

## Jefferson County Historical Society and Village



# Sponsorship Opportunities 2018



#### Saturday, January 13

in the Schweinfurth Museum 2:00pm

#### Dennis Stroughmatt- Cajun Music

Sponsor: \$340 Co-Sponsor: \$170

Dennis Stroughmatt is an expert fiddler with extensive knowledge of French-American folkways. His solo acoustic performance encompasses the full-range of North American French music and culture. Dennis is a master musician and will be performing authentic Cajun Music. He is considered "A National Treasure" by the Missouri Humanities Council. His knowledge and skill make this performance a "must see".



#### Saturday, February 17

in the Schweinfurth Museum 2:00pm

#### Kathryn Harris Portrays Harriet Tubman

Sponsor: \$520 Co-Sponsor: \$260

Linking the past with the present, Kathryn Harris slips into the persona of the former slave who, after winning her own freedom, became a conductor on the Underground Railroad in the mid-1800s. In numerous trips back into the South, Harriet Tubman helped more than 300 slaves, including her own parents, escape to the North. After the Civil War broke out, she worked for the Union as a cook, a nurse, and even a spy. Harris has been telling the amazing story of Tubman's faith, determination and courage for over a decade. She is the former director of Library Services at the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL.



#### Saturday, March 10

at the Historical Village 2:00pm

#### Marlene Rivero- a first-person account of

Ann Stokes's inspiring fortitude

Sponsor: \$300 Co-Sponsor: \$150

Storyteller and living history actor, Marlene Rivero, portrays Ann Stokes, who is believed to have been the first African American woman to serve on board a U.S. military vessel. Born enslaved in Tennessee in 1830 and later a resident of the "contraband camp" in Mound City, Illinois, Stokes was taken aboard a Union ship in January 1863, just after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

Marlene Rivero was an employee of the U.S. Forest Service for 30 years. She began her career as a historic storyteller in 1999 as a first-person heritage interpreter with the Forest Service.



#### Saturday, April 21

in the Schweinfurth Museum 2:00pm

#### Polly Launay- A Potpourri of Music

Sponsor: \$300

Co-Sponsor: \$150

Polly will perform many types of music including: classical, bluegrass, jazz, show tunes, and celtic. Polly has become a well known violinist in the region. Her talents have been a part of The Paducah Symphony, A.Courtney Cox and the Rainmakers, Still Kickin', and Southern Illinois Homecoming Gospel Choir to name a few. She began taking violin lessons at the age of 8. As a young person she studied with both Classical and Bluegrass teachers. Continuing to study Music, she earned her Bachelor degree at Greenville College.



#### Saturday, May 12

in the Schweinfurth Museum 2:00pm

#### Sid Milliner-Ghost Towns of southern Illinois

Sponsor: \$300

Co-Sponsor: \$150

Come listen and learn about ghost towns of southern Illinois presented by former history teacher, Sid Milliner. It may be a surprise that there are many ghost towns in southern Illinois. Illinois was known as the West at one time. In southern Illinois, there were early railroad and mining towns. Some of these towns are completely covered over with brush and are not remembered except in the record books. There were once more than 800 communities in southern Illinois that have one by one faded into ghost towns.



#### Saturday, June 16

in the Schweinfurth Museum 2:00pm

#### Barbara Kay portrays Molly Brown

Sponsor: \$300

Co-Sponsor: \$150

Though Margaret "Molly" Brown's lasting fame stems from her survival of the Titanic disaster, her lasting influence arises from her achievements as a social reformer and champion of the rights of women, children, and workers. Molly's journey from poverty and obscurity to international prominence traversed the mining camps of Colorado, the theaters and ballrooms of Paris and New York, and the voting booth, which she helped to open to women.

Barbara Kay's vivacious living history portrayal of Brown traces that journey, explaining the significance of each step and showing why it remains both instructive and inspiring today.



#### Saturday, July 14

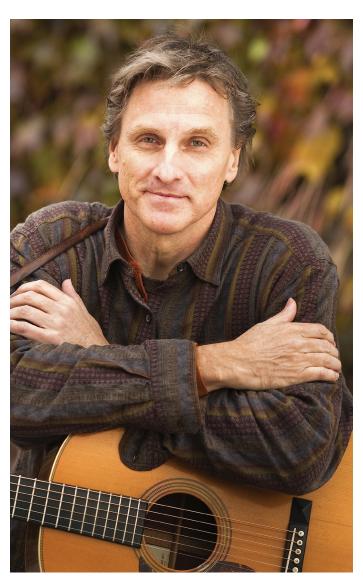
in the Schweinfurth Museum 2:00pm

### Mark Dvorak-The American Folk Song with a tribute to Woody Guthrie

Sponsor: \$500 Co-Sponsor: \$250

Mark Dvorak has been called "a folk singer's folk singer". Since 1981, Mark has proformed in nearly all the United States and several countries in Europe. His concerts are a mix of familiar and new music. He plays the guitar and the banjo and has a refreshing stage presence that engages the audience. Dvorak is an integral member of the faculty at Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music. The songs of Woody Guthrie, Lead Belly, and Pete Seeger are part of his collection of music.





