa. It is always one of the most magical experiences of the season. Be sure to read the specifics before booking about safety measures, to keep the magic alive! These events tend to fill up *very* quickly, so if you want a spot, make sure to sign up as soon as tickets become available!



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Join the 40 minute train ride with treats, hot chocolate, a small gift, and Santa! Also, see the holiday lights at the boarding area and historic trains displayed in the barns. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Westmont Holly Jolly Trolley

December 11, 2021 | 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Come take a ride around Westmont on the Holly Jolly Trolley to make a cookie with Mrs. Claus, listen to holiday stories, and make an ornament for your tree. Prices for a family of 2 start at \$40, family of 4 \$80, and a family of 6 \$120.

Wheaton Santa Express

December 5, 11, and 12, 2021 | 9:15 and 11:15 departures

Depart from the Wheaton Train Station for a magical experience. Tickets go on sale September 28th at 10:00 am. Tickets are limited and cost \$20 per person.

Winfield Polar Express

December 18, 2021 | 5:05 pm

Hop aboard the train, departing at the Jon Duerr Forest Preserve for cookies, hot chocolate, and the re-telling of the famous Polar Express. Train tickets cost \$36 per resident.

Other Possible Events

The park districts of [Bensenville](#), [Bloomingtondale](#), [Burr Ridge](#), [Glen Ellyn](#), and [Oak Park](#) usually hold polar express or similar events and announce them in their winter guides, which aren't out yet. Check the website links above as the fall goes on to see if the guides have arrived with details.

Check out our [Kidlist Winter Guide](#) for more family fun during the holidays!



What Native Americans Have Given Wheaton

From the land to present-day relationships, local First Nations people have made significant contributions to the College.

By Mollie Waldrop and Haleigh Olthof | Staff Writer and Features Editor

November 24, 2021



Examples of artifacts in the DuPage County Historical Museum. Credit: DuPage County Historical Society.

November marks [National Native American Heritage Month](#) in the United States, and families across the country will sit around Thanksgiving tables this week to commemorate the meal shared by European settlers and Native Americans in 1621 in Plymouth, Mass. But many of us don't know the history of Indigenous people in Wheaton. The Record talked to the curator of the DuPage County Historical Society and various Wheaton faculty with knowledge on the subject. The story they shared gives cause for both gratitude and lament.

The gift of the land

In the late 1830s, brothers Warren and Jesse Wheaton traveled west from Connecticut, making a new home just west of Chicago. They had purchased nearly 1,200 acres of land from the U.S.

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government for an amount between \$1.25 and \$5.25 per acre. Adjusting for inflation, those rates are equivalent to about \$40 to \$185 an acre today.

“That’s incredibly cheap, so they were able to start farming and building up the towns that we have today,” said Zachary Bishop, curator at the DuPage Historical Museum. “It’s important to acknowledge the great gift that the land is in DuPage County.”

The U.S. government had acquired the land in 1829 by signing the Treaty of Prairie du Chien, in which Potawatomi, Chippewa and Ottawa tribes ceded much of northern Illinois.

In 1838, Andrew Jackson’s Indian Removal Act (signed into law in 1830) sent local Potawatomi on the 660-mile [Trail of Death](#) to Sugar Creek, Kan. The U.S. subsequently sold tracts of the land these tribes had occupied to settlers like the Wheaton brothers, who farmed and invested in the area that would one day become the town of Wheaton as well as parts of Glen Ellyn and Lombard. In 1853, the Illinois Institute—rechartered in 1860 as Wheaton College—was founded on a parcel of land donated to the Institute by Warren Wheaton.

“Wheaton College owns land, or does it?” Art history professor Matthew Milliner said. “I’m not contesting our legal claims, but I’m suggesting there is something above the law. There is a theological layer to consider before we consult the deeds.” Milliner reads [Leviticus 25:23](#) as a biblical land acknowledgment: “The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants.”

Multiple migrations

Although the Potawatomi resided in DuPage County at the time settlers arrived, they are not the only tribe with a history in the area.

“People often think there’s only one tribe that lived in certain areas, but in reality it was more complicated,” Bishop said.

Over 1,000 years ago, a community known today as the Mound Builders lived on the western banks of the DuPage River. Their [mounds](#), used for religious or burial purposes and often in the shape of animals, still stand in nearby Winfield. Winfield is named after General Winfield Scott, who quelled the Blackhawk rebellion in which the Sauk leader Blackhawk refused to cede lands east of the Mississippi. Scott also supervised the Cherokee Trail of Tears, a forced removal to land west of the Mississippi. Wheaton College professor James Jennings and his archaeology classes [conducted digs](#) of the Winfield mounds and the surrounding site in 1975 and 1976.

The next tribes known to have lived here were the Illinois (or Illiniwek). They arrived in the first half of the 17th century, fleeing attacks from the Iroquois Confederacy, which sought to monopolize the fur trade driven by French, Dutch and British traders. By the time the first white settlers arrived in DuPage in the 1820s, the Miami and Illinois had left.

Instead, settlers met the Potawatomi, who had been pushed by the Iroquois from their previous homeland in northern Michigan in the 17th century. The Potawatomi settled in four [villages](#) now constituting parts of Naperville, Hinsdale, Churchill Woods Forest Preserve in Lombard, and the Morton Arboretum.

Far from gratitude

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Wheaton College has a mixed history regarding Native Americans, starting with its first president. In “The [Christian Cynosure](#),” a newspaper he published, Jonathan Blanchard lamented the “utter extermination [of] that wild and wonderful people” and the “frontier encroachments and the avarice of white men.”

