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### Budgeting for a Tough Year

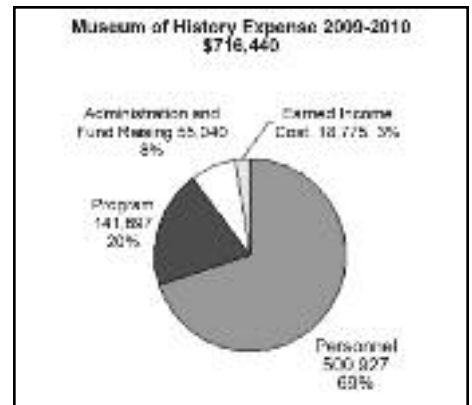
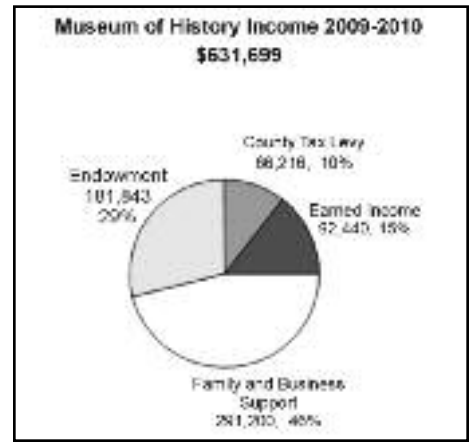
The Board of Directors approved an annual budget that provides a number of challenges to the Museum. Significant market reversals have caused our endowment to decline from \$4.85 million to \$3.6 million in the period of March 31, 2008 to March 31, 2009. As a result one of the Museum's principle financial legs is significantly shorter than in the past. Recognizing this as an issue last fall, the Museum instituted a hiring freeze, which left one halftime position vacant.

For the current fiscal year, the museum is maintaining the hiring freeze and has cut department budgets 20 percent. Yet some costs, such as health insurance, continue to climb. Realizing this is also an income challenge, staff is working on a number of fronts to increase

money coming into the Museum. We are asking members to seriously consider increasing their annual support. We are restructuring our sponsorship programs to make the museum more attractive to business (look for more corporate recognition in our many programs), and we are looking to increase earned income.

In order to ensure that income meets expenses, we are prepared to utilize an estate gift, and perhaps make an additional endowment drawdown to help balance the budget. We will likely give a year to determine the efficacy and sustainability of these steps.

The accompanying pie charts provide a breakout of income and expense projections for the Museum's 2009-2010 fiscal year.



### Not a Donor?

If you are a newsletter reader and have yet to make a financial contribution to the Museum, there are two easy ways to do so. First, write a check payable to the McLean County Museum of History and mail it to Graham Cowger, Director of Development, McLean County Museum of History, 200 N. Main St.,

Bloomington IL, 61701. You can also donate online. All you need is your credit card. It will be processed, safely and securely, by PayPal. Go to our website, [www.mchistory.org](http://www.mchistory.org), and click the "Donate Now" tab at the top of the page. This will take you to the page for a simple donation or for a menu of membership choices.

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## Please Join us for our 117th Annual Meeting

The museum's 117th annual meeting (can we really be that old?) salutes two new exhibits: *Come & Get It: The Way We Ate, 1830-2008*, and the new interpretative exhibit on Courthouse architecture, which was featured in our last newsletter. The meeting will be held in the Governor Fifer Courtroom here at the Museum on June 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



A short (no-more-than-five-minute) business meeting will be accompanied by an old-fashioned ice cream social. We ask members who are able and willing to bring a home-baked pie, cake, or cookies. The museum will supply ice cream, beverages and table service.

Bloomington architect and Museum board member Russel Francois will present a lecture on public architecture and public space. The lecture will reference the new permanent installation which interprets the grand architecture of the old McLean County Courthouse. If you've not heard Russel lecture, you are in for a real treat. His ability to help us connect ourselves to place and structure will enable you to see buildings in a new and fascinating way.

Francois' remarks also serve as the dedication of the Courthouse architecture exhibit which was funded as a memorial by the family of local architect J. Orme Evans.

*Come & Get it: The Way we Ate, 1830-2008*  
is sponsored by State Farm Insurance.



## Director of Volunteers and Interns Presents at AAM Conference

Museum Director of Volunteers and Interns Mary Anne Schierman participated in the American Association of Museums Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, April 30 through May 4. She presented at the session titled "Talking Shop: Roundtable Discussion with Volunteer and Docent Managers." Her part of the roundtable discussion focused on steps an organization must take to develop and successfully maintain a thriving internship program. In addition to her presentation, she attended an all-day meeting of the board of the American Association of Museum Volunteers, of which she is a Mid-West Regional Director.

This is the fifth conference session Mary Anne has presented as a representative of the Museum. She has been at the Museum for ten years, coordinating approximately 250 individuals per year. She is also the President of the Mid-Central (Illinois) Volunteer Coordinator's Association.

## Museum Invites Members to Share Food and Memories

Join the McLean County Museum of History for an afternoon of food, fun and memories at our first Oral History Potluck! This will be held on Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Museum's Governor Fifer Courtroom.

Potlucks have been bringing people together for good food and camaraderie for generations. We would like this event to be culturally diverse and include dishes from all those who call McLean County home. After lunch, we will discuss the origins of the ingredients used to prepare the dishes you contributed as well as the cultural context in which the recipes were developed (for this part of the program, we ask that you submit your recipe ahead of time if you are willing). We will also ask willing cooks to share memories or stories that they associate with the dish they brought. A video recording of these stories will be the beginning of the Museum's new food traditions oral history project.

The Museum will provide the main dishes which will include baked ham and vegetarian chili, as well as beverages. For everything else, we are asking attendees to prepare a desert, salad, beans, casserole, or some other kind of covered dish that has some significance or special meaning in your family.

