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Mary Fuller, c. 1830's, Image from *Inheriting DuPage*

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Adams Memorial Library/ Museum Building Auditorium Windows, 2013

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Students learn engineering at LEGO ® Camp, 2014

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Vogue Magazine Cover, 1901

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Tortoise Shell Hair Comb, 83.21.30

From the Collection of the DuPage County Historical Museum

Hair Clippings from *Inheriting DuPage* exhibit

Image By: Mychal Brown

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Introduction

DuPage County Historical Museum (DCHM) 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. Services offered at the DuPage County Historical Museum include historically based exhibitions, educational programs, birthday parties, archival reproductions, research assistance, guided tours and venue rentals. The DuPage County Museum Foundation, the 501(c)(3) organization that raises money for the Museum, provides special events and fundraisers throughout the year as well.



Hours of Operation

**Monday – Friday
8:30am-4:30pm**

**Weekends
12:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Free Admission,
Donations Appreciated**



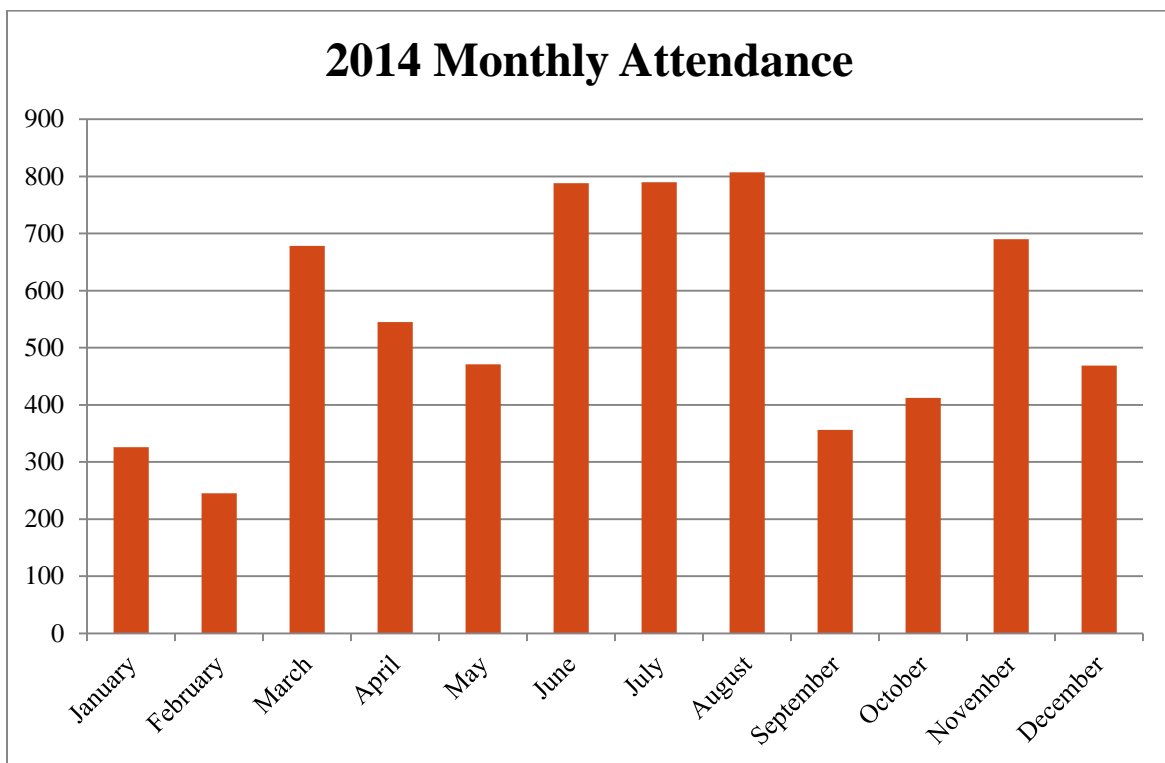
Pictured above: Children check out the model railroad at Train Camp (top) and dig in the sand for bones at Dino Camp (bottom).
Images By: Museum Staff

Visitor Data

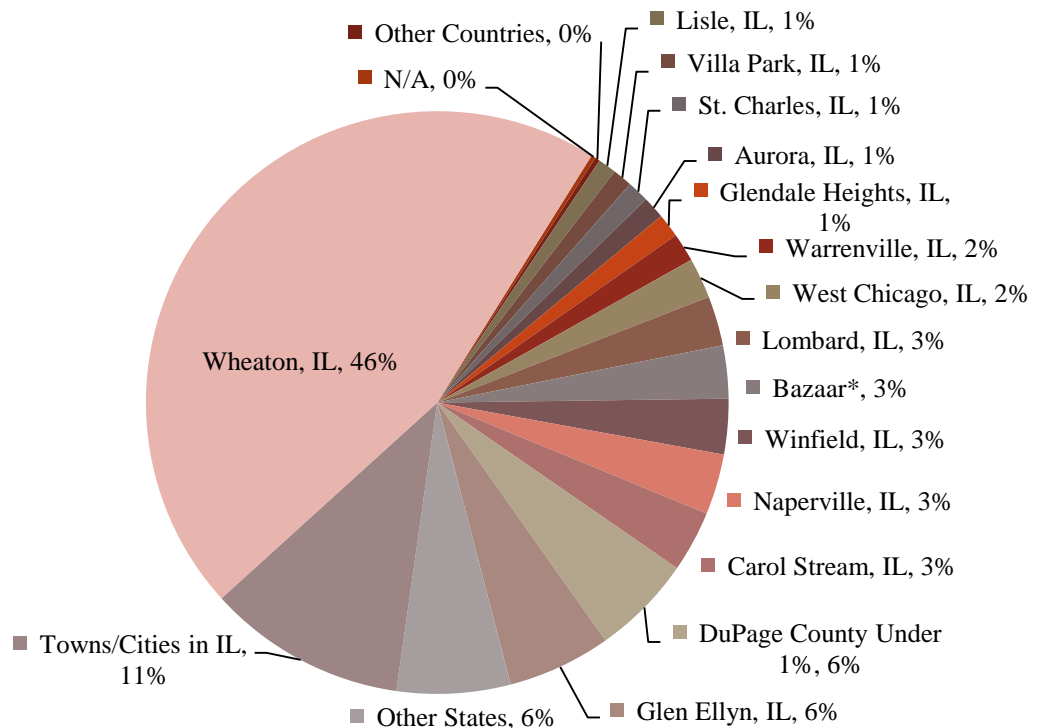
The DuPage County Historical Museum is located in downtown Wheaton, at the center of the city. Wheaton serves as county seat and is one of the more than thirty communities within DuPage County. The Museum draws visitors from DuPage County and neighboring counties.

The Museum is open Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm, and Saturday-Sunday from 12:00pm to 4:00pm for a total of forty-eight hours per week.

Visitor attendance is tracked on a daily basis by Museum Assistants. In 2014, the Museum served 6,677 visitors throughout the year. The data in the graphs below reflects visitor attendance from January 2014 through December 2014; comparisons to previous years are displayed in the graph on page 6.



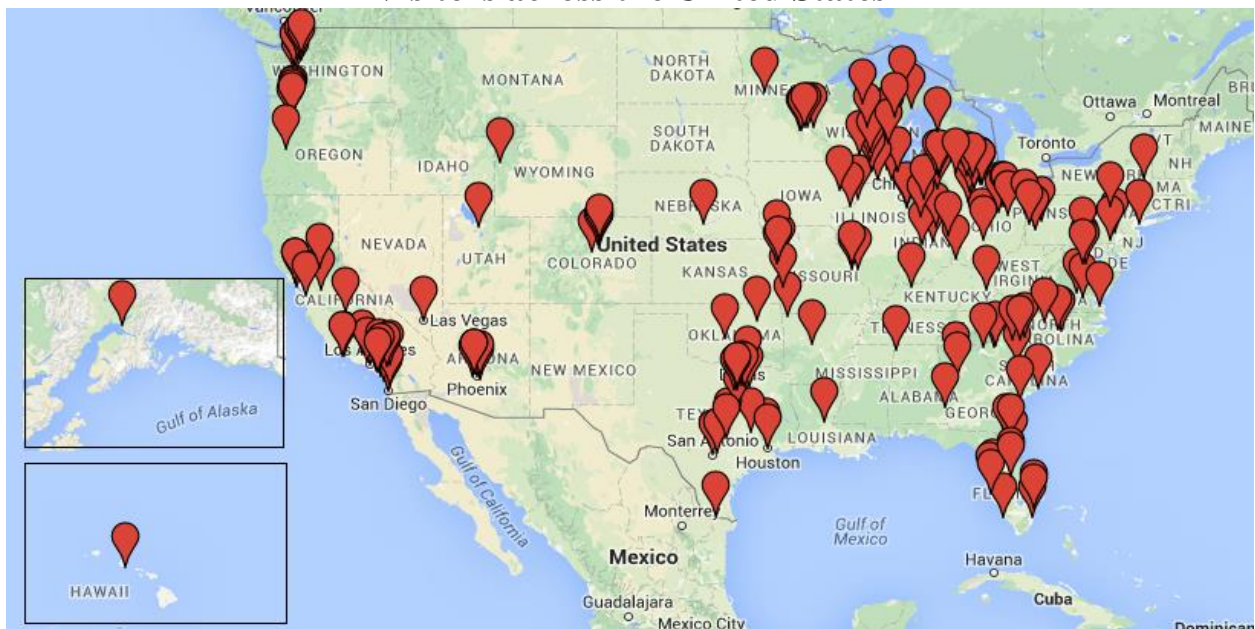
2014 Visitor Percentage



The above graph shows the percentage of visitors from cities in DuPage County, the state of Illinois, other states and countries during 2014.

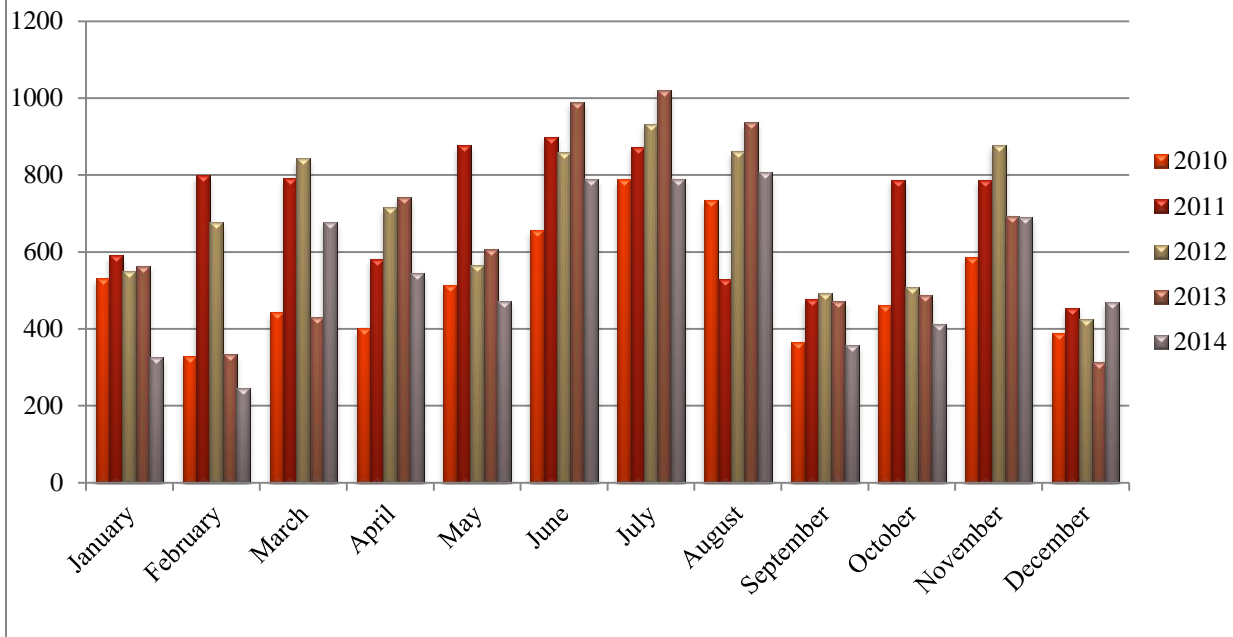
*Zip codes are not collected at the Annual Museum Guild Bazaar.

