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**KENDALL COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
111 W. Fox Street • Rooms 209 and 210 • Yorkville, IL • 60560  
(630) 553-4141 Fax (630) 553-4179

**AGENDA**

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December 18, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Eric Bernacki (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth Flowers, Kristine Heiman (Secretary), Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chair)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2023, Meeting (Pages 2-3)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of 2024 Historic Preservation Awards (Pages 4-8)
2. Discussion of February 2024 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups (Pages 9-13)
3. Discussion of Historic Structure Surveys
4. Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County
  - a. United Plattville Association in January 2024
  - b. Plano Masonic Lodge in March 2024
  - c. Henneberry Barn and Ashley Farm
  - d. Pickerill Pigot House for Summer Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. November, 20, 2023, November 22, 2023, November 27, 2023, and November 30, 2023 Emails from Edith Farnsworth House (Pages 14-26)
2. November 28, 2023, Federal Highway Administration and Illinois Department of Transportation Section 106 PA Development Notification Letter (Pages 27-47)
3. December 4, 2023, Email from Landmarks Illinois (Pages 48-50)
4. December 2023 Edition of The Bell Tower (Pages 51-58)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting January 17, 2024 (Wednesday)

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
***Helmar Lutheran Church***  
***11935 Lisbon Road Newark, Illinois***  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**November 20, 2023-Unofficial Until Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jeff Wehrli (Chairman), Eric Bernacki, and Marty Shanahan

Absent: Kristine Heiman and Elizabeth Flowers

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier, Wanda A. Rolf, Myrtle Duvick, and Bob Christian

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attendees toured the Helmar Lutheran Church. Myrtle Duvick and Bob Christian led the tour. Built in 1847 by Norwegian immigrants, the church celebrated its One Hundred Seventy Fifth (175<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary in June of 2022. Currently there are three hundred (300) members in the congregation. Attendees viewed photographs of previous congregants at various functions throughout the years. Many changes were made to the church, from steeples being lowered to making additions for youth groups, Sunday school and fundraisers the church has stood the test of time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Wehrli said that it was great to meet at different places and learn the history of our county.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

***Discussion of 2024 Historic Preservation Awards***

Commissioners would start thinking about what groups and people should be nominated for next year.

***Discussion of 2024 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups***

Chairman Wehrli mentioned having Roger Matile attend one of our meetings as he is an expert on historic structures in Kendall County and a columnist for Shaw Media, LLC.

Mr. Asselmeier reported that Pastor Hubbard from the Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church was agreeable to having the meeting at the church on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Asselmeier needed to confirm if a person from the Church could provide a history of the building and congregation. Jon Pressley from the State would discuss preservation awards and the importance of landmarking a structure.

The request to ask attendees about the oldest structure and oldest business in Kendall County will be added to the save-the-date.

***Discussion of Historic Structure Surveys***

Mr. Asselmeier stated the surveys from unincorporated Kendall and Bristol Townships have been added to the GIS. To date, the reimbursement check had not been received.

The County Board approved Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) to survey unincorporated Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships. The grant window was expected to open in February or March 2024.

***Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County***

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the below list are some of the locations the Commission could have tentative meetings:

United Plattville Association in January 2024.

Plano Masonic Lodge is in process of finalizing for the March 2024 meeting.

Henneberry Barn and Ashley Farm have no insulation and meetings could be held in the spring or summer of 2024 .

Pickerill Pigot House for Summer Group Meeting for July or August 2024.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

***October 19, 2023, Email from Edith Farnsworth House***

Commissioners reviewed the email from Farnsworth House commemorating National Hispanic Heritage Month. Send notices out regarding finding the oldest structures in Kendall County. Next meeting is at the county office building on December 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wanda A Rolf  
Administrative Assistant



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

January 12, 2024

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli, (630) 553-4139

Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission Announces Historic  
Preservation Awards Application

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission invites applications for recognition of historic preservation in Kendall County. Awards will be given for structures that have undergone exterior or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, landscape restoration or sympathetic additions. Awards will also be given to a person or group that exhibits dedication to the field of historic preservation or for a site that possesses importance to the history of Kendall County, State of Illinois, or the United States. The County Historic Preservation Commission reserves the right to grant multiple awards in the same category or zero awards within a category.

Applications may be found on the Kendall County website at: <https://www.kendallcountyil.gov/departments/planning-building-zoning/historic-preservation>. Completed applications are due by February 28, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., and can be submitted by mail to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission, 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, IL 60560 or by email at [masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov).

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission shall review applications at their April meeting and the awards will be distributed at a County Board meeting in May as part of Kendall County's celebration of Historic Preservation Month.

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission was established to influence comprehensive historic preservation planning within the County and to recognize, support and protect the quality of life enjoyed by the residents. The Historic Preservation Commission uses the technical standards issued by the Department of the Interior which produces reliable, understandable, and up-to-date information for decision-making related to the identification, evaluation, and protection/treatment of historic resources. The Historic Preservation Commission is composed of 5 volunteers appointed by the County Board Chairman with the approval of the County Board and normally meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building on Fox Street in Yorkville. Our meetings are open to the public and we invite anyone interested in Kendall County history to attend our meetings. More information can be found at <https://www.kendallcountyil.gov/departments/planning-building-zoning/historic-preservation>.