This program is FREE and open to the public, but reservations are required. Please contact the Education department to make reservations and recipe submissions by July 1, 2009. If you cannot bring a dish, you are still welcome to attend, but please let us know ahead of time. Watch your mailbox for more information coming soon!

This event is being held in conjunction with the Museum's new exhibit *Come and Get It! The Way We Ate, 1830-2008*. This program is also made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Illinois General Assembly and is sponsored by State Farm Insurance.



## Come & Give It!

For the last few years, the Museum has offered free admission on Saturdays to people who bring specified items to donate to various local charities related to special exhibits. In honor of the opening of the Museum's new exhibit, *Come and Get It! The Way We Ate 1830-2008*, the Museum will be collecting nonperishable food items which will be donated to Clare House, a local charity which distributes food twice weekly to needy residents of Bloomington-Normal.

Every Saturday this summer, visitors may donate at least three nonperishable food items (please no expired food items) in exchange for the admission fee to the Museum. Nonperishable food items that can be donated include: high protein items such as canned beans and tuna fish; canned vegetables, fruit and soup; dry cereal, dry beans, macaroni and cheese, and other boxed and canned food items. There will be a donation bin near the reception desk area on the first floor where items may be deposited. Thank you for your generous support!



## Calling All Girl Scouts

The McLean County Museum of History needs your help! We are collecting empty cardboard food boxes (cereal boxes, cracker boxes, etc.) paper towel tubes, egg cartons, shoe boxes and lids from containers (like milk jugs—please wash) to use as craft materials during our History Careers Day Camp this summer. Each Girl Scout who brings 10 or more of these items to the McLean County Museum of History will receive a special Girl Scout "Helping Out" Fun Patch.

You can drop off items anytime we are open from May 1 until July 1. So dig around in your recycle bin, bring us some goodies and get your fun patch today!

# Museum Staff Selects Their Favorite Tri-Valley History Fair Projects



For the second year in a row, Museum staff selected their favorite outstanding Tri-Valley Middle School history fair projects from the projects displayed at the Museum during the month of April. It was a very hard decision for the staff to make because there were so many outstanding projects to choose from. They are please to announce the following winners: Best McLean County Themed Project - Krista Young and Mallery Spencer for BroMenn Healthcare; Most Creative Project - Jessi Bean for Cahokia Mounds; Best Historical/Critical Thinking Project - Christy Dail's The Underground Railroad; Best Project Over All - Megan Helms for St. John's Lutheran Church of Bloomington.

These students and their families will be invited to attend the next Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum in May where the students will be presented with a certificate and a copy of the CD "A Tour Narrated by Abraham Lincoln." Students from Tri-Valley Middle School have had their projects displayed at the Museum every year since 1998. We would especially like to thank their teacher, Robin Roberts, for his hard work and dedication to his students and allowing the Museum to continue displaying the wonderful projects his students created.

# Volunteers Honored

On April 22 the McLean County Museum of History honored its volunteers with a dessert reception organized by the staff. Entertainment was provided by "Suspended," an acapella group from Illinois Wesleyan University. The Museum could not open its doors without the valuable service these individuals provide. Special President's awards from the Points of Light Foundation were given to Bill LaBounty (7,748 hours) and Jean McCrossin (4,677 hours). We graciously thank all our volunteers.

**The following dedicated volunteers each contributed 1,000+ hours to the Museum since beginning their service.**

Bill LaBounty	7,748	Nadine Reining	1,393
Jean McCrossin	4,677	Sara Cushing	1,372
Judith Myers	3,737	Betty Salch	1,366
Elsie Schalk	2,968	Jewel Schalk	1,224
Nola Marquardt	2,905	Sandra Voyles	1,211
Donna Jenkins	2,769	Mary Scott	1,191
John Sicks	2,725	Eileen Kanzler	1,164
Peggy Fuller	2,617	Kay Ramseyer	1,157
Carol Fox	2,375	Barbara Allsup	1,148
William Miller	2,188	Joyce Jones	1,142
Mary Schumacher	2,100	Eve Zook	1,107
Ardys Serpette	1,865	Ann Schultz	1,098
Mary Anderson	1,759	Charles Lamlein	1,073
Margaret (Dee) Myers	1,711	Barbara Blunk	1,053
Pat Bingham	1,654	Carrie Malinowski	1,041
Marge Mehlberg	1,511	Robert Scott	1,005
Jack Muirhead	1,479		



Museum volunteers with the highest accumulated hours of service are: (back row) Bill Miller, John Sicks, Donna Jenkins, Carol Fox, Elsie Schalk, Judith Myers, (front row) Jean McCrossin, Bill Labounty, (not pictured) Nola Marquardt, and Peggy Fuller.