Visitors across the United States



In 2014, the Museum had visitors from 35 U.S. states as shown above, as well as 11 countries.

Annual Visitor Comparison 2010-2014



The above graph depicts visitation counts by month for 2010 - 2014. These numbers do not reflect participants in guided tours, programs, special events or private rentals.

Visitor Donations

Admission to the Museum is free year-round however, there is a suggested donation of \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Visitor donations totaled \$4,848.87 in 2014.

Future Plans (Visitor Data)

Staff will continue to collect visitor data for marketing, grant reporting and analysis purposes. This data will continue to influence educational programming, exhibit development, special events and marketing efforts. The information on visitor geographical location will help plan and market to all areas of DuPage County and beyond. Staff will continue to gather survey information through social networking outlets, the Museum's website and during community outreach events.

Education

The Museum provides programs, tours, and historical resources to audiences of all ages. These programs give people the opportunity to explore the influential people, places and events that shaped this area.

Total educational revenue in 2014 was \$23,270.90 which was an increase of 227% from the previous year (2013: \$10,247). Staff utilized a portion of a \$5,000 grant given by The DuPage Community Foundation in order to fund the *Inheriting DuPage* lecture and event series. Total expenses for the Lego Train Show, Santa Express, and speaker fees were \$9,276. The profit margin for educational programs in 2014 was 60%.

The Museum offers many programs to the public free or with a suggested donation. Offering free programs helps build attendance and broaden the Museum's audience. Staff led all guided tours as well as school and scout programs which further reduced expenses; a nominal fee is associated with these offerings.

Birthday Parties

In 2014, seven birthday parties were held at the Museum, with total revenue of \$1,070. All expenses average \$30 or less per party and the price charged is \$150-\$180. These numbers mark a slight increase from last year's five birthday parties and total revenue of \$820. Birthday parties at the Museum are semi-facilitated by staff who lead educational and craft portions of the party. Time is allotted for parents to incorporate their own activities.

Guided Tours, School and Scout Programs

Basic guided tours include the building's history and an overview of the changing exhibits. Various programs are offered for school and scout groups. There were 21 tours and programs conducted in 2014. Due to seven weeks of summer camps in 2014, there was a decrease in tours and school and scout programs offered. The listing of 2014 tour groups can be found in Appendix 1.

Tours & School / Scout Programs

Year	Number of Tours and Programs	Participants
2009	11	200
2010	15	267
2011	29	664
2012	72	1038
2013	41	633
2014	21	383

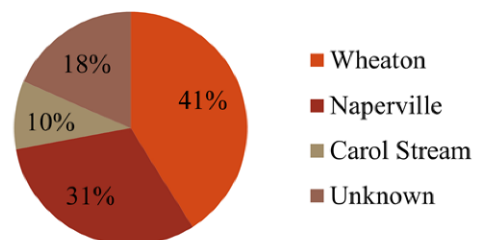
Educational Revenue in 2014:

\$23,270.90



Image By: Museum Staff

2014 Tour/Program Attendees by Location



Museum Events

The Museum held 37 family events and summer camps in 2014, with 2,426 people attending. The Museum Educator organized and taught several programs to reduce expenses. The Museum also collaborated with local organizations, including the DuPage County Historical Society, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, and the DuPage County Genealogical Society to provide engaging events at little or no cost to the public. Some presenters agreed to speak at the Museum at no charge. Total fees for presenters in 2014 were \$1,630; given the large number of lectures offered to the public, the average expense per event was less than \$70 (compared to the average speaking fee of \$200-\$350 per event).

EVENT TABLE

Museum Events	Number of Events	Various Topics	Participants
Adult Events	11	<i>In Vogue</i> Exhibit Lectures, Bertha Palmer Luncheon, Guild Bazaar	582
Family Events	8	LEGO® Train Show, Santa Express, Family Tree Program, Giant Steps Family Day	1,589
Children Events	18	<i>In Vogue</i> Workshops, Summer Camps, Victorian Valentines	255
TOTAL	37		2,426



Fancy Feet Workshop



Chris Gingrich leads a historical tour of Fullersburg Woods



LEGO® Train Show

2014 Programs included:

- Victorian Valentines program (2)*
- LEGO® Train Show presented by the Northern Illinois Lego Train Club
- Love Songs of 4 Generations by History Singers
- Children's *In Vogue* Workshops*: Folded Favorites, Paint a Parasol, Up on Top: Top Hats & Bonnets, Charming Chests, and Fancy Feet
- American Beauty presented by Leslie Goddard
- *Love Under Fire: the Story of Bertha & Palmer Potter* presented by Director Amelia Dellos
- Museum open houses partnering with Giant Steps for families of children with autism (2)*
- Museum Explorer Days (2)*
- Outreach programs* - Lakeview Nature Center, Kline Creek Farm's Evening in the Country(3), Northern Illinois Steam and Power Show, and the Sycamore 105th Fundraising Event
- Summer camps*: Fashion Camp, Dinosaur Camp, Museum Detectives, and All Aboard
- Four LEGO® summer camps: Construction Vehicles and Machines, Pre-engineering using LEGO®, and Engineering FUNDamentals
- An Afternoon with Bertha Palmer luncheon featuring Leslie Goddard
- Story Color Collage incorporating genealogy with the art of Henry Matisse*
- Lecture Series for the *Inheriting DuPage* exhibit including Beyond the Begats with Sarah Kirby, Historical Illinois with Terry Lynch, Historic Hike of Fullersberg Woods with Chris Gingrich, Women of WWI with Kathryn Atwood, and The Soldier's View with Robert Girardi
- *Inheriting DuPage* exhibit Family Tree and Scrapbook workshops*
- The Museum Guild 31st Annual Bazaar
- Santa Express Trips (4)*

*Staff-facilitated program

Santa Express

The Museum hosted four Santa Express trips in December. Staff organized a train trip from Wheaton to the "North Pole." Children in pajamas enjoyed milk and cookies, while staff sang carols and read the story. Santa made a special appearance and visited with each family. This program was a huge success for the Museum, netting a profit of \$5,933 (Compared to 2013: \$5,668) Combined enrollment for the four trips was 440. Sponsorships from Costco and Meijer were secured to help reduce expenses.



Girls show off their handmade crafts at the end of Fashion Camp
Image By: Museum Staff

Santa Express

Passengers:

440

Revenue:

\$5,933



Santa high fives a young passenger on the Santa Express

Facility Rentals

In 2014, the Museum acted as host to various organizations and individual events throughout the community. The Museum utilized its website and was incorporated into Wheaton Park District Rental brochure to promote itself.

The following organizations were hosted at the Museum through rentals or partnered events in 2014:

- Private Birthdays (2)
- William Keffer Financial Planning
- Private College Audition Taping
- Downtown Wheaton Association
- DuPage County Historical Society
- DuPage County Genealogical Society
- Chicago Suburban Antiques Dealer Association
- Kane and DuPage Regional Museum Association

The Museum Auditorium also provides meeting space for programs and events within the Wheaton Park District including bid openings, committee meetings, special facility department meetings, marketing and development meetings, strategic planning committee meetings, special events planning meetings, finance meetings, Foundation meetings, staff meetings and more.



The Museum promoted its auditorium venue for the 2014 Wheaton Wedding Walk hosted by the Downtown Wheaton Association

Marketing Efforts

In 2014, marketing concentrated on continuing to raise the awareness about the Museum as a unique and free institution preserving DuPage County's history. Focus was paid to the temporary exhibits, HO Model train display and the various special events and programs that are offered. A marketing collage and feature articles are available in Appendix 2.

Community Outreach

The year started off with the opening of the *Fashion Accessories In Vogue... & Out* exhibit on January 25 and the annual Casino Night event followed. The year rounded out with the opening of *Inheriting DuPage: A Family History* celebrating the county's 175th Anniversary. Staff reached out to local community and corporate organizations to including College of DuPage to elicit support and participation. Media coverage was impressive and included a Chat with the Mayor of Wheaton, participation in the Downtown Wheaton Association Wedding Walk, a Boy Scout Roundtable and a Steam Power Show in Sycamore. The Museum participated in Wheaton Park District events to include Taste of Wheaton, Shakespeare in the Park and Week of the Young Child. The Marketing Department also worked with the DuPage Society of Model Engineers to create a model train booklet to sell in the Museum gift shop. Currently, the train booklet is for sale in the gift shop.

Publicity (Release and Feature Articles)

Regular press releases and calendar items were submitted to local editors for inclusion in print and web news pages.

- Casino Night
- *Fashion Accessories In Vogue ... & Out* exhibit opening
- *Selected Landmarks in Wheaton IL* exhibit
- Shakespeare in the Park
- *Inheriting DuPage: A Family History* exhibit Opening

In 2014...

***16,096 visits to the Museum website
This is an increase of 4% from 2013.***

***1,900 subscribers to the
email database***



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Printed Materials, Banners and Brochures

- A-frame signage was printed and displayed outside the Museum and at the Community Center for the *Inside History Gallery*, Curious George Day and the LEGO® Train Show.
- Seasonal program brochures, along with *Inheriting DuPage* postcards, posters and brochures were distributed throughout the community.
- Print ads for various exhibits and programs appeared in local publications including *Inside Wheaton*, *Glancer Magazine*, *Daily Herald*, and *Suburban Life*
- Outdoor banners were displayed on the Museum building and at various Wheaton Park District facilities to promote *Inheriting DuPage* and Casino Night.

E-Marketing

Monthly e-blasts, quarterly e-newsletters and targeted email invitations were issued to the Museum's growing email subscriber database. In 2014, e-blasts were distributed to a total of 21,000 subscribers. The average open rate was 28% and 7% clicked through to registration and/or pursued additional information. The industry standard open rate is between 25% and 30%. This rate has remained the same from 2013.