# Annual Kendall County Historic Preservation Awards

*A recognition of properties that have undergone recent exterior and/or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use, or sympathetic additions as well as for people or groups that exhibit dedication to the field of historic preservation or for sites that possess importance to the history of Kendall County, State of Illinois, or the United States.*

**MAIL NOMINATION FORM TO:**  
Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission  
111 W. Fox Street  
Yorkville, IL 60560

**EMAIL NOMINATION FORM TO:**  
Matt Asselmeier,  
masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov

**DEADLINE:** February 28, 2024-4:00 pm

**Street address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current property owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic name and/or original owner (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current use:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic use:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year built (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year rehabilitated, renovated, restored (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Architectural style / form (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for nomination:** *Please provide a short description, between 50 and 500 words, explaining the project or person being nominated. The statement should clearly identify the purpose and scope of work, unusual challenges or innovative approaches, sensitive treatment of historic fabric, long-term impact and any other information that supports the nomination as being exceptional.*

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**Images:** *Please provide a minimum of five photographs or quality digital photographs in .jpg format on a CD ROM, flash drive, or by email highlighting the project. Before and after pictures are encouraged.*

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Annual Historic Preservation Award

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<b>Application for Award Nomination Announcement:</b>	January 12 and February 14
<b>Deadline for nomination:</b>	February 28 by 4:00 pm
<b>Date of HPC Review:</b>	March and April HPC Meetings. <i>HPC shall be provided with applications prior to the March meeting for their review</i>
<b>Date of final selection:</b>	April HPC meeting
<b>Award given:</b>	Second May County Board meeting

**How the final selection will occur.** The HPC will review the nominations at their March and April meetings and make a final selection at their April meeting. The Secretary of the HPC will notify award recipient(s) by May 1. The Kendall County Board will bestow the award at their second May meeting, which typically occurs the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am.

**Physical Description of Award:** At a minimum, the recipient will receive a certificate, which will be bestowed at the County Board meeting. The HPC also aspires to provide award recipients with a small sign that they could place on their property. County staff is still researching whether the HPC has funds to purchase signs annually for this program. If the County does not have funding for this, donations may be sought.

Aluminum garden flags cost around \$70



Wooden garden flags cost around \$25



**Nomination Procedure:** Each nomination must include a completed application form and a minimum of five photographs or quality digital photographs. Applications will be available on the County's website as well as in hard copy form at Planning, Building and Zoning Department at 111 W. Fox Street in Yorkville.

**Award categories and number of awards to be given:** Nominations may be for a structure (residential or commercial) that has undergone exterior or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, landscape restoration or sympathetic additions OR for a person or group that exhibits dedication to the field of historic preservation OR for a site that possesses importance to the history of Kendall County, State of Illinois, or the United States.

The HPC reserves the right to offer one or more awards based on the quality of submitted nominations. The HPC also reserves the right to offer zero awards.

Award designation may simply be: “2024 Historic Preservation Award (s),” “Person of the Year,” or “Project of the Year.”

Examples

- “2024 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the restoration of the home at \_\_\_\_\_*
- “2024 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the adaptive reuse of the building at \_\_\_\_\_*
- “2024 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the sympathetic building addition at \_\_\_\_\_*

**Award Review and Selection Criteria:**

***Preservation/Restoration***

- Only completed projects shall be considered.
- Historic character and features of the property shall be retained and preserved.
- Features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property shall be retained.
- Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.
- Original materials shall be retained (example: slate roof repair/replacement, removal of artificial siding, repair/restoration of wood siding).
- Historic materials and features shall be repaired rather than replaced.
- When material is replaced, the new shall match the old in composition, design, color and texture.
- Landscape and site features original to the site shall be preserved.

***Architecturally Compatible New Addition:***

- Only completed projects shall be considered.
- New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property.
- The new work shall be differentiated from the old but shall be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

## **HPC Commissioner Award Selection Procedure**

- **Meeting:** Each Commissioner secretly ranks applications by number of applications. For example, if there are 7 applications then you they are ranked 1-7 with #1 being the highest ranking.
- Rankings are discussed.
- Recommendation made on number of awards to be bestowed followed by a recommendation and formal vote on awardees.
- A tie may result in a second vote for one.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Mr. John Purcell	United City of Yorkville
Mr. Terry D'Arcy	City of Joliet
Mr. Ryan Kauffman	Village of Oswego
Mr. John Argoudelis	Village of Plainfield
Ms. Jackie Kowalksi	Village of Millbrook
Mr. Doug Holley	Village of Millington
Mr. Paul Pope	Village of Lisbon
Mr. Ric Offerman	Village of Minooka
Mr. Jim Davis	Village of Newark
Ms. June McCord	Village of Plattville
Mr. Todd Latham	City of Sandwich
Mr. Matt Brolley	Village of Montgomery
Mr. Mike Rennels	City of Plano
Mr. Richard C. Irvin	City of Aurora
Lyon Farm	Kendall County Historical Society
Mr. Lee Hohmann	Kendall County Historical Society
Subash George	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
John Brennehan	Oswego Resident
Kelly Schomer	Oswego Resident
Shaunna Barrow	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
Juan Terrazas	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
Kevin Zentner	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
Rod Zenner	Village of Oswego
Rachel Riemenschneider	Village of Oswego
Jon Proulx	Plainfield Historical Commission
Michael Bortel	Plainfield Historical Commission
Roger Matile	Little White School Museum
Ted Clauser	Oswego Historical Association
Deanna Howard	Plano Library
Jeanne Valentine	Plano Historical Society
Ken Donart	Chapel on the Green
Suzie Kritzberg	Chapel on the Green
Sharon Lowery	Chapel on the Green
John Aman	Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission
Sonya Abt	Village of Montgomery
Robyn Sutcliff	Yorkville Historic Preservation Society
Krysti Barksdale-Noble	Yorkville
Victor Scott	Ferndell
Marilyn Thompson	Ferndell
Joan Hardekopf	Sandwich Historical Society
Chris Phillips	Sandwich Historical Committee
Kendra Parzen	Landmarks Illinois
Scott Mehaffey	Farnsworth House
Carolyn Lioce	Farnsworth House
Jill Morgan	Aurora Preservation Commission
Russell and Michelle George	Gaylord House

