

What's Happening at the Village?

APRIL - JUNE 2022



April 16th Morning Coffee Hour - 10am - 11am

Enjoy a relaxing coffee break and delicious treats with friends of the Jefferson County Historical Society.

April 23rd Polly Launay a Musical Program - 2pm

Polly will be performing Jazz and Bluegrass music on the violin. Polly began taking violin lessons at the age of 8. She studied both Classical and Bluegrass music. She earned her Bachelor's degree at Greenville College. Polly is a well-known violinist in our region. She performs as a solo artist and in many groups, including the Paducah Symphony.

April 30th JCHS Rummage sale - 7am - 12pm

There will be a large selection of treasures for sale in the Red Barn behind the Village. If you would like to donate items for the rummage sale, please bring them to the barn by April 23rd.

May 7th and 8th "Historical Village Opening Weekend"

Open Saturdays 12am - 4pm. Sundays 1pm - 4pm, May through October

The exhibit in the Schweinfurth Museum will feature the stories and artifacts of Jefferson County men and women who served in the military. If you would like to volunteer as a docent one day a month, during May-Oct., please call the JCHS office at 618-246-0033.

May 14th Barbara Kay- "The Sinking of the Lusitania" - 2pm

Barbara Kay is a retired high school history teacher who brings famous women from history alive with her first-person portrayals. The Lusitania was a British passenger liner that sailed from New York in 1915. The German Embassy issued a warning NOT to sail on the Lusitania- saying that the Atlantic Ocean was a war zone. Great Britain and Germany were in the second year of World War I. America was neutral, and Americans thought the Germans would NEVER do anything to them. However, they were wrong. A German U-boat sunk the Lusitania with one torpedo. Barbara Kay will portray a passenger from the ship, tell her story and tell the story of the ship and the sinking. A power point presentation will accompany the program.

May 21st Morning Coffee Hour - 10am - 11am

Enjoy a relaxing cup of coffee or tea and delicious treats with friends of the Jefferson County Historical Society.

May 21st Strawberry Festival and Plant Sale - 10am - 3pm

An assortment of fresh strawberry shortcake will be available for sale. New this year, we will have pulled pork sandwiches for sale. A large variety of plants and gardening materials will be available for purchase.

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June 9th “A Day in the Life of a Prairie Child” - 9am - 2:30pm

A Day in the Life of a Prairie Child offers a unique learning experience of what school was like in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Children will spend time in the one room schoolhouse experiencing spelling bees, penmanship with a quill pen and ink, singing songs of the period, learning about the school custom of the times, and more. Old-fashioned games, chores, activities, crafts and snacks will be part of the fun. A walk on the timeline history trail and a tour of the Old Union Cemetery have been added to the historical experience. The program is designed for children seven years old and above. Children are asked to bring a sack lunch that does not need refrigeration. Participants are encouraged to wear period dress that day, but it is not required. There is no fee for the program, but pre-registration is necessary. Space is limited to 16 children, please pre-register by calling our office at 618-246-0033.

June 18th Morning Coffee Hour - 10am - 11am

Enjoy a relaxing cup of coffee or tea and delicious treats with friends of the Jefferson County Historical Society.

June 18th Brian L. Alvis “Bootlegging in Southern Illinois” - 2pm

Growing up in the small village of Kell in Southern Illinois, Brian showed an interest in the arts at an early age. Brian’s first publication came in a local magazine and later he self-published a short story teaming up with photographer Robbie Edwards. Partners in art and life, they reside in Southern Illinois and continue to progress as artists together. They released their second book, Bootlegger in 2019 about the Rose Gang, a fictional family of moonshiners that tangle with Charlie Birger and all the crazy characters from the 1920’s. Let’s take a trip back in time to the wild and wooly days of Prohibition in Southern Illinois. Little Egypt was run by two very famous gangs, the Shelton Brothers, and the Birger Gang. Meet the Author and Photographer who brought this wonderful story to life. A great way to learn about an era long forgotten and have a few laughs along the way.

June 21st Summer Quarterly Dinner - 6pm

The Jefferson County Historical Society will host a summer quarterly dinner and program. Pre-registration is essential. Call the office by Friday, June 17th. The dinner and program are sponsored by Mark & Janet Hassakis and Hassakis & Hassakis, P.C. Law Firm. The program topic is a pictorial slide display of Downtown Mt. Vernon beginning early 1950’s to the present. There will be no charge for this dinner and program, however pre-registration is essential.



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