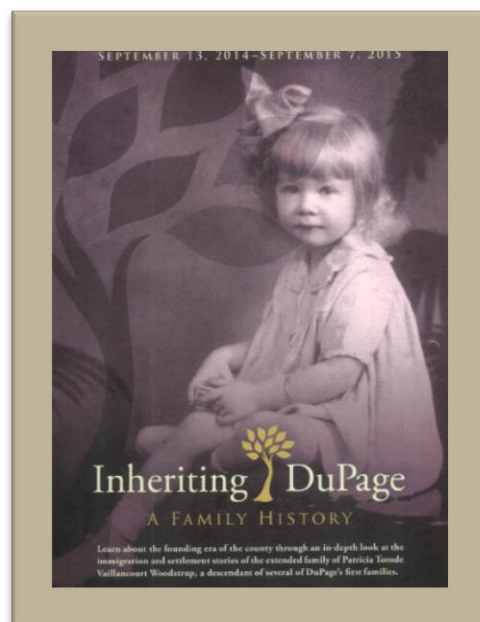
Digital Marketing

Ongoing efforts include digital ads on familytimemagazine.com, wheatonpatch.com, glenellynpatch.com and tribune.com. Program and event listings include placement on discoverdupage.com, oakleesguide.com and chicagofun.com.

The website visits continue to grow. In 2014, the number of visits grew by 4% up to 16,096.

Sponsorships

The following sponsors provided monetary sponsorships or in-kind donations for various events or programs at the Museum: Whole Foods, Costco, Chic Fil-A, Caliendo's Restaurant, Meijer and Superstar Karate.



Inheriting DuPage: A Family History
postcard design

Social Media

Museum and marketing staff cooperatively maintain the Facebook and Twitter accounts. Both social media platforms are updated one to five times per week. Posts focus on programs, exhibits, and events at the Museum, as well as historical facts about DuPage County, facility closures, and other important information.

In 2014, the Museum and Foundation boosted six posts on Facebook. This will be continually explored in 2015 in an effort to increase social media presence and market special events. An additional emphasis to engage page visitors in discussions and encourage them to ask questions and leave comments about the Museum will be further developed. The following charts below describe the statistics from the Museum's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Facebook

Year	Posts	Photo Albums	Total "Likes"	Average Views per Post	Highest Number of People to see a post
2010	26 [^]	4	Not recorded*	Not recorded*	Not recorded*
2011	80	7	127	29*	107*
2012	84	15	213	48	297
2013	94	13	329	63	378
2014	221	48	471	243 [†]	11,636 [†]

[^]DCHM joined Facebook on May 7, 2010.

*Data incomplete, Facebook did not record data prior to July 19, 2011.

[†] This data includes "Boosted" posts, a feature which, for a fee, boosts the number of Facebook users reached by your post. This feature "boosts" a post to the top of followers' News Feed, making it more likely that followers will view the post.

Twitter

Year	Total "Tweets" (Posts)	Total Followers
2011	21*	Not recorded
2012	130	80
2013	100	195
2014	34	278

*DCHM joined Twitter on November 17, 2011.

Collection

Collection Status

Museum staff cares for over 30,000 three-dimensional objects and has several thousand to process into the collection. The Museum's Archive features over 165 linear feet of photographs, letters, scrapbooks, maps and other primary source material.

Staff continues to work with PastPerfect, the software acquired for the digitization of the collection. The entry of information is critical to the Museum staff's efficiency. In 2014, staff began entering past deeds of gift, which will provide an easier method for searching the Museum's artifact inventory.

Acquisitions

In 2014, DuPage County Historical Museum focused on cataloging a large backlog of donations. Due to this, the Museum has placed a hold on new incoming donations.

Museum staff continued to process the Patricia Torode Vaillancourt Woodstrup Collection, the largest single donation the Museum has received to date. Approximately 20% of the over 5,000 piece collection has been processed and will soon be added into the PastPerfect database. The collection is also the basis for the current *Inheriting DuPage: A Family History* exhibit.

Also in 2014, Museum Intern, Andrea Martinez, began processing another large donation that encompasses several hundred pieces. Volunteer, Jennifer Warner, continues to catalog all other pending donations.

Preservation and Collection Maintenance

In 2014, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources awarded the Museum a \$600,800 grant to restore the original unfading red slate roof of the building. The Foundation and Museum Guild also donated a total of \$25,000 of matching funds for this project. Red slate, in addition to being authentic material for the time period, will last far longer than the asphalt shingles currently in place on the roof.

In 2014, Museum staff continued to work closely with the Facility Department at DuPage County to maintain proper humidity and temperature levels for the preservation of Museum artifacts. This consistency is vital to meet the American Alliance of Museum's accreditation



LEGO® Museum Replica by Matt De Lanoy
Image By: Michelle Podkowa

Research Revenue

\$275.00 – 2012

\$603.00 – 2013

\$232.10 – 2014



College Ave. Sta. Wheaton, Ill. August 1922.
College Avenue Train Station, Wheaton, Illinois,
August 1922
Image from the DCHM Archive
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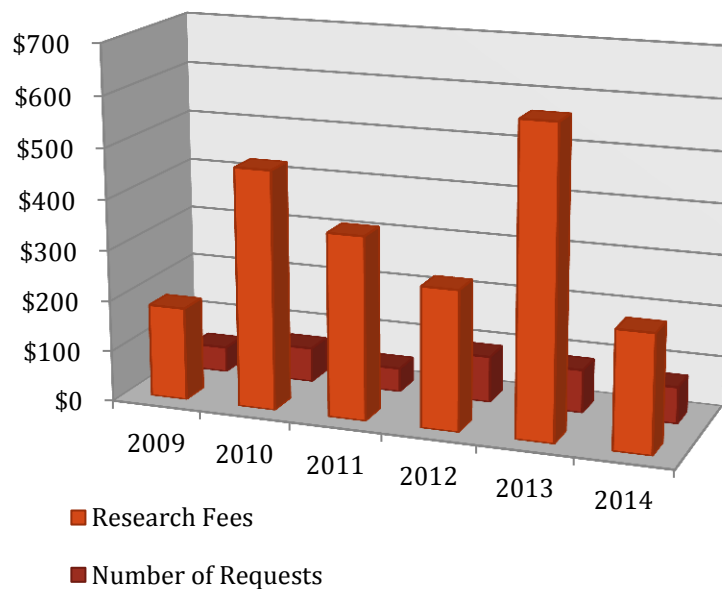
requirements for the preservation of Museum artifacts (see Appendix 3 for the accreditation guidelines).

In 2014, the Museum applied for a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, to fund the digitization of the Museum's Archive. The Museum will be notified of results in spring 2015.

Museum Research

The Museum assists students, organizations, historians, museums, and the general public with research of DuPage County history. Residents of the county are offered a half hour of complimentary research. After the initial 30 minutes, patrons are given an update on the information found. If more research is necessary the Museum charges a fee of \$25 per hour. This is a comparable to local museums.

In 2014, the Museum received 72 research requests, which was a decrease of 16% compared to 2013. Topics for research requests included Westmont's history as Whiskey Hill and Henry C. Childs, an Illinois Legislator turned Colorado Spiritualist.



Exhibits

Museum staff created an exhibit calendar for changing exhibits through 2017. This calendar allows staff time for advanced preparation of upcoming exhibits by researching specific artifacts for exhibit inclusion as well as preparing images for marketing purposes.

Permanent Exhibits

The Museum was unsuccessful in the application for a grant in 2014 to hire a consultant for the upcoming renovation of the Museum's permanent exhibit space *Enduring Values in a Changing Landscape*. Nevertheless, Museum staff began research for the updating and renovation of the permanent exhibit and the currently featured documentary "The Changing Face of DuPage." In 2015, research will continue, and Museum staff will apply for other grants to assist in the updating of the gallery. To complete a renovation plan for that gallery the Museum will need \$20,000.

Changing Exhibits

In 2014, the Museum hosted a number of exciting exhibits. The *Fashion Accessories In Vogue... & Out* exhibit was open January 25 – August 24, 2014, and featured fashion accessories from the Museum's permanent collection dating from the late 1800s through modern day. For the exhibit, 241 pieces from the Museum's collection and 28 items on loan were used.

In May, the Museum exhibited *Selected Landmarks in Wheaton, IL* in honor of the National Trust's Historic Preservation Month and the City of Wheaton's Historic Preservation Week. This exhibit featured the work of local artist, William D'Arcy, and historic photographs from the Museum's archival collection.

On July 10, 2014, the Museum also welcomed a scale replica of the Museum building made from LEGOs®. Matt De Lanoy of the Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club was commissioned by the Museum to design and construct the model for the Museum.

On September 13, 2014, the Museum opened *Inheriting DuPage: A Family History*. This exhibit celebrates DuPage County's 175th anniversary and features nearly 200 artifacts from the 5,000 piece Patricia Torode Vaillancourt Woodstrup Collection.



Fashion Accessories: In Vogue... & Out
Image By: Museum Staff



Postcard of the Wheaton Post Office
71.14.4.5 DCHM Archival Collection



Image from *Inheriting DuPage*
Patricia Torode Vaillancourt Woodstrup
Collection

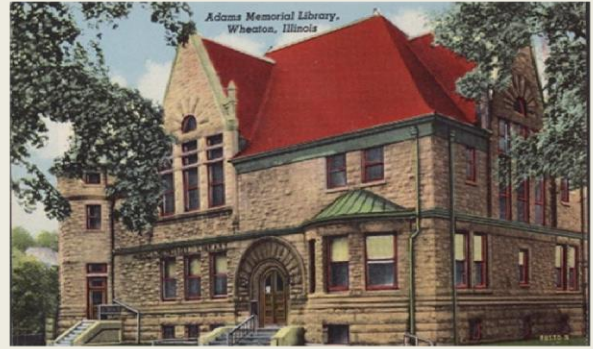
Institutional Stewardship

Strategic Plan

The current staff will review the Strategic Plan in 2015 and update the long-range goals in the areas of audience development, collections, exhibits, education, accreditation, financial self-sustainability, capital improvements/assets, volunteers, and institutional stewardship. The Conservation Assessment Reports and a fundraising plan for the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation Board will be included in the 2015 Strategic Plan.

Business Plan

Staff completed a Business Plan for the Museum in 2010. A redesign of the Business Plan will be part of the Wheaton Park District Strategic Plan and is to be completed in 2015.



Adams Memorial Library with red slate roof
Image from: DuPage County Historical Museum



Permanent Exhibit
Image By: Wheaton Park District Staff



Volunteers Jean and Jerry Gieraltowski work on digitizing collection pieces.
Image By: Museum Staff

Accreditation

DuPage County Historical Museum continues to work towards accreditation. Staff has identified several key areas that the Museum needs to focus on before accreditation may be obtained through the AAM. Itemized plans for these steps will be included in the updated Strategic Plan.

- Repair the building's outdated roof (in progress).
- Establish a solid timeline and fundraising plan for updating the Museum's permanent exhibit that focuses on the general history of DuPage County.
- Complete an inventory of the Museum's existing collections (in progress).
- Digitizing the Museum's collection (in progress).
- Address concerns over UV filters in collection storage and exhibition space.