Jayne Bernhard	City of Joliet
Greg Peerbolte	Joliet HPC
Sharon Merwin	Joliet HPC
Brook McDonald	Dickson-Murst Farm
Sarah Skilton	Oswego Public Library District
Lynette Heiden	Charles B. Phillips Public Library District
Lisa Pappas	Plainfield Library District
Tina Beaird	Plainfield Historical Society
Amanda Bennett	Sandwich Public Library
Michaela Haberkern	Aurora Library
Megan Millen	Joliet Library
Shelley Augustine	Yorkville Library
Lauren Offerman	Three Rivers Library District
Michele Houchens	Three Rivers Library District
Anne Sears	
James Morris	
Jeff Mathre	
Ken Wolf	
Leigh Anne Scoghton	
Paul Burd	
Jeff Farren	
Todd Milliron	
Barb Klock	Village of Lisbon
Martha Stephenson	Village of Lisbon
Cliff Fox	Village of Newark
Natasha Didos Ritsma	Executive Director of Schingoethe Museum
Dr. Mark Soderstrom	University of Aurora
Dr. Gerald Butters	University of Aurora
Lisa Wolancevich	Save the Historic Jail
Valerie Burd	Save the Historic Jail
Johanna Byram	Yorkville Historic Preservation Society
Jason Peterson	Kendall County Board
Seth Wormley	Kendall County Board
Ruben Rodriguez	Kendall County Board
Matt Kellogg	Kendall County Board
Dan Koukol	Kendall County Board
Scott Gengler	Kendall County Board
Brian DeBolt	Kendall County Board
Elizabeth Flowers	Kendall County Board
Zach Bachmann	Kendall County Board
Brooke Shanley	Kendall County Board
Kristine Heiman	Kendall County HPC
Eric Bernacki	Kendall County HPC
Jeff Wehrli	Kendall County HPC
Marty Shanahan	Kendall County HPC
Todd Volker	Kendall County Economic Development Coordinator
Kelvin Johnson	Bristol

Ed Hatteberg	Norsk Museum
Sandy Vahl	Sheridan
Shannon Bronn	Minooka
Jane Lauterbach	Minooka
Bev Casey	Millington
Janet Blue	Millington
Mark Harrington	
Thomas Milschewski	
Victoria Lundh	Kendall-Grundy Farm Bureau
Scott Baietti	LaSalle Manor
Jon Pressley	IHPA
Annie Jordan	Oswegoland Park District
Jane Burke	
Jeff Nakaerts	
Philip Buchanan	
Ken Itle	WJE
Jane Johnson	Kanakakee County
Mary Lou Wehrli	

## Historic Preservation Organization Meeting

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission would like to invite you to a meeting on **February 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, at Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church, at 5021 Wheeler Road, Yorkville. The purpose of this meeting is to explore collaborative opportunities between historic preservation groups in Kendall County and to receive updates on the activities of local historic preservation groups.

Guest speakers include a representative from Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church, discussing the history of their building and congregation which celebrated their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. Also, Jon Pressley, from the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office, will discuss the importance of landmarking property.

The Commission is also requesting the assistance of attendees in identifying the oldest structure and oldest business in Kendall County.

Please RSVP to Matt Asselmeier at [masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov) or 630-553-4139 by **February 14, 2024**. Any questions or requests for additional information should also be sent to Mr. Asselmeier.





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February 7, 2024

Name  
Organization  
Address  
City State ZIP

Dear Name,

On behalf of the members on the Kendall Historic Preservation Commission, I would like to invite you to a meeting of Kendall County historic preservation organizations on **February 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Au Sable Presbyterian Church, at 5021 Wheeler Road, Yorkville.

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The Commission is also requesting the assistance of attendees in identifying the oldest structure and oldest business in Kendall County.

We will also have an update from attendees regarding activities at your organizations.

Please share this information with members of your boards and other parties that share our interest in historic preservation. If you have not already done so, we ask that you RSVP to Matt Asselmeier at 630-553-4139 or [masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov) by **February 14, 2024**.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Mr. Asselmeier.

We hope to see you on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,



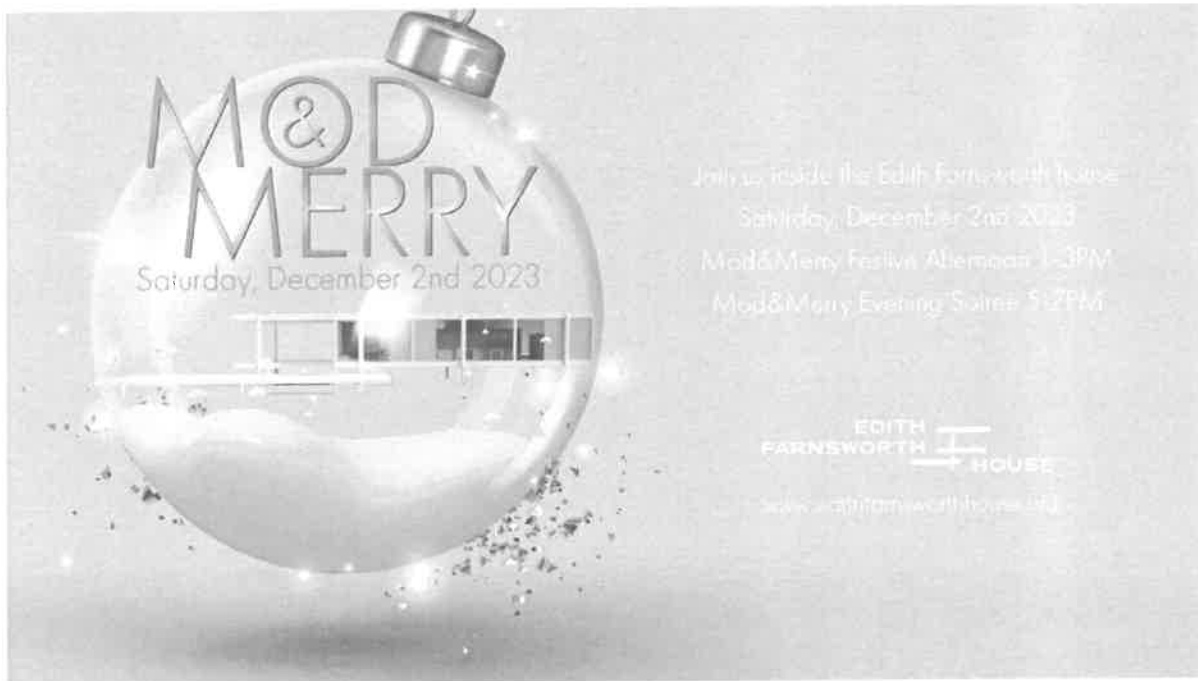
Jeff Wehrli, Chairman  
Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