#### Saturday, August 11

in the Schweinfurth Museum 10am - 4pm

#### Ice Cream Social

Sponsor: \$200 Co-Sponsor: \$100

The Jefferson County Historical Society hosts their annual Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social at the Historical Village. It will be held inside the air-conditioned Schweinfurth Museum. Come and enjoy the combination of ice cream, homemade cake, drinks, and musical entertainment. Carry outs will be available.

Tickets are \$5.00



#### Saturday, August 25

 ${\it in the Schweinfurth\ Museum\ 2:} 00pm$ 

Nathan Brouwer-Murder, Mystery, and History: The World's Fair of 1893 and the Making of Modern America

Sponsor: \$300 Co-Sponsor: \$150

The World's Fair of 1893, held in the city of Chicago, had an oversized impact on American history, yet often remains unnoticed in most accounts of modern American history. Despite the negative aspects—murder, mayhem, and madness—that accompanied the fair, the positive aspects on display—scientific, architectural, and cultural progress—firmly planted the United States on the world stage, for better or worse. Take a trip back to America's "White City" (as the fairgrounds were nicknamed) at the end of the 19 th century with Nathan Brouwer, an Associate Professor of History at Rend Lake College.



#### Saturday, September 15

in the Schweinfurth Museum 2:00pm

#### Johnny Cash Tribute

Sponsor: \$400

Co-Sponsor: \$200

Bill Forness is sweeping the country with the iconic sounds of legendary Johnny Cash. Celebrating the life and music of one of the most influential musicians of our time, Bill Forness has mastered the essence of a real Johnny Cash performance. With a deep baritone voice and a theatrical stage presence, Bill Forness has become the most sought after Johnny Cash Tribute act anywhere! Come see for yourself.



#### Saturday, October 20

in the Schweinfurth Museum 2:00pm

#### Sue Settle-The Cold War and the Korean Conflict

Sponsor: \$300

Co-Sponsor: \$150

Sue Settle of Mount Vernon will speak on the Cold War background to the Korean Conflict. A graduate of Eastern Illinois University and the University of Illinois, Settle taught history and social studies for 34 years and retired from Centralia High School in 2013. She also worked part time at Kaskaskia College as a librarian. Since retiring, she has been a guest speaker at the C.E. Brehm Memorial Library and at the Centralia History Museum.

The Korean War didn't just happen. Nothing in history really ever does.



#### Saturday & Sunday October 6,7

at the Historical Village 10am - 4pm

#### Heritage Festival

Sponsor: \$500 Co-Sponsor \$250

Two days filled with old-fashioned fun to celebrate our heritage. There will be crafts, entertainment, demonstrations, exhibits, and food. Craft demonstations include basketry, glass bead making, blacksmithing, flint knapping, weaving and spinning. The Heritage Festival will feature an antique tractor show provided by Jefferson County Antique Iron. There will also be a guided tour of the historic Old Union Cemetery. A service will be held in the Mt. Olive Church at 10 am on Sunday. Come and enjoy the hertitage of Jefferson County.

All of the buildings and cabins will be open for you to tour. The Schweinfurth Museum will feature new exhibits highlighting Jefferson County history. Costumed docents will be on site to complete the experience.









#### Saturday, November 3

at the Historical Village 5:30pm - 7:30pm

#### Candle Light Walk

Sponsor: \$200 Co-Sponsor: \$100



Enjoy an evening walk by candlelight and see what life was like before electricity. The Jefferson County Historical Village walkways will be lined with candles. Candles will also be lit in the buildings. Some of the buildings will be open and have costumed interpreters. Enjoy the village by candlelight; then partake of gingerbread and cider in the Schweinfurth Museum.

#### Saturday, November 17

at the Historical Village 2:00pm

#### Exploring Native American Culture Through Oral

Traditions, Music, and Food

Sponsor: \$300 Co-Sponsor: \$150

Dressed in traditional Ojibwa regalia, Kim Sigafus will share her knowledge of many aspects of Native American cultures. Drumming and singing, she will share a traditional lullaby and teach it to the audience. Kim will also incorporate Native American food into the presentation. Kim Sigafus is an award winning Ojibwa author of children's books, plays, Native American non-fiction, fiction, and the co-owner of Mclver Publishing.



Saturday, December 8 Sunday, December 9 Friday, December 14 Saturday, December 15 Sunday, December 16

10:00am - 4:00pm 1:00pm - 4:00pm 5:00pm - 8:00pm 10:00am - 4:00pm 1:00pm - 4:00pm

#### Model Train and Nativity Exhibit

Sponsor: \$300 Co-Sponsor \$150

Come experience this Christmas tradition and view this exhibit for a special holiday activity for the whole family. The model train exhibit will have running train sets with different gauges and village settings. Additional historical trains will be on display. Model trains will bring out the kid in all of us. The nativity exhibit will feature a variety of sets including vintage and contemporary collections. Several of the sets have been collected from around the world!







#### Thursday, December 6

at the Elks Lodge 11am - 1:30pm

#### Chocolate Festival

Sponsor: \$200 Co-Sponsor \$100

This is a chocolate tasting, chocolate contest, bake sale and silent auction. Categories include: Cakes, Candies, Cookies, Brownies and Breads. Each category will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize winner. The overall grand prize winner will receive \$250. For contest rules and entry forms, contact the Historical Society Office. A \$5 ticket entitles guests to sample the entries.







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