In 2013, DuPage County Historical Museum completed the Conservation Assessment Program, resulting in two complete reports on the building and Collection, which detailed the specific challenges the Museum faces in each area and helps Museum staff create a strategic plan for overcoming these challenges in the next few years. During 2014, the staff continued to work with these challenges by tracking artifacts' environmental conditions more closely, addressing issues concerning the plants near the foundation of the building and applying for grants to help replace the ageing roof. These plans will continue in 2015.

The AAM changed and updated the application process for accreditation in 2013. The current requirements are listed in Appendix 3.

Museums Accredited in Illinois¹

Illinois County	Number of Accredited Museums
Cook	16
DuPage	2
Lake	1
McLean	1
Peoria	1
Springfield	4
Champaign	3
Coles	1
Jackson	1
Total	30

Budget for Museums Accredited by the AAM¹

Annual Budget	% of Accredited Museum
\$350,000 and under	8%
\$350,000 to \$499,999	6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	18%
\$1,000,000 to \$2.9M	30%
\$3M to \$4.9M	12%
\$5M to \$14.9M	17%
\$15M and over	10%

¹. There are currently 30 Museums in the State of Illinois that are accredited. Naper Settlement and the Morton Arboretum are the only museums from the County of DuPage that have been accredited by the AAM as of March 2014. These are the most recent published statistics available from AAM.

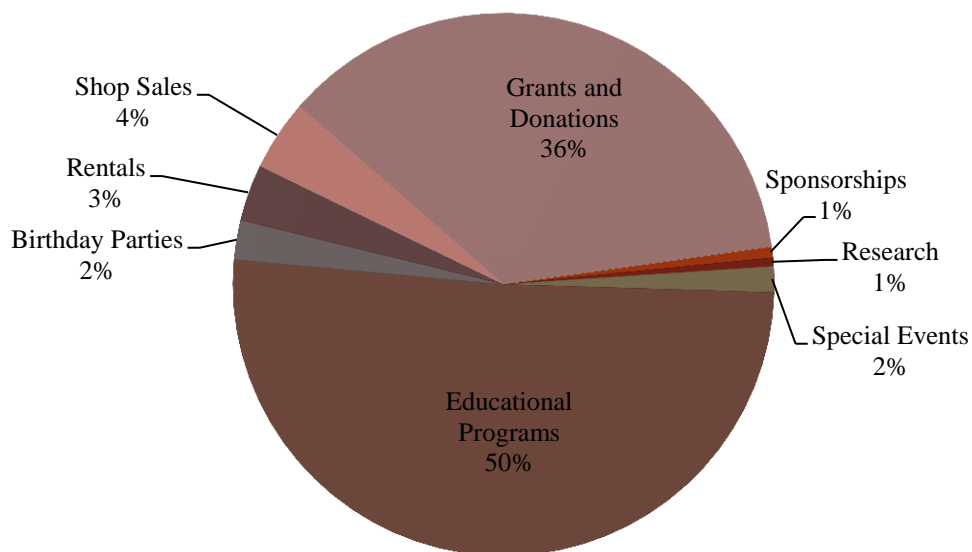
Financial Summary

DuPage County Historical Museum continues to focus on earned revenue opportunities. In 2014, increases were seen in educational programs and special events. Educational programs in 2014 included several camps which were not available in previous years such as the LEGO® camps, Dinosaur camp, and Fashion Camp. Due to their success, the LEGO® and Dinosaur camps were slated to continue in 2015.

Decreases were seen in facility rentals, shop sales, sponsorships, grants and donations since 2013. The decrease in grants and donations can be attributed to a number of grants received in 2013 including the Conservation Assessment Grant and grants from the DuPage Community Foundation which covered programming from 2013-2015. Facility rental revenue also dropped in 2013. The Auditorium was rented at no charge to some of the Museum's partners including the DuPage County Historical Society and the Downtown Wheaton Association for mutually beneficial partner programs.

In terms of expenses, marked decreases were seen in mileage reimbursement, marketing, and full time salaries, the latter due to timing of the hiring of two replacement, full time employees. Increased expenses included employer health insurance, IS and T services, utilities and contractual expenses. Staff expected these increases as prices continue to rise on these commodities. The contractual expenses were slightly higher than in 2013 due to a contract with the Play-Well Organization for LEGO® camps.

Earned Revenue 2014



Operating Budget Comparison

All 2014 calculations are preliminary and will be confirmed through a professional annual audit.

Description	2014 Actual	2013 Actual	2012 Actual
Sponsorships-Special Events	300.00	525.00	122.00
Ed. Programs/ Research	24,573.00	10,850.66	17,614.60
Special Events	698.00	430.00	0.00
Facility Rentals	1,545.00	5,980.00	4,600.00
Shop Sales	1,925.28	2,073.20	1,858.98
Grants and Donations	146,600.05	143,560.13	137,517.37
Revenue Sub Totals:	175,641.33	163,418.99	161,712.95
Salary and Wages			
FT Administrative Salaries	89,490.98	95,715.17	93,689.01
Part Time Non Exempt	13,339.40	12,266.42	10,528.47
Contractual	13,821.44	10,294.17	13,527.30
Life Insurance	192.36	115.31	113.36
Employer Health Insurance	33,877.48	26,702.43	25,992.31
IS and T Services	5,390.56	5,475.62	7,452.31
Utilities	8,433.60	7,320.27	5,918.77
Supplies	15,480.49	14,537.48	10,726.87
IS and T Supplies	2,049.63	1,344.51	2,245.85
Marketing	2,362.04	2,428.53	2,581.09
Fundraising Expenses	224.40	0.00	0.00
Mileage Travel Reimbursement	101.46	1,236.40	1,205.62
Dues and Subscriptions	626.33	739.00	738.30
Training	2,430.20	718.50	324.50
Capital			
Capital Expense-Computers	419.91	173.08	781.16
Expense Sub Totals:	\$188,240.28	\$179,066.89	\$175,824.92
Revenue Totals:	\$175,641.33	\$163,418.99	\$161,712.95
Report Totals:	(\$12,598.95)	(\$15,647.90)	(\$14,111.97)

Personnel

Staff

Many changes occurred with staffing in 2014. The Museum said goodbye to Aaron Ianno, who served as a Museum Assistant for four years. The Museum hired Mychal Brown, a longtime volunteer with the Museum, and Morgan Valenzuela as new Assistants. Sara Buttita, the Museum Educator since 2009, resigned to pursue employment in Chicago. Curator Sara Arnas also resigned to pursue a new opportunity in Chicago after directing the Museum for more than five years. The Museum promoted Michelle Podkova, the Visitor Services Coordinator, to Museum Facility Manager and Educator. Staff hired new Curator Ashley Downing, in early 2015.

Wheaton Park District Administration

The Museum building also functions as the Administrative Office for Wheaton Park District. Staff serves the public as both Museum Assistants and Administrative Receptionists. Serving in the Administrative capacity, staff processes activity registrations, ticket sales, and citizen concerns for the District. Museum Assistant Alexis Muschal received additional training with the District's ticketing software. Staff also processes registrations for Special Facility events such as Taste of Wheaton, Fourth of July Parade, Brew Fest and others.

Volunteers

Volunteers work in the areas of collections management, archival research, exhibit development, visitor services, educational programming, special events and marketing. The volunteers provide the Museum with invaluable services and tremendous dedication. The Museum's individual volunteers and volunteer organizations contributed over 1560 hours equivalent to \$37,564.80 in 2014. †

The Museum's two volunteer organizations The Museum Guild and the DuPage Society of Model Engineers have been offering the Museum support for 31 years and 50 years respectively. The Museum Guild, founded in 1983, raised thousands of dollars for the Museum each year at the aforementioned Holiday Bazaar. They donate time and talent to create the items for sale at the Bazaar.

The DuPage Society of Model Engineers have been involved with the Museum since Edwin Deicke purchased the building for the Museum in 1965. Members of

DuPage County Historical Museum Guild

500 Hours

DuPage Society of Model Engineers

200 Hours

Individual Volunteer Hours

860



DuPage County Historical Museum Guild members listening to carols at the 2014 Annual Museum Guild Bazaar

Image By: Michelle Podkova

DPSME renovated the lower level space and installed the HO model railroad. Over the years, members of DPSME have generously run the railroad for families on select Saturdays. Museum staff is not involved in the maintenance or operation of the railroad, which makes it imperative that DPSME continue to receive support from the staff.

†Calculations were based on statistics from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The estimated value of volunteer time in Illinois for 2013 was \$24.08 per hour.
http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time#sthash.ZYNKe0gY.dpbs

Interns

The Museum hosts interns regularly throughout the year. Requirements include that each intern complete 210 hours at the Museum.

Andrea Martinez is a current Anthropology student at the College of DuPage. Andrea helped the Museum catalog an anonymous collection as well as worked special events and programs during November and December of 2014. Andrea continues to work as an intern at the Museum for 2015.

Samantha Fornino, a recent graduate of Illinois State University, assisted the Museum staff with the development and orchestration of educational programming and research.

Zachary Bishop, a History and English Major at Elmhurst College, assisted in research, label writing, and installation of exhibits in 2014.

Volunteer Name	Year Started Volunteering	2014 Hours Contributed
Mychal Brown	2010	78.25
Melody Coleman	2014	24.5
Brian Cory	2014	6.25
Irina Gorbunova-Ford	2014	53.5
Jean Gieraltowski	2000	58.5
Jerry Gieraltowski	2004	69
John Kelly	2014	60
Alexa Lindsley	2014	25
Emily McCafferty	2012	84.5
Nancy Morris	2010	84.25
Bonnie Nelson	2014	36
Amy Nicholas	2013	29.75
Rachel Olson	2013	16.5
Kathy Oswalt	2014	3.75
Craig Passley	2014	96
Heidi Rosenwinkel	2014	54
Clare Sokolowski	2014	11.5
Jennifer Warner	2012	69
Totals		860.25

Staff Development

Michelle Podkowa, Museum Facility Manager and Educator

DuPage County Genealogical Conference
Illinois Association of Museums
Conference, Rockford, IL 2014
CPR/ AED Training, 2014

Giant Steps Autism Training
Wheaton Park District Strategic Planning
Committee Measurement, Survey and
Analysis Team

Alexis Muschal, Museum Assistant

Association of Midwest Museums 2014
Conference, St. Louis
Giant Steps Autism Training
CPR/ AED Training, 2014

Wheaton Park District Strategic Planning
Committee Communication Charter Team
Rec Trac Training for Ticketing Functions,
Vermont Systems Incorporated

Mychal Brown, Museum Assistant

CPR/ AED Training, 2014

Morgan Valenzuela, Museum Assistant

CPR/ AED Training, 2014

Three members of the Museum staff moved on to new opportunities in 2014, the Museum would like to thank them for their dedicated service to the Museum's Mission and Vision. Their professional development activities are listed below.