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**From:** Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworthhouse@savingplaces.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2023 5:16 PM  
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**Subject:** [External]Mod&Merry Holiday Events at Edith Farnsworth House

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**EDITH  
FARNSWORTH HOUSE**



Have you secured your tickets yet? Don't miss this annual holiday event! Join us for a Festive Afternoon or Evening Soiree inside the house, complete with a live DJ, seasonal refreshments, and carefully curated merchandise available from **Conservatory Vintage & Vinyl**. Make this a holiday tradition with friends and family!

[Mod&Merry Holiday Party Event Tickets Here](#)

**Matt Asselmeier**

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**From:** Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworthhouse@savingplaces.org>  
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# EDITH FARNSWORTH HOUSE

## Fall 2023 Newsletter

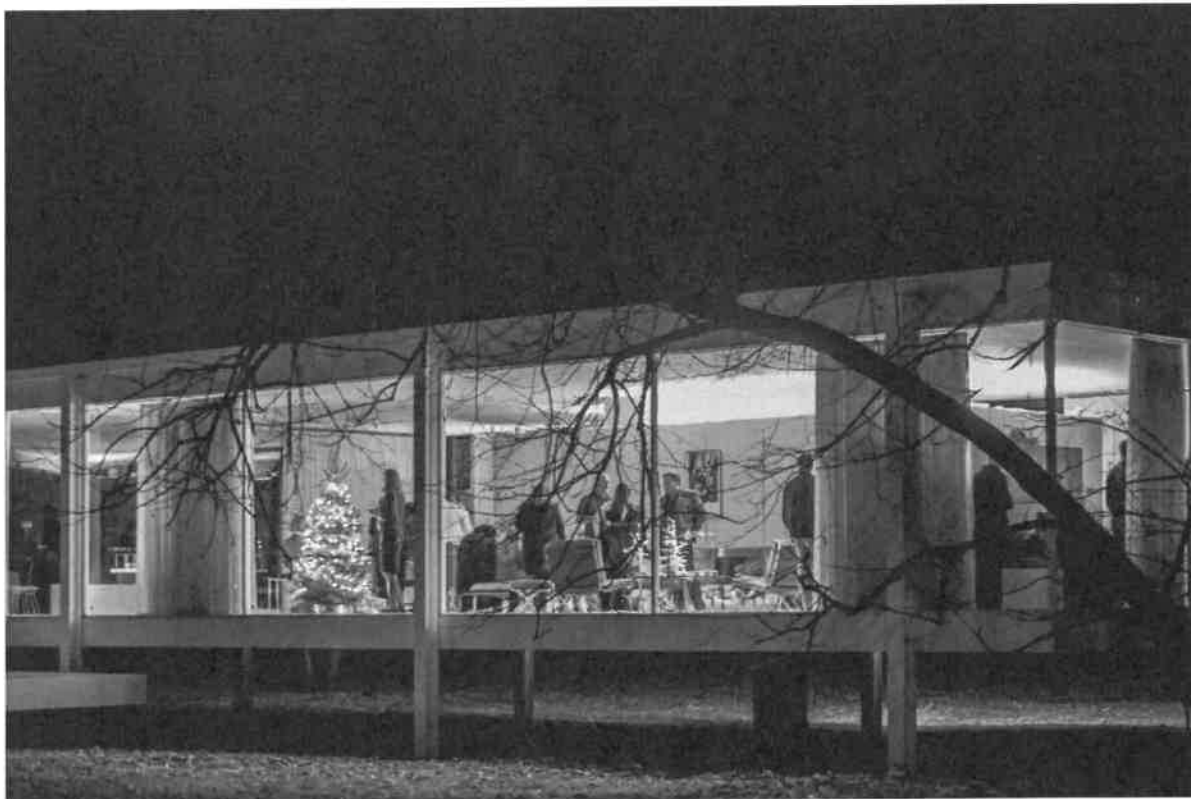


**There's Still Time to Plan a Fall Visit**

Thanksgiving week is an ideal time to gather family and friends for a late November tour to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the setting, limited time art exhibits on site, and specially selected items for purchase in the Shop.

[Click Here to Plan a Visit](#)

## Events & Tours to Brighten the Holidays



### **Mod&Merry Events December 2 at 1pm & 5pm**

Our annual Mod&Merry event is a perfect beginning to your holiday festivities. Join friends, family, and your event hosts for a **Festive Afternoon** or **Evening Soiree** inside the house! A selection of carefully curated merchandise will be available for purchase from **Conservatory Vintage & Vinyl** with the evening event grooving to legendary Chicago DJ Tone B Nimble spinning tunes for all to enjoy! Purchase tickets early as space is limited for this 21+ event.