# The Museum's Valued Volunteers for 2008-2009

Holly Aldrich	Hruday Deepak	Joyce Jones	Gene Murray	Soemer Simmons
Craig Alexander	Dianne DeLong	Allison Jungk**	Judith Myers	Vickie Smith*
Katie Allen**	Doug DeLong	Arti Kamatar	Margaret Myers	Carl Sneed
Barbara Allsup	Robert Denny	Eileen Kanzler	Robert Neuleib	Matt Sorenson
Jim Anderson	Shalin Desai	James Keeran	Gary Nichols	Peg Sours
Mary Anderson	Mike DeVore	Frank Kemp	Marie O'Brokta	Patty Stahly
Jerry Armstrong	Fred Dolan	Sue Kemp	Terry Oberhardt	Harry Stern
Jim Armstrong	David Dorris	Mike Kerber	Vicki Olsen	Amanda Stingel**
Marilyn Aucutt	Mark Dunn	Alia Khan	Mary Olson	Carol Straka
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Diana Behnke	Jane Farmer	Jana Kiefer	Marcy Parsons	Marilyn Sutherland
Carl Behr	Rob Fazzini	Andrea Killian	Pat Perkins	Sharon Tallon
Judie Bey	Flora Foltz	John Killian	Laurie Peterson**	Lisa Texeira
Pat Bingham	Carol Fox	Peg Kirk	Nicole Pizzini**	Stephanie Thomas**
Maureen Blair	Don Fox	Julie Kistler	Flora Poling	Tony Turchirollo
Elizabeth Bloodworth**	Russel Francois	Katharine Klein**	Janice Poppen	Christy Verhelst
Barbara Blunk	Denise Fries	Carole Knipp	Nadine Prall	Phylis VerSteegh
Angela Bonnell	Nancy Froelich	Pat Kohoutek	Jeff Raines*	Sandra Voyles
Peter Borowski	Peggy Fuller	Carol Koos	Kay Ramseyer	Patricia Wannemacher
Deb Boston	Mary Gastelum	Chris Koos	Nadine Reining	Robert Watkins
Sean Boston	Chuck Geigner	Michael Kozak**	Chao Ren**	Joanne Weed
John Bowles III	Judy Geigner	Ann Kraft	Anna Resor	James Weirman
Al Bowman	Mark Gibson	Bill LaBounty	Joanne Ressler*	Brad Welch
Christy Boyer	Janet Giegerich	Charles Lamlein	Ben Rhodes	Pete Whitmer
Erin Bradley**	Sarah Gipp	Kay Liebenow	Julie Rotharmel**	Ylanda Wilhite
Roger Bridges	Lee Green	Patricia Luthe	Betty Salch	Nancy Wilkey*
Willie Brown	Jim Hall	Carrie Malinowski	Neil Sallee	Doug Williamson
Sarah Butler	Sandra Harmon	Ruth Mangina	Loretta Santejka	Myron Willke
Don Clemens	Sara Harris**	Nola Marquardt	Jim Sauls**	Mary Alice Wills
Shirley Clemens	Elizabeth Harroun**	Mike Matejka	Elsie Schalk	Patrick Wilson*
Terri Clemens	Joann Hart	Karen Mayes	Jewel Schalk	Penny Wilson
James Coe	Diana Hauman	Brigid McBride*	Joyce Schneider	Richard Wilson
Kate Coe	Diane Hawk	Mary McClintock*	Steve Schroeder	Angela Woodard
Kathleen Conley	Louise Hebert	Jean McCrossin	Ann Schultz	Arielle Woodard
Joseph Corcoran**	Karen Heinrich*	Patty McManus	Mary Schumacher	Terry Woodburn
Arturo Cornejo	Kay Henrichs	Kathy McNiff	Donna Scott	Katie Wright**
Elaine Cousins	Carol Herdien	John Meek	Mary Scott	Carolyn Yockey
Megan Cowell	Michelle Herrmann	Amy Miller	Robert Scott	Sarah Yoo**
Dani Creasey	Jordan Hill**	Martha Miller	Ardys Serpette	Ethlyn Yount
Jessica Creasey	Judy Hines	William Miller	Neesh Shah	Mary Kay Zeter
Sara Cushing	Mary Hollywood	Gretchen Monti	Saurin Shah	Eve Zook
Jill Meek-Davis*	Gary Hoover	Charlene Morger*	Sheri Shah	
Kiley Davis**	Donna Jenkins	Carolyn Moyer	Nancy Shevokas	
Nancy Davis	Scott Johnson	Jack Muirhead	Phyllis Short	
Dominick DeBartolo**	Alexandra Jones	Pamela Muirhead	John Sicks	

## New Volunteers Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Katie Allen - Collections	Sue Kemp - Special Projects	Terry Oberhart - Education
Sean Boston - Reception Desk	Mike Kerber - Education	Jeff Raines - Library Spec. Projects
Chuck Geigner - Santa	Chris Kibler - Cemetery Walk	Steve Schroeder - Education
Judy Geigner - Mrs. Santa	John Kibler - Cemetery Walk	Donna Scott - Education
Jim Hall - Education	Karen Mayes - Education	Phyllis Short - Library Assistant
Louise Hebert - Library Special Projects	Brigid McBride - Library Assistant	Marilyn Sutherland - Education
Karen Heinrich - Library Assistant	R. C. McBride - Education	Pat Wannemacher - Reception Desk
Arti Kamatar - Asian History Project	Charlene Morger - Library Assistant	Ylanda Wilhite - Education
Frank Kemp - Special Projects	Gary Nichols - Cemetery Walk	Terry Woodburn - Education

The Museum apologizes if your name was inadvertently left off this list. Please call the Director of Volunteers, Mary Anne Schierman (827-0428), with any corrections.

\* Completed 50 hours of service to earn name badge.

\*\* Student Intern

The Museum volunteer program is sponsored by Country Financial.



## Not a member of the McLean County Museum of History? Join today!

All members receive:

- Free admission to the museum and library
- Free admission to the museum for your family
- Subscription to *On the Square*, the Society's quarterly newsletter
- Invitations to exhibit openings
- 10% discount in the Museum Store
- Advance notification of special programs, exhibits and events
- The good feeling you get from supporting a top-tier Museum that does so much to educate the students in our community.

**Yes!** I want to strengthen the educational opportunities in our community by becoming a member of the McLean County Museum of History!

___ Lincoln Club	\$1000	Check / Cash / Credit Card (circle)	Visa	MC
___ Stevenson Club	\$750			
___ Fifer Club	\$500	Card # _____	Exp. _____	
___ Fell Club	\$250			
___ Davis Club	\$100	Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss/Mr. & Mrs. (circle)		
___ Allin Club	\$50	Name _____		
___ Primary Club	\$30	Address _____		
___ Students/Seniors	\$15	City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____		
		Email _____		

(used only for Museum announcements)

Already a member? You can make an additional donation to the Museum and help us through this critical time. You can donate online at [www.mchistory.org](http://www.mchistory.org) and click the Donate Now! button, or return this form along with your donation.