Sara Arnas, (Former) Museum Curator

Association of Midwest Museums 2014
Conference, St. Louis, MO
Giant Steps Autism Training
CPR/ AED Training, 2014

Wheaton Park District Strategic Planning
Committee 2010-2014 Strategic Plan and
Charter Wrap Up Team

Sara Buttita, (Former) Museum Educator

CPR/ AED Training, 2014
KDRMA Board Member

Giant Steps Autism Training

Aaron Ianno, (Former) Museum Assistant

Wheaton Park District Strategic Planning
Committee Community Partnership
and Engagement Team

CPR/ AED Training, 2014
Giant Steps Autism Training

Professional Group Participation

DuPage County Historical Museum is a member with the following agencies

American Association of Museums
American Association of State and Local History
Association of Midwest Museums
Downtown Wheaton Association
DuPage County Convention and Visitor's Bureau
Illinois Association of Museums
Illinois Heritage Association
National Trust for Historic Preservation

Illinois Association of Park Districts
Illinois Parks and Recreation Association
Kane DuPage Regional Museum Association
Landmark Illinois
West Suburban Philanthropic Organization
Wheaton Chamber of Commerce
Lisle Chamber of Commerce

Grants and Awards

Grants

In 2013, the DuPage County Historical Museum received a grant from the DuPage Community Foundation for educational programs related to *Inheriting DuPage: A Family History* exhibit in 2014-2015.

Also in 2013, DCHM received a FORWARD DuPage grant, which allowed the Museum to purchase additional toys for our interactive Kitchen in the Inside History Gallery.

Staff participated in a webinar through the Illinois Arts Council regarding their grant process on February 25, 2014.

In June 2014, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources approved a grant for \$600,800 to historically restore the Museum's original unfading red slate roof. See Appendix 4 for the IDNR grant letter.

In July, a grant was submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities to assist with digitizing and inventory of the Museum's archive. The grant would assist in funding three part-time positions for three years. A decision regarding this grant will be announced in spring of 2015.

In December 2014, the Museum was awarded a \$1,000, unrestricted grant from the History DuPage Fund of The DuPage Community Foundation. See the grant letter in Appendix 4.

The Museum was unsuccessful in an application for a grant from the Costume Society of America for archival supplies.

The Museum applied for a grant through the Eastern Illinois University Graduate School Research and Creative Activity Award to fund a digitization project of the Museum's postcard archives. The Museum expects to hear from EIU with the results in early 2015.



\$1,000 unrestricted grant from the History DuPage Fund of the DuPage Community Foundation.

\$600,800 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to restore the Museum's historic unfading red slate roof.



Awards

In February 2014, DCHM was nominated for Small Non-Profit of the Year by the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce. Part time staff members Aaron Ianno, Alexis Muschal and Michelle Podkova were also honored as Top 30 Under 30 Young Professionals in Wheaton.

Staff members also received other awards as well. Michelle Podkova received a “You Rock!” Award from the Wheaton Park District. Museum Assistant Alexis Muschal received a scholarship to allow her to attend the Association of Midwestern Museums’ (AMM) Annual Conference in St. Louis in July 2014.

In 2014, the Illinois Association of Museums honored the Museum with two Awards of Best Practice. The first was an Award of Merit for the 2013 Annual Report. The second was an Award of Excellence for the “elegant” and “eye-catching” promotional materials for the *In Vogue...and Out* exhibit. The awards were presented on October 22, 2014 at the IAM annual conference in Rockford. See Appendix 4 to view the award letter.

In October, the Museum Foundation held their first Hope & History Award ceremony honoring Dan Goodwin. The Illinois Park and Recreation Association awarded the Museum Foundation first place in their Media Relations Campaign.



Staff at Wheaton Chamber of Commerce “Wheaton’s Best” Award Ceremony.

DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation

The DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation was established in 2005 through resolution by the County Board for DuPage County. In 2010, the Foundation Board was reorganized in compliance with the Intergovernmental Agreement between The County of DuPage and Wheaton Park District. The Foundation's primary role is fundraising and development to support the mission of DuPage County Historical Museum. The Foundation is recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In 2014, the following individuals served on the Foundation's Board of Directors:

Tim Elliott	Board President Chair: Membership Glen Ellyn Resident Attorney, Rathje Woodward
Keith Letsche	Vice President Chair: CSADA West Chicago Resident Attorney, Bond Dickson
Mike Benard	Secretary Chair: Annual Appeal Wheaton Resident Executive Director Wheaton Park District
Michael Fortner	Board Member West Chicago Resident State Representative
Amy Grant	Board Member Wheaton Resident DuPage County Board Member
Bob Jacobsen	Board Member Wheaton Resident Milton Township Cemeteries Authority
Don Puchalski	Board Member Addison Resident DuPage County Board Member
Scott Shorney	Board Member Chair: Casino Night & On Par Wheaton Resident Vice President, Hope Publishing



Speakeasy Casino Night



Shakespeare in the Park



On Par Golf Outing



Hope & History

Foundation Initiatives

In 2014, the Foundation focused on the following fundraisers and initiatives for the Museum with the partnership support of local individuals, businesses, and organizations:

First Quarter:

Casino Night, February 28, 2014

The fourth annual Casino Night fundraiser event was held on-site at the Museum. The event highlighted casino activities for raffle prizes.

Second Quarter:

Friend-raiser Events

During the second quarter, the Museum Foundation assisted with a variety of “friend-raiser” events including participating at Wheaton’s Fun Run In Color, In Good Taste, and Curious George Day.

Third Quarter:

Shakespeare in the Park, August 29 and 30, 2014

In 2014, the Foundation, together through a partnership with Wheaton College Theater Department and Wheaton Park District, hosted the second annual Shakespeare in the Park. The event was attended by over 2,000 guests and successfully served as a platform for heightening awareness about the Museum in the community.

Fourth Quarter:

Chicago Suburban Antique Dealers' (CSADA) Fox Valley Antiques Fall Show, October 18 and 19, 2014

Together through a partnership with CSADA, the Museum staff, volunteers, and foundation board members assisted with the organization of an advertisement booklet and coordination of admission ticket sales during the two-day program held at the Kane County Fairgrounds. This was the third year for the partnership.

On Par for DuPage, October 21, 2014

Along with community partner, People’s Resource Center, the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation hosted its second annual golf outing held at Arrowhead Golf Club. The event had an Oktoberfest-theme and included a raffle, silent auction, lunch, dinner, and golf activities.

Hope & History, October 30, 2014

For the first time, the Museum Foundation hosted the Hope & History fundraiser dinner. The event brought together over 300 business professionals and distinguished guests from around the State of Illinois. At the dinner, The Making a Historical Difference Award was presented to Daniel L. Goodwin, CEO & Chairman of The Inland Group of Real Estate Companies. The award signifies an individual’s leadership, business growth, economic impact, philanthropy, and voluntary civic services, all of which have made a lasting, positive impact on the quality of life for DuPage residents.

Annual Appeal, 2014

In 2014, the Annual Appeal focused on the success of the Museum and the Foundation throughout 2014. It featured the dedicated work of the Museum Guild, DuPage Society of Engineers, the success of the IDNR Grant Application, and the inaugural Hope & History event.

DCHM Foundation Budget Comparison

Description	2014 Actual	2013 Actual	2012 Actual	2011 Actual
Special Events		3,339.00		
Music and Lecture		1,108.00	2,316.00	5,268.00
CSADA	5,433.00	6,529.00	6,405.00	
On Par for DuPage Golf	42,705.00*	43,464.00		
Hope & History	34,675.00			
Casino Night	12,051.00	11,623.05	10,740.00	
Annual Appeal	4,540.00	3,930.00	4,315.00.00	
Sponsorships-Special Events	175.00	12,000.00		
Gift Shop Sales	100.00	4,309.80		
Grants and Donations	31,623.56	15,850.88	772.76	26,899.40
Auction/Raffle proceeds		1,555.00	1,897.19	
Foundation Memberships	486.21	712.39	866.37	1,124.24
Revenue Sub Totals:	\$131,788.77	\$104,421.12	\$29,812.32	\$33,291.64
Music and Lecture	162.50	3,385.61	2,944.70	
CSADA	1,890.11	1,624.35	1,302.00	
On Par for DuPage Golf	26,543.15	10,514.60		
Hope & History	28,375.45			
Casino Night	6,632.60	2,789.41	3,693.32	
Annual Appeal	1,456.82	1,942.85	3,070.89	
Contractual-Other		269.00	26,451.29	1,462.00
Salary Reimbursement	35,134.77	29,130.24	19,923.17	
Credit Card Processing Fees	448.10	733.26	205.98	228.54
Entertainment		600.00		
Printing		1,794.67		
Supplies	220.89	9,401.60	6,285.18	2,072.78
Board Expenses	87.39	1,712.57	560.75	199.88
Fundraising Expenses			1,500.00	4,893.34
Operating Donations Made	7,061.38	12,372.77	0.00	11,621.00
Capital Donation to WPD	5,000.00			
Audit	2,500.00			
Dues and Subscriptions	375.00	125.00	25.00	156.00
Advertising and Publicity		716.23	55.00	247.53
Postage	652.24	2,472.59		
Membership				
Expense Sub Totals:	\$117,565.40	\$79,584.75	\$63,321.45	\$20,931.07
Fund Revenue Sub Totals:	\$131,788.77	\$106,798.07	\$29,812.32	\$ 33,291.64
Report Totals:	\$14,223.37	\$24,836.37	(\$33,509.13)	\$12,360.57

**Indicates the inclusion of \$8,775.00 revenues collected directly by PRC for event.*

DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation raised an estimated \$131,788.77 with net revenue of \$14,223.37 in 2014. All 2014 calculations are preliminary and will be confirmed through a professional annual audit.

Appendix 1 Tour, Program and School Groups 2014

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Group/Organization	Type of Group	Program	Location
Classical Conversations	School	Art and Folk Art	Wheaton
Cub Scout Pack 63 Den 4	Scout	Museum Detectives	
Giant Steps	School	Self-guided tour	Lisle
Classical Conversations	School	Living Like an Illinois Settler	Wheaton
Classical Conversations	School	Combination	Wheaton
Carol Stream Park District		Tour	Carol Stream
Girl Scout Daisy Troop 50749	Scout	Daisy & the Girl Scouts	
Girl Scout Daisy Troop 42106	Scout	Museum Overnight	
Lincoln School	School	Living History	Wheaton
Naperville Women's Club	Club	Tour	Naperville
Clarewoods Academy	School	Architectural Walking Tour	Wheaton
Cub Scouts	Scout	Museum Detectives	
Community Outreach Group	Self-Guided	Scavenger Hunts	
Beacon Hill Retirement Community	Senior	Tour	Lombard
Cub Scout Pack 66 Den 4	Scout	Tour	Naperville
DuPage Montessori School	School	Combination	Naperville
DuPage Montessori School	School	Combination	Naperville
DuPage Montessori School	School	Combination	Naperville
Classical Conversations	School	Combination	Wheaton
Cub Scouts	Scout	Tour	Wheaton
Classical Conversations	School	Folk Art painting	Wheaton

All tours and school/scout programs involved groups from DuPage County.