[Mod&Merry Details and Tickets HERE](#)



## Holiday House Tours December 3-23

Step out of the cold and into the warm glow of the iconic Edith Farnsworth House with a Holiday House Tour this season. Embrace the peaceful yet celebratory aura of this unique setting along the Fox River for a holiday experience to remember. Before or after your tour, take time to peruse the specially curated selection of gifts in the Shop and savor the moment with holiday refreshments and cheer in the Visitor Center. Holiday House Tours available Thursday-Sunday at 11am and 1pm.



**Book a Holiday House Tour NOW**

## Winter Lecture Series



This year's winter lecture series will be held in partnership with Smithsonian Associates and will include presentations by leading experts on Frank Lloyd Wright, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Regenerative Design – tracing the evolving relationship of architecture and nature over the last century and beyond. Register for any of the sessions individually or the bundle option and register for all three – a perfect holiday gift for the architecture fans in your life!

Learn More and Purchase Tickets [HERE](#)

## Giftng Made Easy



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THE SHOP AT EDITH FARNSWORTH HOUSE

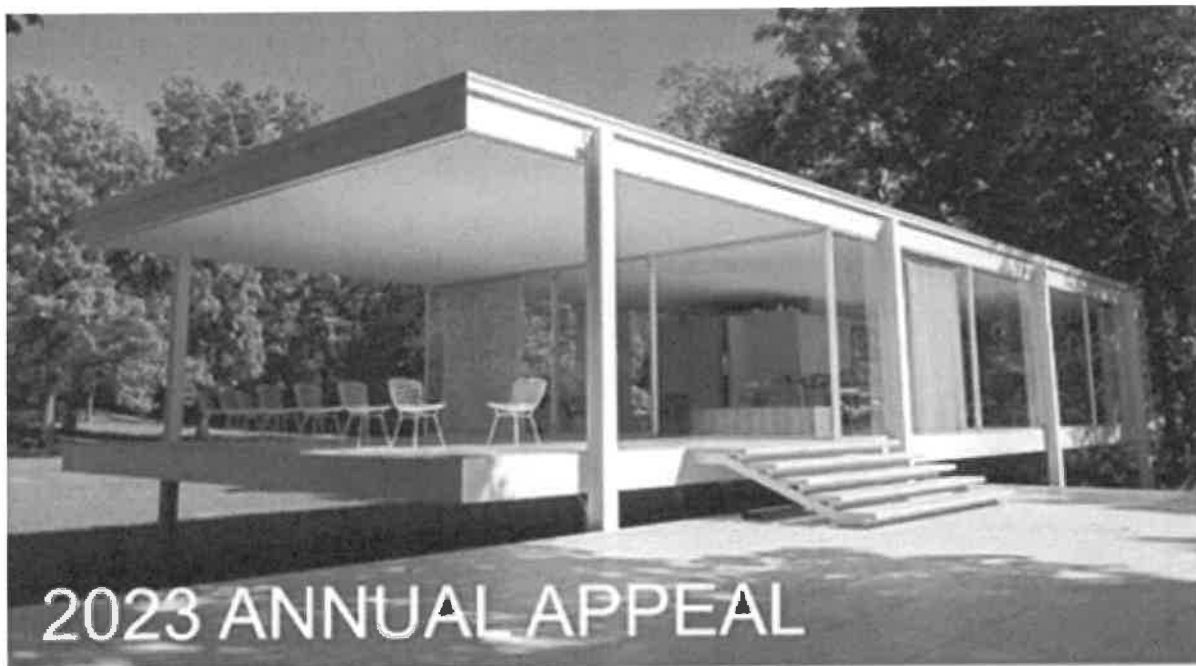
Did you know your purchase at the Edith Farnsworth House Shop helps support efforts toward preservation, education, exhibits, and more? All items in the Shop are carefully selected to provide a one-of-a-kind shopping experience making it easy to find the perfect gift for that special someone or occasion.



We'll be open four days 10am-3pm Thanksgiving week, weekend, and select dates in December. Be sure to join us in person or online Sunday November 26 for **Museum Store Sunday**, when we'll join over 2100 Museum Stores in a global shopping initiative supporting museums and cultural institutions worldwide. We'll celebrate with special offers and limited time merchandise available for purchase Museum Store Sunday only! Hope you'll join us!

[Shop Online HERE](#)

## Support Edith Farnsworth House Historic Site



A Chicagoland treasure since 1951 and part of the nonprofit National Trust for Historic Preservation since 2003, this architectural icon is a celebrated milestone in the ongoing history of modern design! Beyond its heritage as one of only three single-family homes in the United States designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, its legacy for current and future generations is based on an appreciation for nature and the innate human need for places to relax, reflect, and refresh body, mind, and spirit.

Your support enables us to continue maintaining, interpreting, and restoring the iconic Edith Farnsworth House and our nearly 60-acre naturalistic site! In 2023, we replaced the roof and

repainted the ceiling – and we’re now preparing for the replacement of several cracked windows over the coming winter months. We’ll also continue to remove invasive species from our woodland and savanna areas.

In 2024, the 20th anniversary of Farnsworth’s opening to the public under the National Trust and Landmarks Illinois – we’re planning to improved visitor access, exciting exhibitions and educational programs, and an ambitious new strategic plan to guide us forward.

**Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support ongoing preservation and programming by contributing to our Annual Appeal.**

[Donate HERE](#)

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## Connect With Us



Edith Farnsworth House | [edithfarnsworthhouse.org](http://edithfarnsworthhouse.org) | 630.552.0052

14520 River Rd, Plano, IL 60545

[Visit our Website](#)

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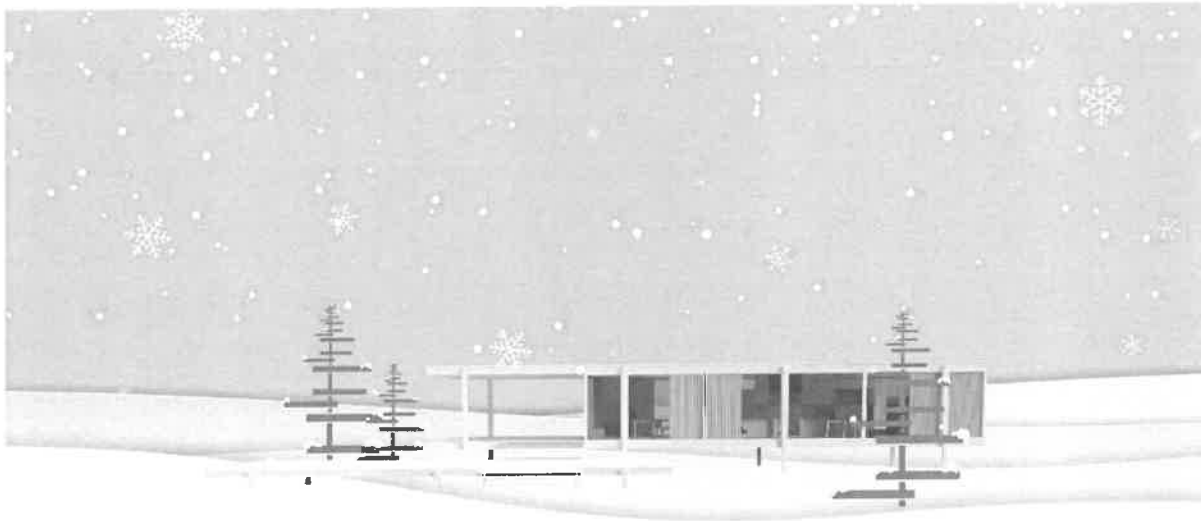
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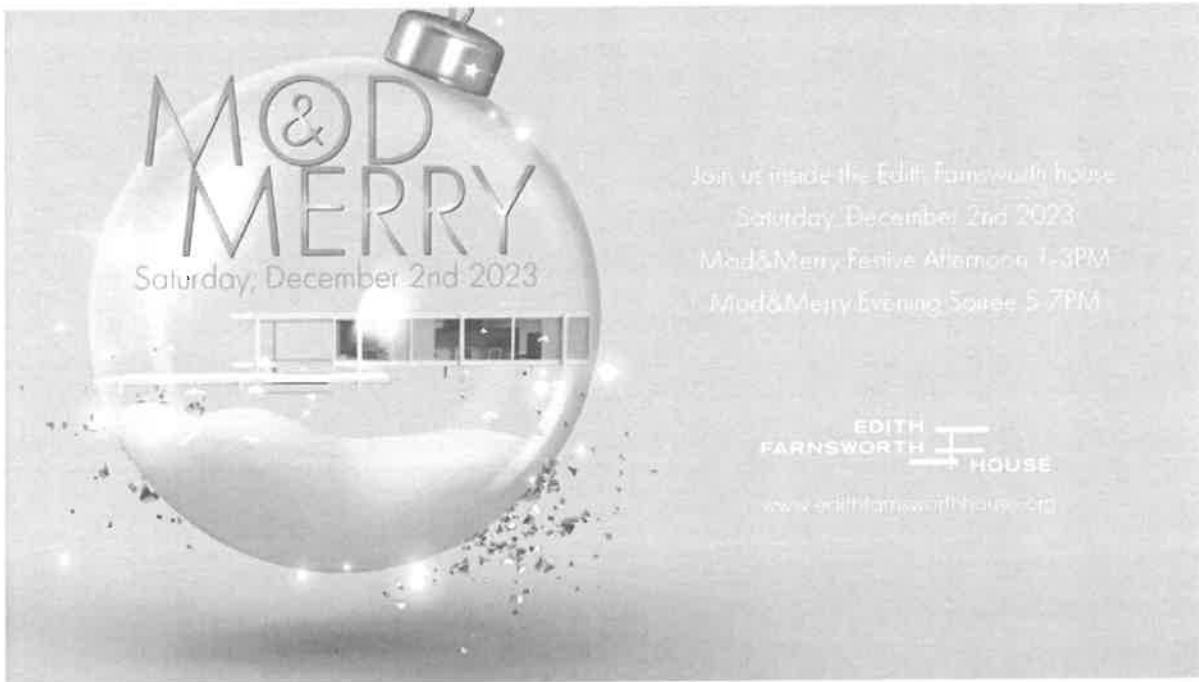
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# EDITH FARNSWORTH HOUSE

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Limited time CYBER MONDAY holiday specials with Edith Farnsworth House!



## GIFT AN EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR

### **Purchase a Mod&Merry Ticket - Receive a Guided Tour**

Make this year's gifts about experiences and memories! Secure your ticket to a unique seasonal celebration and receive an e-gift card for a future Guided Tour experience. Perfect for friends and family and even yourself!

All Mod&Merry tickets purchased **NOW through 11:59pm(cst) Tuesday November 28** receive a complimentary e-gift card, sent via email to the purchaser.

[MOD&MERRY Tickets Here](#)

**SHOP ONLINE NOW & ENJOY FREE SHIPPING**



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THE SHOP AT EDITH FARNSWORTH HOUSE

**Make a Purchase - Receive FREE Shipping**

Holiday gifting is a snap in our online shop! Visit, shop, and click today to enjoy free shipping (up to \$20) on purchases totaling \$50 or more before tax.

Shop **NOW** through 11:59pm(cst) Monday November 27.