## Volunteer Help Wanted

**Education Outreach Volunteers (EOV)** – Education Outreach Volunteers are trained to assist the Director of Education and the Education Program Coordinator with school tours. This is a very flexible volunteer opportunity. You are called to assist as the need arises. The average time commitment is usually two hours. Education volunteers work with children of all ages, but primarily preschool through junior high school. A complete training and all materials are provided.

**Reception Desk Volunteers** – Day and weekend shifts needed. In this position, the volunteer is the official greeter and Museum representative. The reception desk assistant greets visitors, and gives them a brief introduction to the building. They also answer the phone, take messages for the staff, and answer general questions. A complete training is provided. In this interesting position, you meet visitors from all over the world. Reception desk assistants are asked to serve two four-hour shifts per month. The Director of Volunteers and Interns works with your schedule and availability.

Are you interested in meeting people in an exciting atmosphere and contributing to your community? If so, please contact Mary Anne Schierman, Director of Volunteers and Interns, (827-0428) or email: [volunteers@mchistory.org](mailto:volunteers@mchistory.org), to receive information on the volunteer program.

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## Museum Starts Facebook Page

Recently the Museum created an internet Facebook page that will be frequently updated with the help of Museum volunteer Joe Summers. The online social networking community has exploded in recent years and this is an opportunity for the Museum to raise awareness about upcoming Museum events and programs.

The connectivity of Facebook allows its users to build strong relationships with current and new users and keep them informed about events, important announcements

and even fundraising. There are already 100,000 non-profits, universities and religious organizations using Facebook to stay connected with their constituents, The Museum is rapidly building a fan base and we are excited to be a part of this ever expanding state-of-the-art communication tool.

A common misconception is that Facebook is not for older adults. This is rapidly changing with many users over 50. So sign up for a free account online if you don't already have one and check us out on Facebook.

## STAFF PROFILE



*Graham Cowger*

**How long have you been at the Museum?** I started in October 2007, so about a year-and-a-half.

**How did you end up at the Museum?** My fiancée Victoria (she'll be my wife by the time this goes to print) needed to complete a year-long internship to finish her degree in clinical psychology. She ended up choosing to do it at the counseling center at Illinois State University, so we packed our bags and moved from Washington, DC. I was ready for a new job and a new city, so I left with her. Lucky for me, the development position at the Museum opened up not long after we moved here, and it was a perfect fit, as I'd been doing non-profit fundraising for many years prior.

**What is your job?** I'm the Manager of Development Operations, which means I do fundraising for the Museum. I send out all the membership renewal and fund drive letters each month, maintain the donor database, apply for grant

funding, and solicit corporate support and sponsorships from businesses.

**What's the best part of your job?** The Museum does so much to make our community a better place to live, and I like knowing that the money we raise goes to support the many wonderful programs that have a positive impact on the lives of students, seniors and families in McLean County. The most rewarding aspect of my job is to see students participate in things like History Careers Day Camp and the Cemetery Walk. We are teaching the next generation of community leaders that knowing your history is important, and that they can learn so much from the stories of those who came before them.

**Do you have any family?** My mom and dad, Gail and Bill Cowger, live in suburban Detroit, where I grew up. I have two older sisters, Amanda and Rachel. Amanda lives with her husband Brad about 30 minutes from my parents, and Rachel lives with her husband Dan in Washington, DC.

**What's the biggest challenge facing the Museum?** Right now, the biggest challenge we're facing is money. As the economy has faltered, the value of our endowment has fallen dramatically, and every aspect of our fundraising has become more competitive, whether it be state and federal grants, corporate and foundation support or membership gifts. We are incredibly fortunate to have the support of such a strong membership base, and so many of our members have stepped up in a big way this past year. However, weathering the current economic downturn remains a big challenge, especially considering we may not have seen the worst of it yet. So we have to find new ways of raising money in order to ensure the long-term health of the organization. Just one thing keeping me up at night.

**What do you like to do to relax?** I've been playing music with my family for as long as I can remember, and in the last few years, I've been recording a lot of my own music at my home studio. I'm trying to learn to play as many instruments as I can, though my main instrument is guitar. I've also been getting back into woodworking, now that I finally have a garage with space for a workshop. Other than that, I like to read, watch movies and go fishing.

## New Members

Mrs. Pat Hiser  
Mrs. Doris Woith

Mr. Brett M. Yockey  
Laura D. Yockey

Marcia J. Yockey  
Betty Kinser for County Board

Ms. Kathleen Kirk

# Tasty Additions Made to Museum's Gift Shop

We are happy to announce some new items now available in the Museum's gift shop. In conjunction with our new exhibit *Come and Get It!: The Way We Ate 1830-2008*, we are offering three cookbooks. The *Abraham Lincoln Cookbook* features unpublished Lincoln-era recipes, including beverages, vegetables, side dishes, soups, salads, breads, cookies, candy and much more. This cookbook is on sale for only \$35.99. Also new is the *Mennonite Community Cookbook* by Mary Emma Showalter for \$21.99. It features 1,100 favorite family recipes from old Mennonite cookbooks, brought up to date with standard measurements and directions and contributed by Mennonite families from around the country. Greg Koos says that this is his favorite

cookbook. Last but not least, we have *The Foxfire Book of Appalachian Cookery* by Linda Garland Page and Eliot Wigginton. This cookbook contains 500 Appalachian recipes illustrated with photos of kitchens, people and foods, and is on sale for only \$17.95.