Appendix 2 Marketing Collage and Feature Articles

Military Memorabilia Collection
by Dixie Devil Diver

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This extensive military collection includes military uniforms & headgear, patriotic posters, military home front items, war memorabilia, trench art, flight jackets & helmets, military field gear and more.

Opening Armed Forces Appreciation Month May 2015
In conjunction with the DuPage County Historical Museum, this collection will be on display at Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton.

Visit datedivediver.com for more information.

LEGO® Train Show 2014

Saturday and Sunday, February 8 & 9 | 9 am to 4 pm

The LEGO® Train Show is coming to the DuPage County Historical Museum! You will see a spectacular LEGO® diorama, LEGO® skyscrapers, LEGO® Harry Potter and a custom LEGO® replica of the DuPage County Historical Museum!

Tickets at dupagemuseum.org/tickets

The event is produced by the:

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An Afternoon with Bertha Palmer

Thursday August 14 | 12-2P
Ages 12 & over | \$19 | 331456-01

Join us for an afternoon with Bertha Palmer, Author and performer Leslie Goldsack will portray Bertha Palmer Palmer, Chicago socialite, wife of railroad magnate Potter Palmer, and past owner of the museum. Although her controversial role for her Impressionist art collection, now at the Art Institute of Chicago, the glamorous Mrs. Palmer has her own fascinating story. As shared in her own essays, Palmer helped bring her husband's dream alive: the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. At the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, she served as hostess to the world. Intelligent and witty, the intriguing Mrs. Palmer still compels attention today. The program begins at noon followed by a luncheon in the beautifully restored museum auditorium. Sandwiches, fruit, scones, and tea will be served.

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Speaking of Unconventionals: The Rise and Fall of Ladies Underwear
12 & over | Lectures, Nov 11 & 12
Free 331456-01

Women's fashions are shaped, shaped and reshaped. Through the centuries, women have worn a variety of garments that have shaped the way we think of ourselves and the world around us. This lecture series will explore the history of women's underwear and how it has shaped the way we think of ourselves and the world around us.

Up on Top: Spring Brooming and Top Hats
Ages 12 & over | Lectures, Nov 11 & 12
Free 331456-01

Up on top of the world, the top hat is a symbol of power and prestige. This lecture series will explore the history of the top hat and how it has shaped the way we think of ourselves and the world around us.

Charming Chicks: Decoding a Jewelry Box
Ages 12 & over | Lectures, Nov 11 & 12
Free 331456-01

Decorative jewelry boxes are a treasure trove of information about the lives of the women who owned them. This lecture series will explore the history of jewelry boxes and how they have shaped the way we think of ourselves and the world around us.

Guided Tours:
Guided tours are available during regular museum hours and on special occasions. Please call 630.510.4941 for more information.

Admission:
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Programs & Events

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January 25-August 24, 2014

Twisted Fiber Studio Classes
at the DuPage County Historical Museum

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Felt and Silk Flower Brooches or Hair Clips
Saturday, June 11 | 1:30P-3:30P | Ages 13 & over | \$30 | 331456-01

Resin Canvasbags Brooches or Hair Clips
Saturday, July 18 | 1:30P-3:30P | Ages 13 & over | \$30 | 331456-01

Registration to wheatonparkdistrict.com or call the museum at 630.510.4941.

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Curious George Visits the Museum

Saturday, July 12 | 1:30-3:30P
FREE ADMISSION

Meet Curious George, make a Curious George craft and have a chance to purchase two of George's favorite reads, Curious George Takes the Train or Curious George Visits the Library.

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31st Annual Museum Guild Bazaar

The DuPage County Historical Museum will hold its 31st Annual Holiday Bazaar this year. A fine selection of handmade ornaments, unique gifts, crocheted items, holiday decorations, stocking stuffers, and "Yummy Arts" will be available. Free gifts for friends, family, teachers and colleagues. This is the perfect way to start your holiday shopping!

Saturday, November 15
10 am until 3 pm

The adult chorus, Beyond Glow, will perform holiday carols from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

Free admission, cost of the items will vary.

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General Information

Please contact the Museum at 630.510.4941 for questions regarding any of the summer camps. Registration is available online at wheatonparkdistrict.com and by visiting the museum.

Refunds for camps will only be given if requested by the Wednesday before the first day of camp.

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- Exhibition space for 100 sq. ft.
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On
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Fashion as a Time Capsule

The DuPage County Historical Museum will present a new exhibit, opening Jan. 25th, that shares clothing and accessories of a bygone age.



Unique and interesting items from throughout history, like this hat, will be on display at the DuPage County Historical Museum in the new "Fashion Accessories in Vogue...and Out" which will open to the public on Jan. 25th.
Photo courtesy of the DuPage County Historical Museum

by Bonnie McMaken
community contributor

Can a hat tell a story? Does a wrist watch have the power to teach us lessons about our own lives? According to a new accessories exhibit at the DuPage County Historical Museum, the answer is a resounding "yes." Fashions come and go, changed dramatically by society, the political landscape, architecture, and a number of other factors. One of the ways we can evaluate these fascinating changes is by looking at the accessories that people have donned throughout the years: hats, parasols, pocket watches, undergarments, and other items.

These accessories speak volumes about the way people lived and what they believed about the world and themselves. And ultimately, they teach us about ourselves and how we use fashion to express ourselves in a number of ways. This exhibit, entitled "Fashion Accessories in Vogue...and Out," will be an in-depth look at these small, yet fascinating pieces of fashion and the stories behind their owners.

"We wanted to explore the forgotten trends," explained Sara Buttitia, educator at the museum.

"And we wanted to specifically look at how changes in society or events in the world made an impact on fashion."

Sara Armas, the museum curator agreed. "People today can look back and see how everything going on in culture influences fashion. Fashion is something that we need every day, so it's an inter-

esting way to analyze what was happening at the time."

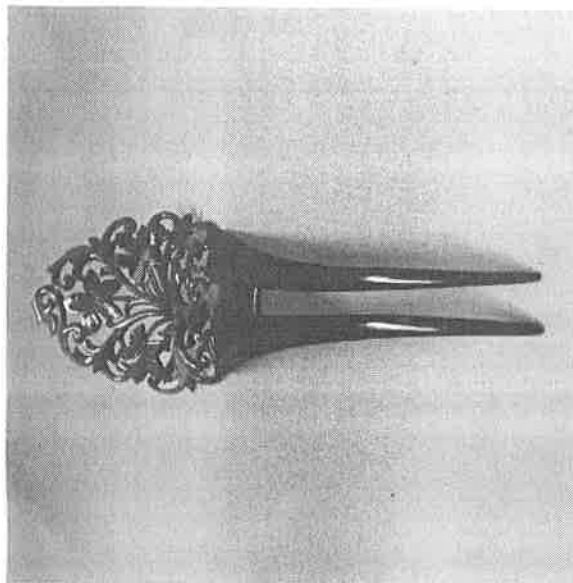
Many of the accessories that will be featured in the exhibit are early examples of what we still use today, even if they look different, such as hats and lingerie. Other pieces, however, are almost obsolete in modern society. Take, for example, gloves - once used to demonstrate a lady's modesty and place in society, gloves are now only used for very formal occasions.

Examples like this can teach about women's changing roles in society.

But this exhibit won't just appeal to women; there are many accessories in this exhibit that once belonged to men. There is one wrist watch in particular that has an interesting background, formerly belonging to Wheaton's Edwin Deicke.

Born in 1896, Deicke was a major benefactor in the community of Wheaton and purchased the DuPage County Historical Museum building, which lie then

Inside Wheaton
Dec. 13/Jan 14



By showcasing fashion accessories in this new exhibit, organizers said that the display speaks volumes about the way people lived in years gone by.
Photo courtesy of the DuPage County Historical Museum

1896

Major benefactor of the Wheaton community, Edwin Deicke, was born in 1896. Some of his possessions are on display at the DuPage Co. Historical Museum.

In 1965, Wheaton's Adams Library was replaced with a new building. The vacated building, according to information on dupagehistory.org, was then purchased and given to the DuPage Historical Society by Edwin F. Deicke, who was a local insurance executive. Deicke also provided his colonial style building on West Wesley Street for municipal use as an expanded City Hall in 1966.

—Hayden Miltman

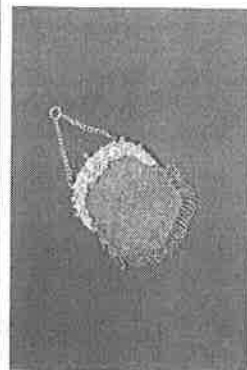
FASHIONABLE BE THERE OPENING DAY

DuPage County Historical Museum presents vogue accessories from late 1800s through modern day in Fashion Accessories in Vogue...and Out. The transformation of trends in the fast paced and ever changing world of fashion will be explored through objects and images. See how parasols, chateaux, and hairpins faded from favor and what modern accessories replaced them. The opening reception will be held at the DuPage County Historical Museum at 102 E. Wesley Street in Wheaton on January 25, 2014 from noon to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

—DuPage County Historical Museum

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Opening night of "Fashion Accessories in Vogue...and Out" will be on Jan. 25th.
Photo courtesy of the DuPage County Historical Museum

It's Time to Bet on the House

The DuPage County Historical Museum will present a Casino Night on Feb. 28th with a roaring 20s theme.

by Bonnie McMaken
Community contributor

In the early part of the twentieth century, speakeasies weren't necessarily associated with good causes. But on February 28, residents can enjoy a nostalgic and fun Casino Night at the DuPage County Historical Museum knowing their admission goes toward the good works of the museum, including but not limited to exhibit development, education programs, and visitor activities.

"This is our fourth year producing this event," said Sara Buttita, educator at the DuPage County Historical Museum. "And, every year it gets bigger and better."

For one night, the auditorium of the museum is transformed into an old-time speakeasy from the roaring 20s, complete with a mock casino, where

guests can mingle, eat, drink, play casino games, and win prizes.

Guests are encouraged to come in period clothes, and in the past, many have gotten really into the fun, dressing as flappers, mobsters, and other period characters.

With the popularity of shows like *Downtown Abbey* and *Boardwalk Empire*, people's appreciation for this era has seemed to grow in the past few years.

"I think the fact that we've tied this night to an intriguing event in the nation's history really draws people. The guests like the little touches. For example, we encourage women to wear pearls, and we've provided fedoras for the men in the past," said Museum Curator Sara Arnas.

The speakeasy theme carries over into details in the décor and the favors as well.



For the fourth year, the DuPage County Historical Museum will host an annual Casino Night, complete with costumes straight out of the roaring 20s. The event will be held on Feb. 28th. Photos courtesy of the DuPage County Historical Museum



"This is our fourth year producing this event. And, every year it gets bigger and better."

— Sara Buttita, educator at the DuPage County Historical Museum.

"This is not your average casino; you're not going to a 'mock Las Vegas.' Because we're all about history, we try to include that nostalgic element to the evening," said Arnas.