**SHOP NOW**

Edith Farnsworth House | 14520 River Rd, Plano, IL 60545

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RE: Federal Highway Administration and Illinois Department of Transportation Section 106 PA  
Development Notification Letter

Dear Mr. Asselmeier,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are developing a revised Programmatic Agreement (PA) to guide the implementation of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for Federal Aid Transportation Projects in the State of Illinois. Section 106 of the NHPA requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their actions on historic properties. The purpose of this letter is to notify potential consulting parties about the development of the PA and to request comments regarding the agreement's provisions. You are being invited to consult on this agreement because your organization and community may have concerns regarding the effects of future highway projects on properties of cultural or historical significance. You are invited to express these concerns by consulting with FHWA and IDOT on the revisions to the PA. A list of those invited to participate is attached to this letter. If you know of other organizations or groups that should be included, please respond via the contact information provided below.

This statewide PA sets forth the processes by which FHWA, with the assistance of IDOT, will meet its responsibilities under 36 C.F.R. § 800, as amended, for transportation projects under the Federal-aid highway program. The PA will also serve as an efficient, effective program alternative for considering the effects of Federal-aid transportation projects upon historic properties statewide.

The development of this PA will represent a renewal of the prior agreement, which was executed on March 6, 2018, among the FHWA, IDOT, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer as signatories. To avoid the expiration of this agreement on March 6, 2023, the Federal and state agency signatories agreed to extend the use of the PA until March 6, 2025, or until the execution of a new PA. Therefore, the signatories have initiated the process of drafting a new PA to supersede the previous agreement.

In the interest of initiating open, timely, and meaningful consultation, the FHWA and IDOT are inviting potential consulting parties to participate in and/or comment on the development of the new, statewide Section 106 PA for Federal-aid transportation projects. A copy of the 2018 PA regarding Section 106 Implementation for Federal-Aid Transportation Projects in the State of Illinois is attached to this letter for your review and comment. Any comments received in

response to this invitation or at any time during the development/drafting of the document will be considered revisions to the PA. Furthermore, those who request to participate in the development of the PA will have the opportunity to periodically meet with the State and Federal agency signatories to the PA.

A timeline of key milestones for the PA development has also been attached for your review. Please direct any questions, comments, and requests to participate in the development of the new PA to Darien Siddall, Environmental Protection Specialist, FHWA - Illinois Division via email at [Darien.Siddall@dot.gov](mailto:Darien.Siddall@dot.gov) or phone at (217) 492-4615.

Sincerely,



Darien Siddall  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosures:

- 1) Programmatic Agreement Regarding Section 106 Implementation for Federal-Aid Transportation Projects in the State of Illinois, Executed on March 6, 2018
- 2) Timeline for Key Milestones
- 3) List of Invited Consulting Parties

**PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT AMONG  
THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION,  
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER,  
AND THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**REGARDING**

**SECTION 106 IMPLEMENTATION FOR FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION  
PROJECTS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), under the authority of 23 USC 101 et seq., implements the Federal-aid Highway Program (Program) in the State of Illinois by funding and approving state and locally sponsored transportation projects that are administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT); and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois FHWA Division Administrator is the “Agency Official” responsible for ensuring that the Program in the state of Illinois complies with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended (54 USC 300101) (Section 106), and codified in its implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, as amended (August 5, 2004); and

**WHEREAS**, federal Aid Highway projects are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq., and the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), which require Federal agencies to consider one of three classes of action: 1) environmental impact statement (EIS), 2) environmental assessment (EA), or 3) categorical exclusion (CE); and

**WHEREAS**, as used herein, the term “SHPO” means the official appointed or designated pursuant to section 101(b)(1) of the NHPA, as amended (54 U.S. Code § 302301(1)), to administer the State historic preservation program or a representative designated to act for the State historic preservation officer (see 36 CFR § 800.16(v)); and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibilities of the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800 are to advise, assist, review, and consult with federal agencies as they carry out their historic preservation responsibilities and to respond to federal agencies’ requests within a specified period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois State historic preservation program presently resides within the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and the current Director of IDNR, Wayne A. Rosenthal, is the duly designated SHPO; and

**WHEREAS**, FHWA has determined that implementation of the Program in Illinois may have an effect upon properties included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), hereafter referred to as historic properties, and has consulted with SHPO and the Advisory

Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.14(b) concerning this Programmatic Agreement (Agreement); and

**WHEREAS**, FHWA, SHPO, and IDOT cooperate in meaningful, long-term planning for the protection of historic properties and desire to (1) devote time and energy to identifying transportation-related concerns potentially affecting historic properties; (2) create innovative programs to address those concerns; and (3) develop a comprehensive and efficient Section 106 process that simplifies procedural requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, 36 CFR Part 800 encourages federal agencies to fulfill their obligations efficiently under Section 106 through the development and implementation of cooperative programmatic agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit of stewardship, FHWA and IDOT are committed to designing transportation projects to 1) avoid, minimize, and mitigate adverse effects to historic properties, 2) utilize IDOT's "Context-Sensitive Solutions" approach, and 3) balance transportation needs with other needs of Illinois' communities; and

**WHEREAS**, FHWA has notified the public, federal and state agencies, Certified Local Governments (CLGs), and federally recognized Indian Tribes (Tribes) with an interest in Illinois lands about this Agreement, has requested their comments, and has taken any comments received into account; and

**WHEREAS**, FHWA retains the government-to-government responsibility to consult with federally recognized Tribes, and will follow the stipulations contained in the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Tribal Consultation Requirements for the Illinois Transportation Program, as amended (Tribal MOU) which shall remain in effect, and is attached to this Agreement ; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the consultation conducted under 36 CFR 800.14(b), the signatories have developed this Agreement in order to establish an efficient and effective program alternative for taking into account the effects of the Program on historic properties in Illinois and for affording ACHP a reasonable opportunity to comment on undertakings covered by this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, ACHP has approved an exemption on March 10, 2005 that relieves federal agencies from the requirement of taking into account the effects of their undertakings on the Interstate Highway System, with the only exception in Illinois being the Interstate 74 Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge connecting Bettendorf, Iowa, with Moline, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, IDOT will apply ACHP's November 16, 2012 "Program Comment Issued for Streamlining Section 106 Review for Actions Affecting Post-1945 Concrete and Steel Bridges" that eliminates historic review requirements under Section 106 of the NHPA for the repair or replacement of common types of post-1945 concrete and steel bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, FHWA and IDOT will align their compliance with Section 106 to the fullest extent possible in coordination with their policies and procedures under the National Environmental Policy