A new addition to our gift shop is *The Black Book*, authored by three generations of Adlai Stevensons: Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson I (1835-1914); Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson II (1900-1965); and U.S. Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson III. This book is an autobiographical compilation of anecdotes, stories, sayings, jokes, solace, inspiration and more, spanning three generations. The book originated from a brown, loose-leaf binder kept by

Adlai I and continued with napkins, menus, place cards, etc. in which Adlai II and III used to jot down notes. This fascinating anthology sells for \$35.00.

If you are an Illinois State University alumnus or like learning about area universities, you will definitely enjoy *Educating Illinois; Illinois State University 1857-2007* by Dr. John B. Freed. In this new work, Freed explores fifteen decades of ISU history encompassing a wide range of topics, such as the true vision of the university's founders; how higher learning was planted in Central Illinois; the student body; curriculum; the university's progress throughout critical turning points in U.S. history; and much more. Buy a copy of your own for \$35.00.

## SNAPSHOTS!

Amy Miller and Don Fox



Deb and Sean Boston and Donna Jenkins



Mary and Jim Anderson and Carol Herdien



Kay Henrichs

Volunteers smiled big for the camera, but staff smiles were bigger as we thanked them for their valuable efforts at the April 22, 2009 Volunteer Recognition Reception.



Joanne Ressler

# Fashioning Charitable Gifts\*

## Gifts of real estate

For some people a gift of a parcel of land that has appreciated significantly in value may be an especially attractive possibility. As with other appreciated property, you will have the opportunity to take an income tax deduction for your charitable contribution equal to 100% of the property's fair market value, which, if you have held the property for some time, may be substantial. In addition, you pay no capital gain on the past appreciation. An added bonus: You are reducing your taxable estate by the value of your gift.

If you would rather take a "wait-and-see" approach, you can fashion the real estate gift as a bequest in your will. Although you receive no current income tax deduction, your estate receives a full deduction for the real estate's fair market value at your death.

## Gifts of insurance

Do you have an existing insurance policy that you no longer need? That often happens when there's insurance on the life of a business owner and the business is sold; or income replacement insurance is in force after retirement. Why not consider making a gift of that policy instead of the cash donation that you were planning? As long as all of the rights of ownership are completely transferred to the charity, you receive a current income tax deduction equal to the lesser of your cost basis or the fair market value of the policy (roughly equal to the cash surrender value).

There are other ways to tailor a charitable gift of life insurance. For instance, if you have named your spouse as beneficiary, you might name a charity as successor beneficiary in the event that your spouse predeceases you. Although there are no immediate tax benefits, if your spouse does predecease you, and no successor beneficiary is named, the policy's proceeds would be included in your estate. Or if your named beneficiary no longer needs the insurance protection—adult children—for example, you may change the beneficiary designation and name your charity. Your estate then

would receive a charitable deduction for the proceeds paid to the charity. An extremely cost-efficient approach is to allow your charity to purchase a policy on your life. Every year you give the charity a tax-deductible amount equal to the annual premium payment. At your death the proceeds are paid to the charity. With this approach you can make a relatively large gift at a very reasonable cost.

## Gifts in trust

Fashioning your gift in trust adds a great deal of flexibility to your gift giving. There are many ways to establish your trust. For example, you may set up your trust during your lifetime or through provisions in your will. You can arrange for the trust to provide you with income from the trust for your life, or income for someone whom you name in the trust document. You can provide for the gift of income to yourself or the named beneficiary(ies) for a period of time, followed by a transfer to the charity (a charitable remainder annuity, or unitrust); or the reverse—a gift of income to the charity followed by a transfer of assets to the named beneficiary (a charitable lead trust).

You may fund your trust with cash, or be more creative by using the aforementioned appreciated securities, real estate, or life insurance policy. When your donation is placed in the trust, you receive an income tax deduction for the charitable part of the gift. Usually, somewhere between one-fifth to one-half of the value of the property will be deductible, depending on several factors—the age(s) of the trust's income beneficiary or beneficiaries and the size of the income payments that the creator of the trust chooses.

An "income-only" charitable remainder unitrust should be considered if retirement is still several years away and you already are taking maximum advantage of your tax-deferred retirement plans. This kind of trust permits your trustee to invest the trust's assets for long-term growth until you retire and need income from the trust. You'll need to cross all the "t's" and dot all the "i's" in order to reap all the possible tax benefits from a charitable gift in trust. Be sure to confer with your attorney, trust consultant and the charity itself when considering any of these creative ways of giving.

Heartland Bank would be glad to help with any estate planning needs you may have.



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# McLean County Museum of History

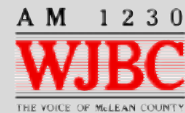
## Calendar of Events for June, July and August 2009



Through August 7, 2010

***A Turbulent Time: Perspectives of the Vietnam War*** explores the complex ways McLean County residents perceived and responded to this crucial twentieth century event. This exhibit poses questions such as: “How did the US Government get involved in Vietnam? How did local citizens and those serving in Vietnam initially feel about the war? How did feelings change as the war intensified? “Why did US involvement continue, even after anti-war protests escalated and the general public demanded an end?”

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Saturdays until September 5

**Come and Give It!** Every Saturday during the *Come and Get It* exhibit this summer; visitors may donate at least **three nonperishable** food items in exchange for the admission fee to the Museum (**please no expired food items**). These items will be given to Clare House in Bloomington to help out those in need. Nonperishable food items that can be donated include: High protein items such as canned beans and tuna fish, canned vegetables, fruit and soup, dry cereal, dry beans, macaroni and cheese, and other boxed and canned food items. Please, no expired food items. **Thank you for your help and support!**

Extended through July 11

***The Unconquerable: Photographs and History of the Kickapoo Indians.*** For the better part of three centuries, the Kickapoo Indians battled European and American designs on their land and life ways. The Kickapoo consistently opposed—through aggression, guile, and inherent cultural strength—forced removal and assimilation. In doing so, they insured their survival into the twenty-first century. *The Unconquerable* explores the history of the Kickapoo Indians—their movements across the prairie, their lifeways, their interactions with early settlers and their subsequent removal to reservations. It features photographs taken in 1906 of the descendants of McLean County’s Prairie Kickapoo.