"It's a fun and festive event that I think people look forward to. And it's really fun to see how people get in the spirit of it, like wearing boas and putting feathers in their hair. When people get in the theme of it, it makes the event that much better. Participation grows every year, and we hope this year is no different," said Buttita.

The price of each ticket includes food and drinks for guests to enjoy and all proceeds from this event will benefit the ongoing work of the museum. 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."

"It's really wonderful that this event actually happens in the museum because people get to see what their involvement benefits, but at the same time, the pressure's off. It's not a lecture or a class; it's an interactive gambling event," said Arnas. "We really want people to enjoy themselves. Hopefully if they're interested in how DuPage was affected by prohibition, they'll come back to the museum to see what else we have to offer, but ultimately, it's a night for fun!"

Tickets for Casino Night are \$75 each.

To register, or for more information, visit dupagemuseum.org.

A 'Couple' of Hard Workers

DuPage Co. Couple Win Volunteers of the Year Award.

*Information provided by
The DuPage County Historical Museum*

Jean and Jerry Gieraltowski of Naperville have been named the 2013 Volunteers of the Year by the Illinois Association of Museums for the time they've generously donated to the DuPage County Historical Museum. Since 2001, the Gieraltowski, according to the Illinois Association of Museums, "have proven their dedication to the DuPage County Historical Museum through good and tough times."

Jean began volunteering in 2001, working at the front desk and welcoming visitors to the Museum.

"They could ask me anything as they

wandered around," said Jean. "I really enjoyed it."

When Jerry started volunteering in 2007, the couple started cataloging material in the museum's vertical files. They also cataloged the historic material in the educator's office.

"That took the longest amount of time," said Jerry with a laugh.

Jerry said, "We were really surprised that we got the award. It's really an honor for us and the museum," said Jean.

Jean and Jerry also volunteer at the Family History Center in Naperville and serve on the board of the DuPage Genealogical Society.

For more information about the museum, visit dupagemuseum.org.



Jean and Jerry Gieraltowski of Naperville have been named the 2013 Volunteers of the Year by the Illinois Association of Museums.

Photo courtesy the DuPage County Historical Museum

Community Trees on Display at Cantigny Park



See some incredible trees all decorated for the holidays and vote for your favorite charity.

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The Robert R. McCormick Museum at Cantigny Park

The Robert R. McCormick Museum at Cantigny Park invites visitors to a special holiday attraction honoring Colonel McCormick's philanthropic legacy. Until the end of the year, McCormick Museum will feature seven "Community Trees," each decorated for Christmas by a different local nonprofit organization. The area charities were invited to participate because their missions involve issues or causes that were important to Robert McCormick during his career and life at Cantigny.

"We're pleased to offer this program for the fourth year, and our visitors look forward to it," said Diane Gutenkauf, director of the McCormick Museum. "Best of all, it helps the participating organizations raise public awareness for their programs and get a head start on their 2014 funding needs."

Museum visitors are invited to vote for their favorite tree. They can also make donations on site to one or more of the seven participating agencies. Colonel McCormick's passion for community service is well represented by the agencies chosen to display trees inside his former home. Participating organizations are: DuPagePads in Wheaton, Honor Flight Chicago, Celebrate Differ-

ences in Oswego, DuPage County Area Project in Glendale Heights, the Glen Ellyn, Children's Resource Center, Friends of DuPage Forest Preserve District in Wheaton and SaveAVet.org in Lindenhurst.

The museum will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after, and also closed Dec. 24-25. The last day for the Community Trees exhibit is Dec. 29, the museum's final day of 2013 operations.

Parking at Cantigny is \$5 per vehicle or \$2 during non-peak hours. More information, including park hours, directions and details about upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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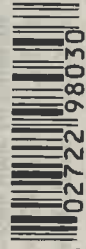
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“Unmentionables” are among the items featured in a new exhibit on historical fashion at the DuPage County Historical Museum.

History museum gets gussied up with fashion exhibit

By NATHAN LURZ
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WHEATON – History has never looked so good as it will in Wheaton over the next several months during the DuPage County Historical Museum’s new exhibit, “Fashion Accessories: In Vogue ... and Out,” which opened Saturday.

More than 200 pieces of jewelry, scarves, smoking accessories and unmentionables will be on display through Aug. 24, highlighting how fashion has changed and been effected by the culture surrounding it throughout history.

Know more

For more information about the exhibit, future lectures or booking a guided tour, visit www.dupagemuseum.org.

“It’s interesting to see some of those pieces we don’t use anymore and think about how things have changed so much,” said museum educator Sara Buttita. “Things today that are a fun element to add had a much more central role in society at the time.”

Gloves, hats and even girdles are featured alongside trends and

brands to depict what society has found acceptable or desirable during the past 150 years.

Curator Sara Arnas said the inspiration for the exhibit came from the museum’s extensive costume collection.

The first floor display also takes care to reference its subject locally, Arnas said, focusing on the department stores that were established around Chicago during the turn of the 20th century. These include Marshall Field’s, Sears Roebuck and Co. and Montgomery Ward.

“We have a whole panel that talks about the development of shopping, the consumerism of

mail order catalogs and dry goods stores and malls,” Buttita said. “Some of the largest malls in the country were around this area.”

Several pieces also feature information about the clothing’s owners, including receipts of purchase and pictures of the wearer, to help the attendees connect to the items.

Arnas said the museum was only able to display part of its collection because of space restrictions.

“That’s always one of the problems putting out a new exhibit,” Buttita said. “You learn so much, but there’s only so much you can share.”

YOUR WEEKEND FORECAST



Friday
High: 21
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A 40 percent chance of snow



Saturday
High: 24
Low: 3

Cloudy, chance of snow



Sunday
High: 16
Low: 2

A mostly sunny winter day

Source: National Weather Service

ON THE COVER

Curator Sara Arnas puts a final touch on a display Jan. 25 in the DuPage County Historical Museum’s exhibit on fashion through history.

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See Lego version of DuPage museum

BY BONNIE McMAKEN

Wheaton Park District

The DuPage County Historical Museum houses some of DuPage County's historical treasures that teach us about our past and present. And now the museum offers something a little more modern: a Lego model of the building.

The model, built by Matt de Lanoy of the Northern Illinois Lego Train Club, is a detailed version of the museum, complete with the interior layout and ivy and flowers on the exterior.

"We're very pleased and impressed with this model," museum Curator Sara Arnas said. "Matt has done an amazing job capturing the detail of the museum's building. We hope it will appeal to adults and children of all ages."

Museum admission is free to visitors interested in this model and other exhibits. Museum hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

The DuPage County Historical Museum is housed in what was formerly known as the Adams Memorial Library. The building was erected in 1891, commissioned by John Quincy Adams (a relative of the Adams presidents) as a gift to the community of Wheaton in memory of his late wife, Marilla Phipps Adams. Designed by Charles Sumner Frost in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, the building was added to the National Register in 1981.

In the 1960s the DuPage County Historical Society recognized the availability of the building as a new and more spacious library was being erected. In 1967, the building opened as the DuPage County Historical Museum. For information, visit dupagemuseum.org.

The Northern Illinois Lego Train Club is an adult Lego enthusiast group of 20 active members who enjoy building, designing and displaying Lego creations for the public. The club is unusual in the Lego train club universe in that all members are encouraged to create in what ever genre they love: town, space, city, castle, Star Wars, Harry Potter, etc.

The train is used to connect all the different areas together into a cohesive train display with characters from one often bleeding into other areas in a humorous manner. To learn more, visit niltc.org.



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The detailed Lego replica of the DuPage County Historical Museum building was erected by Matt de Lanoy of the Northern Illinois Lego Train Club.

History museum to honor DuPage businessman who has made a difference

DuPage County Historical Museum submission

The DuPage County Historical Museum has established an award to recognize DuPage County citizens who have provided leadership, business growth, economic impact, philanthropy, and voluntary civic services — all of which have made a lasting, positive impact on the quality of life for DuPage residents and woven these local heroes into the historical fabric of our county.

The first recipient of the award is the museum's clear first choice: Daniel L. Goodwin, chairman and CEO of the Inland Real Estate Group of Companies.

Goodwin has demonstrated leadership by founding and building a local business that has employed thousands of DuPage County residents and stimulated our local economy for more than 30 years.

He not only has contributed generously to local charities and civic organizations, but has volunteered his time as a board member and consultant for more than 16 local organizations.

He has provided support and advice that have been crucial to the success of a number of DuPage County organizations, and he has received 29 awards and honors from these organizations. Goodwin

If you go

What: Making a Historical Difference Award Dinner and Benefit

When: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29

Where: Arrowhead Golf Club, 26W151 Butterfield Road, Wheaton

Cost: \$150 per person, \$1,000 for a table for 10

Info: (630) 510-4986 or dupagemuseum.org

is well-known for giving his time and money and not asking anything in return.

Crain's Chicago Business has rated him as one of the top Chicago-area entrepreneurs year after year. Goodwin has been admitted into the Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame, the Illinois Association of Realtors Hall of Fame, and the National Association of Realtors Hall of Fame, among his many recognitions.

He is the author of a nationally recognized real estate book and the author of the definitive DuPage County Affordable Housing Study.

Goodwin has founded and still runs a development company, a brokerage company,

an investment securities firm, a mortgage company, two banks, and property management companies, among other businesses.

"Mr. Goodwin has been recognized for his efforts by Illinois' governors, mayors, legislators and DuPage County Board chairpersons over the past 30 years," said Michael Benard, speaking on behalf of the DuPage Historical Museum.

"His involvement in affordable housing, education and conservation is well-known throughout the area. Mr. Goodwin is the obvious choice for the first Making a Historical Difference Award."

The DuPage County Historical Museum will present its first Making a Historical Difference award Wednesday, Oct. 29. The evening, which focuses on hope and history, begins at 5:30 p.m. at Arrowhead Golf Club, 26W151 Butterfield Road, Wheaton, and will feature live music, dinner, beer, wine and dessert. Proceeds benefit the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation.

Tickets are \$150; \$1,000 for a table of 10. For information or to buy tickets, call (630) 510-4986. For information about the DuPage County Historical Museum, visit dupagemuseum.org.

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COD events celebrate county's 175th anniversary



Tours of the restored prairie at the College of DuPage will give participants an idea of what DuPage County settlers faced. The program in May culminates a series of events hosted by COD next year to celebrate the county's 175th anniversary.

Daily Herald File Photo

By Mike McKissack
College of DuPage

In celebration of DuPage County's 175th anniversary, College of DuPage has teamed up with the DuPage County Historical Museum to present a series of events throughout the winter and spring.

Each of the free programs in the Inheriting DuPage Lecture and Event Series were made possible through grants from the Conrad and Doris Brassine Charitable Fund and the History DuPage Fund of the DuPage Community Foundation.

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The event series opens with "DuPage County: A Historical Perspective" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, in the Student Resource Center at College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn.

Attendees will get a look at how the rolling prairies between the Des Plaines and Fox rivers became the residential and commercial center of DuPage County. Keith Yearman, COD assistant professor of geography, will discuss significant events that drew people to the region, including the Illinois Boundary Shift, the 1839 partition of DuPage County from Cook County, the influences of transportation in the region and the importance of historic farm communities.