However, Blanchard openly approved of the residential school movement of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, in which Indigenous children were forcibly removed from their homes and sent to Christian boarding schools. Blanchard wrote in The Cynosure, “Each Indian youth in a government school is a hostage for the good behavior of his tribe ... The true Indian policy, we repeat, is his Christian education by his white brother, with a view of making him a fellow citizen.”

More recent Wheaton practices also show failures to respect Native American culture, though these practices have since been recognized and corrected. Melissa Harkrider, the chair of Wheaton’s history department, spoke about Wheaton’s history of misappropriation of Native American imagery both on Wheaton’s campus and at HoneyRock.

“One of the ways that we’re trying to reconcile with Native communities today is taking a really close look at our campus culture,” she said. The first case study of this which she mentioned was two Fischer men’s floors’ Senior Skip Day festivities. “From 2003 to about 2015, one very popular costume was war paint, feather headdresses and drums,” Harkrider explained. “The event started as a way to get these two groups of young men to try to think about what it means to live in community, but it devolved into creating a stereotype of Natives that isn’t so fun.” Vice President for Student Development Paul Chelsen and Residence Life staff worked with student leaders to remove culturally inappropriate props and costumes.

Like many summer camps across the nation, camps at Wheaton’s HoneyRock Center for Leadership Development had also appropriated Native American imagery, Harkrider said, throughout the 20th century and as late as 2013. In games at children’s camps, counselors divided campers into “tribes” and distributed “war paint.”

“Although for these students it is all perhaps fun and frivolity,” Harkrider said, “we should think about the experience of students engaging in that kind of activity from the perspective of the Forest County Potawatomi and Sokaogon Chippewa Band communities 45 minutes away in Crandon, Wisconsin. How would they feel if they heard that a bunch of Wheaton evangelical campers are dressing up and acting like wild Indians? It’s a way of treating Native Americans as if they’re static figures, treating them like they’re artifacts of the past, like their problems today don’t matter.” Dean of Global Programs and Studies Laura Montgomery, Director of HoneyRock Rob Ribbe and HoneyRock student leaders collaborated to revise camp programming to remove disrespectful games and imagery.

Journeys of gratitude

Emeritus New Testament professor Gene Green said when he began teaching in 1996, none of the CCCU sister schools offered courses on Native American history. Beginning in the early 2000s, Wheaton College held faculty development seminars featuring Native American speakers to educate Wheaton’s faculty on the experiences of Indigenous peoples. In following years, Green helped host a powwow, a Native American celebration involving singing and dancing, on campus led by Casey Church, a Potawatomi theologian who studied at Fuller Theological Seminary and works in ministry in Native American communities, and his family. Green, along with Harkrider and emeritus professor Christine Folch, also taught student courses on Indigenous realities in the Black Hills and on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

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Students interacted with over fifteen Lakota leaders. For Green, the most important outcome of these engagements is the facilitation of mutual listening. “We were listening to Native Americans instead of just talking,” Green said, “We began to read into the history of North America from a Native perspective rather than reading the history of the nation from Anglo-European perspectives.”

In recent years, Wheaton has hosted two conferences with NAIITS (formerly the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies), a learning community which trains Indigenous people in theology and ministry.

“This is a robustly Christian group of theologians, and they are approaching their Christianity through the lens of their Indigenous identity,” Milliner said of NAIITS. “That makes it feel like the faith is new for the first time.”

Milliner first started learning about Wheaton’s Native American history at a faculty seminar Green helped lead. He has since taught two courses that engage Native American art and history and has recently written a book, “The Everlasting People: G.K. Chesterton and the First Nations,” which approaches Native American history through a theological lens and will be released in December.

“Before I asked these questions [about the Native American history here], there was a ghostly inability to fully inhabit the place because I was worried what I’d find if I underwent this kind of investigation,” Milliner said. “But once I began to ask these questions, relationships with Indigenous people who are not of the past, but of the present, were inaugurated. And therefore new elements of joy have resulted in my life and in my faith.”

Green remembers the first powwow he and his wife attended, sponsored by the American Indian Center of Chicago. “Given what we had learned about the Native American experience on this land, we were concerned about how we would be received. But we found they welcomed us. They embraced us. Paul, in Romans 15:7, says, ‘Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.’ The gospel is about welcome. Native American students and other Indigenous people probably taught me more about welcome than anybody else.”

Zachary Bishop at the DuPage County Historical Museum provided research regarding Indigenous tribes in the DuPage area.

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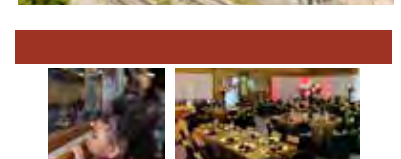
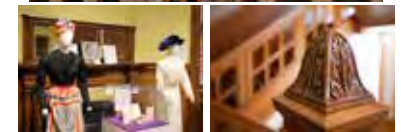
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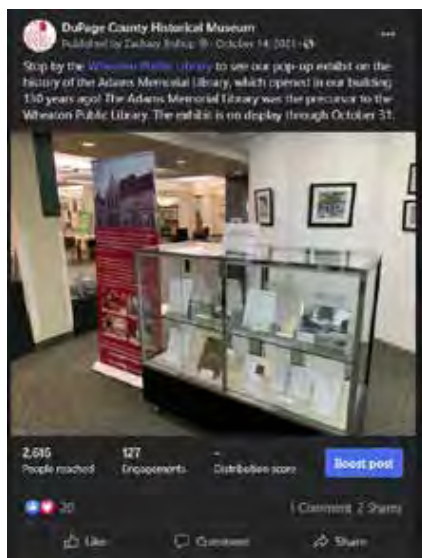


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