Through August 6, 2011

***Come and Get It! The Way We Ate 1830-2008.*** This new exhibit explores the eating habits, cooking equipment and methods, and diverse food traditions of McLean County residents since the early 1800s. Discover how dramatically our habits have changed over time. Investigate four kitchens, each representing a different era and illustrating how the kitchen has changed in the last 180 years. Use the hands-on interactives to better understand where food has come from and how dramatically food sources have changed. Delve into the interpretive panels between the kitchens to see the social and economic changes that have shaped the way we ate.

Sponsored by State Farm Insurance



Saturdays through October 10

**Museum Opens at 8:30 a.m. to All Visitors!** Tour the Museum’s latest exhibits and shop at Farmer’s Market—how convenient is that!

Wednesdays through August 12 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Lunch Time Concert Series.** Bloomington Parks & Recreation is continues their music tradition with quality musical entertainment each week. Bring a picnic lunch and your friends to enjoy this free entertainment. Concerts are held in Downtown Bloomington on Jefferson Street, on the north side of the Museum. For more information and a schedule of performers, visit the Bloomington Parks and Recreation website at <http://www.cityblm.org/events>

Saturday, June 6 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Food For Thought: Homegrown Poetry by McLean County Poets.** A reading of food and recipe poems in celebration of both the Museum's new exhibit *Come and Get It!* and the summer Farmer's Market. These poets write together in a workshop led by Kathleen Kirk, local author, playwright and actor and will share recipes for life with a dash of humor, a pinch of regret and a splash of silliness. This program will be held in the Governor Fifer Courtroom at the Museum and is free and open to the public.

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Saturday, June 13 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Museum at the Market.** Visit our booth for children's crafts and to play, "What in the World is it?" Guess the mystery objects to win prizes.

June 22 through June 26 Session 1

**History Careers Day Camp.** Open to students entering fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the fall. This camp explores the history-related careers of archaeology, art history and architecture and environmental science, now expanded to a five-day camp. Registration forms are available at the David Davis Mansion, Sugar Grove Nature Center and the Museum. Registration limited to twenty students per session. For more information please contact the Education department at (309) 827-0428 or via email at [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org).

Saturday, July 11 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Museum at the Market:** Museum Executive Director Greg Koos will conduct a walking tour in downtown Bloomington of sites related to Abraham Lincoln. The tour will last about 45 minutes and the walk is eight blocks. Tours begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the Museum's main entrance

July 13 through July 17 Session II

**History Careers Day Camp.** Open to students entering fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the fall. This camp explores the history-related careers of archaeology, art history and architecture and environmental science, now expanded to a five-day camp. Registration forms are available at the David Davis Mansion, Sugar Grove Nature Center and the Museum. Registration limited to twenty students per session. For more information please contact the Education department at (309) 827-0428 or via email at [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org).

Saturday, July 25 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Museum at the Market:** Visit our booth for children's crafts and to play, "What in the World is it?" Guess the mystery objects to win prizes.

Sunday, July 26 1:30 p.m.

**Oral History Potluck.** Join the Museum for an afternoon of food, fun and memories at our first Oral History Potluck. This event will be in the Governor Fifer Courtroom at the Museum. See page 3 in this newsletter for more information. Reservations and recipe submissions must be made by July 1. This event is being held in conjunction with the Museum's new exhibit *Come and Get It! The Way We Ate, 1830-2008*. This program is also made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Illinois General Assembly, and State Farm Insurance.



July 27 through July 31 Session III

**History Careers Day Camp.** Open to students entering fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the fall. This camp explores the history-related careers of archaeology, art history and architecture and environmental science, now expanded to a five-day camp. Registration forms are available at the David Davis Mansion, Sugar Grove Nature Center and the Museum. Registration limited to twenty students per session. For more information please contact the Education department at (309) 827-0428 or via email at [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org).

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Saturday, August 8 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Museum at the Market.** Visit the Museum's booth and play, "What the Heck is It?" Guess the mystery objects and win a prize!

Looking ahead:

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Monday, September 7

**Museum Closed for Labor Day Holiday**

Wednesday, September 9 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Lecture: "Convenience and the Food Industry in World War II."** The Museum welcomes Dr. Deborah Fitzgerald of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She will be speaking about the food industry during World War II. This lecture is being held in conjunction with the Museum's new exhibit *Come and Get It!*. Dr. Fitzgerald's research centers on the history of agriculture and food in modern America. She has written several books on the subject and is currently working on a project that examines the role of World War II in fundamentally reshaping the food industry and the nature of global food chains. This program is free and open to the public. This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Illinois General Assembly and State Farm Insurance.



## Oops!

Our good friend Jack Moody, director of Facilities Management for the County of McLean, caught an error in the past issue of the *On the Square* newsletter. In a photograph caption for the article on the Courthouse architecture exhibit, we incorrectly stated that the great downtown Bloomington fire occurred

on April 19, 1900. Anyone who knows a lick of local history could tell you that the fire started the night of June 19, 1900. We appreciate Jack pointing out the error of our ways.

If you catch us asleep at the wheel again, please contact Museum Librarian/Archivist Bill Kemp at [library@mchistory.org](mailto:library@mchistory.org) or 827-0428.