In "DuPage County and the Underground Railroad," author, educator and historical researcher Glennette Tilley Turner will discuss her research on the Underground Railroad in Illinois. Turner has served on the National Park Service Underground Railroad Advisory Committee and testified before subcommittees of the U.S. Senate and House and the Illinois Senate in support of Underground Railroad legislation.

Tilley Turner's presentation begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, in COD's Student Resource Center.

"History of Higher Education in DuPage County," a panel discussion, begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the Student Resource Center. Attendees will learn about the growth of higher education in DuPage County, from humble seminaries and temporary buildings to internationally recognized academic institutions.

The panel will include COD Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jean Kartje and Professor of History Ben Whisenhunt, North Central College Professor of History Ann Keating, Wheaton College Professor of Library Science David Malone, and Benedictine University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian Julie Wroblewski.

In May, the series heads outdoors for a "Prairie Tour" at the COD campus. Tours are planned for Wednesday, May 6, 2015, and Saturday, May 9, 2015, but times have not yet been set.

COD biology professor Chris Petersen will lead a guided tour through the college's prairie restorations. Participants will learn about the people, processes and wildlife that shape the prairie ecosystem. Space for this event is limited and registration will be required.

For additional events celebrating DuPage County's 175th anniversary, visit [dupagemuseum.org/special.htm](http://www.dupagemuseum.org/special.htm) (<http://www.dupagemuseum.org/special.htm>). To register for any of the events at COD, call (630) 510-4941.

Appendix 3 Accreditation Guidelines

A Guide to the New Reaccreditation Process

After several years of listening to the field through surveys, interviews, and convenings, a new, streamlined Reaccreditation process has been created—one that has been significantly changed, not just tweaked.

- Through a combination of policy, process, and technology changes, the time needed to complete a reaccreditation review has been reduced by 50% or more.
- The reaccreditation process has also been realigned to begin with a presumption of innocence and focus on what's changed at the institution, in the field, and in standards since the last review, rather than starting from zero.
- More emphasis is being put on institutional impact and less on process/policy.
- The Self-Study has gone paperless.

However, there has been no dilution of the standards, and the core architecture of a Self-Study, a site visit by peers, and review by the Accreditation Commission remains.

The Self-Study

- It's about 75 percent shorter than the previous version.
- It's comprised of the following sections:
 - **Organizational Data** – Simple demographic questions, such as museum type, governance, budget, and staff size.
 - **Museum Overview** – Questions that gather more detailed information about the museum's mission, collections, and other certifications; and special questions if the museum is (or part of) a museum system.
 - **Operational Data** – Questions that gather detailed data on finances, facilities, human resources, attendance, and types of collections. This section accounts for about 50% of the entire Reaccreditation Self-Study.
 - **Changes Since Last Review** – A dozen questions (a mix of essay and checkboxes) about the types of changes at the museum, and how the museum has responded, or been impacted by them.
 - **Attachments** – A list of documents to upload: 8 required; 2 if applicable; 4 optional.
 - **Help** – Definitions, resources, information on standards, and guidance on how to answer selected questions.
- You complete it entirely online. Access and update your data anytime for greater flexibility.
- There are three Self-Study submission deadlines each year: March 1, July 1 and November 1. Every accredited museum is already assigned one of these due dates for its next reaccreditation review.
- A review fee is due at the time of submission, beginning in 2015. The fee will be based on the museum's Alliance membership status. Tier 3 Members will receive a significant discount.
- A PDF reference copy of the Self-Study is available at: <http://bit.ly/16UWLQ6>.

The Site Visit

- Site visits will happen only during three periods of the year, and will be pre-assigned based on your museum's Self-Study due date (see the chart below).
- With this approach you will now know far in advance the six-week window when your site visit will occur so you can plan accordingly. You will work with your peer reviewers to set the exact dates of the 2-3 day site visit.
- You will still have the chance to vet a list of potential peer reviewers; the Alliance staff will select both team members.

Schedule

Self-Study submitted in:	Site visit takes place between:	Accreditation Commission reviews in:
March	July 15-August 30	October
July	November 1- December 15	February (of the next year)
November	March 10- April 14 (of the next year)	July

- The time from the Self-Study's submission to the Commission's decision will be about a year, barring any issues you need to remedy during the process. (See page 3 for a detailed timeline.)
- Accredited status will expire every ten years. Exceptions to this are:
 - In select cases the Commission may designate a shorter award period due to concerns.
 - Requests (from the museum) for extensions to the Self-Study due date or site visit period will be approved only in rare cases due to highly unusual extenuating circumstances. Any such extension time granted will be deducted from the museum's next 10-year accreditation period.

Preparing for Your Museum's Next Reaccreditation Review

- Put the museum's Self-Study due date, and corresponding site visit dates listed above, on the calendar...and tell the staff and governing authority members. Put site visit expenses in the budget for that year. Expect a 2-3 day visit by two reviewers.
- Review your museum's last Self-Study, Visiting Committee report, and Accreditation Commission decision letter: has the museum resolved or made progress on issues cited in these materials?
- Ensure your five Core Documents (listed below) meet standards and reflect current practice. Use the free Reference Guides for each Core Document available on the Alliance website. These five Core Documents will get particular scrutiny as part of the accreditation process. (Accredited museums do not have to apply to Core Documents Verification; this document review will occur as part of the accreditation process.)
 - Mission Statement
 - Strategic Institutional Plan(s)
 - Collections Management Policy (*if museum owns, manages or borrows collections*)
 - Institutional Code of Ethics
 - Disaster Preparedness/ Emergency Response Plan

Reaccreditation Timeline

	TIME for this phase* (months)	CUMULATIVE TIME for the review* (months)
SELF-STUDY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Museum is assigned a due date at the time of its accreditation award; date is nine years away. Museum completes and submits Self-Study online by assigned due date. Alliance staff does thorough review of for completeness. In 1 month, museum receives review results (Self-Study Review Checklist). Museum responds to any requests for clarification or information and/or submits any missing documents within 1 month. 	2	2
SITE VISIT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process begins when museum submits Self-Study (Site Visit and Self-Study phases run concurrent for two months). Museum receives list of potential Peer Reviewers to approve; museum returns list within 1 week. Accreditation Program staff makes request (more than one if necessary) to one of approved individuals to serve as the Visiting Committee Team Contact and one of the approved individuals to serve as the second team member. The Visiting Committee coordinates with museum to set visit date within the pre-assigned six week window. Museum prepares for site visit. Visit occurs. Visiting Committee writes and submits report to Accreditation Commission. Museum placed on pre-assigned Commission meeting agenda. 	4–6	6–8
ACCREDITATION COMMISSION REVIEW & DECISION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accreditation Commission reviews Self-Study and Visiting Committee report. Commission grants or denies accreditation, or votes to table its decision for up to 1 year so museum can address specific concerns. Museum receives decision letter and a copy of the Visiting Committee report. When accreditation is granted, the next Self-Study due date is stated in the decision letter. Accreditation is granted for 10 years (shorter terms of 5 years are sometimes applied instead). 	2–4	8–12

* Times given are approximate and do not factor in additional time the museum must take to remedy incomplete items or tabling actions by the Commission at final decision stage.

Appendix 4 Grant and Award Letters



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

One Natural Resources Way Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
<http://dnr.state.il.us>

Pat Quinn, Governor
Marc Miller, Director

June 20, 2014

Wheaton Park District
Attn: Mr. Michael Benard
Executive Director
102 East Wesley Street
Wheaton, IL 60187

Re: Project # MC 14-45
DuPage County Historical Museum Roof Restoration

Dear Director Benard:

Congratulations on being selected for grant funding assistance through the State's FY14 Public Museum Capital Grant Program. Your project has been assigned the above referenced project number and approved in the amount of \$600,800.00.

Enclosed you will find the Project Agreement which outlines approved grant funding, project components, and program compliance responsibilities. Please review and have signed by the appropriate authorized official or fiscal agent for your organization, including full completion of all attached Certification and Disclosure (if needed) forms. Return to this office no later than July 18, 2014 for final execution by the Department. The required Grant Award Fee is now due. Using the attached form, you should calculate your fee and include it with your returned grant agreement. This must be done prior to IDNR fully executing your agreement. Once the agreement has been signed by the IDNR, a copy will be returned to you for your files.

Along with the Project agreement, a development schedule (Gantt Chart) that includes an estimated date for the reimbursement request is required.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Public Museum Capital "Implementation and Billing Requirements" packet. **Please read this packet carefully.** Responsibility for proper project execution in accordance with the Public Museum Capital program instructions rests solely with the fiscal agent. Particular attention should be given to requirements for status reports, competitive bidding, change orders, project permits/sign-offs and project accessibility. Failure to comply with terms of the Public Museum Capital program as outlined in this packet or in the Project Agreement can jeopardize approved grant funding. IDNR oversight of project implementation is limited to a request basis only. **Please contact me at (217) 785-4153 or Ronald.Whitmore@illinois.gov for assistance if you have any questions.** Note, that a final on-site inspection of the project will be conducted by IDNR staff upon completion to verify project acceptance for eligible grant reimbursement.

Once again, congratulations on being approved for Public Museum Capital funding assistance. We look forward to working with you in the successful completion of this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Whitmore
Grant Administrator
Division of Grant Administration

Enclosure: Project Agreement; Grant Award Fee Form; "Points to Remember"; Implementation and Billing Requirements Guide; Approved CERP (if applicable)



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December 5, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Podkowa:

At the suggestion of the Shebik family, a \$1,000 grant is being awarded to the DuPage County Historical Museum Association from the History DuPage Fund, a donor-advised fund of The DuPage Community 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 Community 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.

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 Community 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 Community 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
Director of Programs

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your check for \$1,000 and agree to the terms of the grant.

Signature

Title

Date

Enclosure

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Sara Arnas, Museum Curator
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102 E. Wesley
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September 12, 2014

Dear Sara:

Thank you so much for the two nominations you submitted for annual Illinois Association of Museums Awards of Best Practices. I am very pleased to announce that your annual report has been voted an Award of Merit and that your promotional materials for *Fashion Accessories in Vogue...and Out* have been voted an Award of Excellence. The Committee felt the annual report's strength was in its perspective. Unlike others that emphasize only financial development, your report ensured that your board members understood the full breadth of your organization's impact on its audiences. The only concern discussed in conjunction with the report was that of its length. The promotional materials were eye-catching, elegant, and made us all want to know more. What a wonderful job!

The Illinois Association of Museums will present your awards during our Annual Fall Conference in Rockford, October 22-24, 2014. The presentation will be during the awards dinner held on Wednesday, October 22, at 6 PM. We hope you and members of your organization will join us for the entire conference, as we celebrate how *Museums Transform Communities*. More information and a link to registration online can be found in the Inspire section of the IAM website: www.illinoisassociationofmuseums.org. October 3 is the registration deadline.

Congratulations!



Kim Sheahan
Award Committee Chair

Assistant Director of Education
Spurlock Museum
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