# New to the Collections

## OBJECTS

- ❑ Gov. Shapiro and Sen. Percy political buttons; by Robert Neuleib.
- ❑ Platter with Masonic symbols; by Normal Masonic Lodge.
- ❑ American Legion flag and Sons of American Legion flag; by American Legion.
- ❑ Oversized Marben's Christmas matchbook; by Jim Komnick.
- ❑ Crock pot, pizza cutter, Sandy's ashtrays, lunchbox, measuring spoons and cup, Dixie cup dispenser, skillet, bottle sterilizer, nut grinder, washtub, Madonna plaque, Tom's Parkway Foods slicer, moon wall hanging, Wet Ones, omelet pan, turkey planter, tennis ball, Lone Ranger Big Little Book, clothesline reel and bag, plastic basin, Funk's tape measure, spice tins, Santa Claus Village button, wedding cake topper, cartridge pen, canister set, Girl Scout pin, autograph hound, pastry blender, jelly jar, token from Swedish Massage; by Jeanne Legner.
- ❑ Cuisinart food processor; by Margaret Esposito.
- ❑ Spice set, Coke tray, Bloomington Centennial tool; by Peggy Fuller.
- ❑ Hazel Sperlin's boots, Ed Sperlin's suitcase; by Karen Sperlin.
- ❑ Fondue pot; by Sandy Holcomb.
- ❑ Design rendering, infant's powder jar; by Estate of Georgette Shupe.
- ❑ Fan, 2 GW Bush buttons; by Jean McCrossin.
- ❑ Lincoln engraving, c. 1860; by Doug Williamson.

## Museum Receives Cleveland - Stevenson Campaign Flag from Adlai Stevenson III

Adlai Stevenson III was at Illinois State University on April 9 to talk about his family's political values in a program titled "Democracy Remembered: Abraham Lincoln, Jesse Fell and the Stevensons." Stevenson is the great-grandson of Adlai Stevenson I, U.S. Vice President, 1893-1897. His father was Adlai Stevenson II, Illinois governor, presidential candidate and U.N. ambassador. He is also the great-great grandson of Jesse Fell.

During the event, Stevenson told the audience that he "opened a closet several months ago and this fell out," revealing the banner that he presented to the McLean County Museum of History. The banner was used during the successful presidential campaign of 1892. The polished cotton banner is a 44-star U.S. flag with an applied band at its end appliquéd in black with the words "Cleveland & Stevenson."



Courtesy The Pantagraph

Adlai Stevenson III, left, donates an American flag used in the 1892 presidential campaign to Museum Executive Director Greg Koos. Bloomington's Adlai Stevenson I served as vice president during Grover Cleveland's second administration.

- ❑ Cleveland-Stevenson US flag; by Adlai E. Stevenson III.
- ❑ First Night buttons, Pantagraph button; by Catherine Knight.
- ❑ ITC tape, Howard Sage's Waterman Ideal fountain pen; by John Fesler.
- ❑ Coachman Inn room racks, Ensenberger's shipping tags; by Ward Waller.
- ❑ Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division 19 ballot box, marbles, blindfolds, gavel, seal, drape, mourning badges and officers' badges; by John McGraw.
- ❑ T.E.A. button and sign; by Janet Streenz.
- ❑ T.E.A. sign; by Randy Strait.

## ARCHIVES

- ❑ Various, including "The Democrat" newspaper, August 25, 1965, and campaign card, Adlai E. Stevenson III for state treasurer; by Jeff Scott.
- ❑ Several items, including Steak n Shake employee newsletter, 1956, Bloomington Cemetery Association booklet, 1904, and Normal Community High School material, 1931 and 1932; by Jim Komnick.
- ❑ Sheet music, "I'll Take My Dollies and Go Home," undated, by Clark Emerson Stewart, published in Bloomington; by Bill Kemp.
- ❑ Ledgers, including one for the Bloomington Loan Homestead Association, 1920-1927, and another for the Western Underwriter Association (later the German National Insurance Co.), 1895-1906, showing McLean County policyholders; by Elaine McGuffin.
- ❑ Multiple Listing Service Book, Bloomington-Normal Board of Realtors, week of June 8, 1977; by George Perkins.
- ❑ Dry Grove Township elevator accounts book, 1925-1931; by Robert Hartzold.
- ❑ Two tickets and Pantagraph news clippings relating to February 1991 Illinois State University men's basketball game forfeited by Chicago State University after bench-clearing brawl; by J.D. Scott.
- ❑ Promotional card for the Bloomington Cracker Co., ca. 1896; by Lloyd and Wilma McCray.
- ❑ Two DVDs converted from Super 8 mm or 16 mm film,

- showing surgeries, ca. 1930s, taken for educational purposes. Orville J. Sloan of Bloomington is listed as surgeon; by David M. Deneen.
- ❑ December 31, 1906 issue of *The Daily Bulletin* (defunct Bloomington newspaper), Clay Dooley ink blotter, and other items; by Jim Raymond.
- ❑ Scrapbook, 1930s, mostly newspaper clippings and

clipped-out poems; by Theora Stark.

- ❑ Large collection of items relating to the Baldini family and Lucca Grill, including business papers and political correspondence; by Mary B. Olson.
- ❑ Three *American Sociological Review* articles (1940s) written by John A. Kinneman, ISU professor, and a

## JFK Visits Bloomington in October 1959

In March the Museum received a sizable collection of material relating to the Baldini family and Lucca Grill, including photographs, business papers and correspondence. The donor was Mary B. Olson, the daughter of longtime Lucca owner John Baldini, who passed away in 1994.

The Museum already held several boxes of Baldini family material, so we incorporated the new items into the existing collection. John Baldini was one of the more prominent Democrats in a Republican County, and much of Mary's donation featured political correspondence and photographs, including the accompanying gem.

In October 1959, then-U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy visited Bloomington, in what was likely one in a series of "fly arounds" in the country to lay the groundwork for his presidential run the following year. The picture shows JFK at the Bloomington Airport. While in town he visited with State Representative Joe Russell and other local Democrats.



JFK exits a five-seat Piper Apache airplane at the Bloomington Airport.

- ❑ Kinneman for Congress brochure, 1952; by Walker D. Wyman Jr.
- ❑ Whitmer School of Dancing program, 1936, and newspaper clippings; by Pat Wannemacher.
- ❑ Manuscript by Lawrence Farlow of the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Illinois, undated, other similar items; by Donald Wilkey.
- ❑ Carl Vrooman booklet "The Present Republican Outlook," 1936; by Elizabeth Glidden.
- ❑ Euleo Puppets program, late 1960s, Chiddix School student handbook, 1960s, various postcards and other items; by Catharine Knight.
- ❑ Coachman Motel guest registration cards, various months, 1975, 1977 and 1978, G.A. Ensenberger & Sons sales log, 1941, and other Coachman and Ensenberger items; by Ward Waller.
- ❑ Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers record book, list of attendees to meetings, 1950-1973, and booklet; by John McGraw.
- ❑ Various items, including John Maitland for State Senate newspaper supplement, undated, and diplomas (grade school, 1935, and high school, 1939) for Alma M. Miller; by Faye Eades.
- ❑ Material relating to Stern Furniture and Stern family, including corrected Stern Furniture timeline and Sam Stern papers; by Sybil Mervis.

## BOOKS

- ❑ Heyworth phonebooks, 1929 and 1932, found at 113 Sullivan St., in Heyworth; by Vickie Brann.
- ❑ Arrowsmith centennial book, 1971; by Jeff Scott.
- ❑ *Westmoreland: A Biography of General William C. Westmoreland* (1994) and three editions of *Hamburger Hill*; by local author Samuel Zaffiri.
- ❑ *Huyendo Del Infierno Nazi* (Spanish-language work published in Chile, 2008, examining the flight of German-Jewish refugees to Chile, a path the author traveled as a child in 1939); by Eva Goldschmidt Wyman.
- ❑ *History of the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Illinois* (1963); by Donald Wilkey.
- ❑ Chiddix Junior High School yearbooks, 1967 and 1968; by Catharine Knight.
- ❑ Ellsworth Community High School yearbooks, 1926, 1937-1939; by Faye Eades.
- ❑ Various atlases, including Mclean County (1895, 1914 and ca. 1930), DeWitt County (1915), Ford County (1901) and others; by Jack Bowles.

## PHOTOS

- ❑ 8x10 of State Representative Bill Scott and Gov. Otto Kerner, and poster-size photo of Scott and Adlai E. Stevenson II, both undated; by Jeff Scott.
- ❑ Pocket-size photo of ice storm (likely of the storm of December 1924 that crippled

the Twin Cities); by Dan Holder.

- ❑ 5x7 showing a group in front of Second Christian Church, Bloomington, dated June 12, 1910; by Marla Millsap.
- ❑ Postcard, interior view of Rathskeller / Quality Cafe, Bloomington; by Jim Hoppe.
- ❑ Various photographs and slides, including slide tray labeled "Illinois landscapes," photos on tile works, and series of photos on barn raising near Metamora, ca. 1989; by William D. Walters, Jr.
- ❑ Three 8x10 photographs of Mennonite nurses, one showing a banquet, May 14, 1930, and the another two a nurses' party (no date); Ted W. Witham.
- ❑ Various, including four photos of a 1946 Italian-American Society family picnic at "Lucca Forest" and one showing future U.S. President John F. Kennedy at the Bloomington airport, October 1959; by Mary B. Olson.
- ❑ Two photographs of Patricia O'Neil between the ages of 5 and 7; by Pat Wannemacher.
- ❑ Various, including 8x10, Ellsworth Community High School, class of 1939, and 5 photos of Illinois Central Railroad delivery truck driven by Jim Eades; by Faye Eades.
- ❑ Five photographs of Owl Club gathering, June 1941, and exterior of J. Stern Furniture Co., 504 N. Main, ca. 1924-1925 (print); by Sybil Mervis.

To make donations of photographs, books or archival materials call the Museum's Librarian/Archivist, Bill Kemp. If you have objects you wish to donate to the collection call the Museum's Curator of Collections, Susan Hartzold. Both can be reached at the McLean County Museum of History, 827-0428.



## Mystery History

A fair number of history sleuths successfully identified last issue's photograph showing the sunroom at the old Fairview Tuberculosis Sanatorium. In March 1917, McLean County spent \$15,000 for forty acres in what was then a stretch of rolling countryside northwest of Normal (today the site of Fairview Park, named for the sanatorium). The 34-bed facility, designed by Bloomington architect Arthur L. Pillsbury, opened in August 1919. When this facility opened, fresh air and sunlight were thought to play a major role in preventing and curing the "white plague," as TB was called back then. Fairview Sanatorium closed in August 1965 and today serves as offices for the County of McLean.

Those who correctly identified the photo included Roger and Carol Elliott; Dennis and Janet Faulk; Denise Fries; Carman Gresham; Myrtle Hensley; Ed McGraw; and Marie O'Brokta. If we forget anyone, our apologies!

## MYSTERY HISTORY QUIZ

This issue's mystery photo shows an Italianate home somewhere in the Twin Cities. Can you tell us where this residence was located at the time of this photograph and where it's located today? Yes, that's a hint! This home was moved some eighty years ago to a new location. If you think you know the answer, please contact Museum Librarian/Archivist Bill Kemp at [library@mchistory.org](mailto:library@mchistory.org) or 827-0428.



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