Act (NEPA) and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, pursuant to Section 1301 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.; and

**WHEREAS**, IDOT has participated in consultation and has been invited to be a signatory to this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, IDOT primarily utilizes the services of the Illinois State Archaeological Survey (ISAS) through an intergovernmental agreement with the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois, to gather information, analyze data, prepare documentation, make eligibility recommendations, and complete mitigation requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, IDOT publishes and maintains a manual that establishes uniform policies and procedures for the location, design, and environmental evaluation of highway construction projects (the IDOT Manual); and

**WHEREAS**, the IDOT Manual describes the public involvement guidelines for involving the public in the project development process and the procedures followed to comply with Section 106; and

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement shall supersede the Programmatic Agreement among FHWA, IDOT, ACHP, and SHPO "Regarding the Implementation of Delegation of Authority for Minor Projects of the Federal-aid Highway Program in the State of Illinois", executed on September 21, 2010;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, FHWA, ACHP, SHPO, and IDOT agree that the Program in Illinois shall be carried out in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effects of the Program on historic properties in Illinois, and that these stipulations shall govern compliance of the Program with Section 106 until this Agreement expires or is terminated.

### **STIPULATIONS**

The FHWA, with the assistance of IDOT, and SHPO shall ensure that the following stipulations are carried out.

#### **I. Purpose and applicability**

This Agreement sets forth the process by which FHWA, with the assistance of IDOT, will meet its responsibilities pursuant to Sections 106 and 110 of the NHPA for FHWA undertakings implemented by IDOT. This Agreement establishes the basis for considering the effects of FHWA undertakings on historic properties and establishes alternative procedures to implement Section 106 for the review of such undertakings by FHWA, SHPO, and ACHP.

## II. Responsibilities of FHWA, IDOT, and SHPO

### A. FHWA

1. The FHWA, as the Agency Official, will ensure that IDOT carries out the requirements of this Agreement, in compliance with its responsibilities under the NHPA.
2. The FHWA remains responsible for ensuring that the terms of this Agreement are carried out and for all findings and determinations made pursuant to this Agreement by IDOT under the authority of FHWA, consistent with the requirements of 36 CFR 800.2(a) and 800.2(c)(4).
3. The FHWA may intervene at any point in the Section 106 process, request documentation of any undertaking carried out under the authority of this Agreement, and may participate directly in any undertaking at its discretion.

### B. IDOT

1. The IDOT agrees that the Cultural Resources Unit Chief shall meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification standards (36 CFR Part 61) and shall have the primary responsibility for ensuring that IDOT complies with this Agreement.
2. The IDOT will ensure that their District staff who conduct initial assessments of undertakings (Trained Staff) will receive training on the Section 106 process and on the implementation of this Agreement. The FHWA and IDOT will develop the training in cooperation with SHPO and ACHP.
3. The IDOT will ensure that historic property identification and effect determinations conducted under this Agreement are carried out by IDOT staff and/or consultants that meet the qualifications set forth in the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards (Qualified Staff).
4. The IDOT is authorized by FHWA to independently perform the work and consultation described in 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6, except where noted in **"Stipulation VI – Review process for undertakings that may affect historic properties."**
5. Consistent with 36 CFR 800.2(a)(3), IDOT may use consultants who meet the Secretary of Interior's qualifications to gather information, analyze data, and prepare documentation. The FHWA and IDOT remain responsible for all consultation, findings, and determinations made under this Agreement.
6. The IDOT Manual shall be updated to detail the process for implementing this Agreement within one year of its execution. The IDOT will work with FHWA on the draft revisions to the Manual implementing the provisions of this Agreement. Once FHWA and IDOT



agree upon the draft revisions, the draft will be provided to SHPO for a 30-day review and comment opportunity.

### C. SHPO

1. The SHPO is responsible for responding to FHWA and IDOT requests according to the terms of this Agreement.
2. The SHPO will participate in site visits and meetings to discuss large or complex undertakings upon request by IDOT or FHWA, as staff time and resources permit.
3. The SHPO will continue to share information related to the identification, evaluation, management, and treatment of Illinois cultural resources. The SHPO shall integrate archeological survey data into the Illinois State Archaeological Survey Cultural Resources Management Archives (CRMA), the State Museum Illinois Inventory of Archaeological and Paleontological Sites (IIAPS), and SHPO shall integrate newly designated historic properties into the Historic and Architectural Resources Geographic Information System (HARGIS).
4. The SHPO may assist FHWA and IDOT in training staff in the implementation of this Agreement.

### III. Consultation with Tribes

The FHWA retains the responsibility for government-to-government consultation with federally recognized Tribes that have expressed an interest in Illinois lands. FHWA shall take the lead in identifying Tribes and establishing consultation with Tribes consistent with the requirements of 36 CFR 800.2(c)(2) and 36 CFR 800.3(c)-(f). Tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for an undertaking shall be invited by FHWA to be consulting parties. To allow adequate time for consideration of Tribes' concerns or comments, the FHWA will ensure that opportunities for consultation with Tribes are initiated early and provided throughout the development of the undertaking. FHWA may ask IDOT to assist in consultation if an individual Tribe agrees.

The IDOT may provide notification of undertakings and participate in consultation with Tribes in accordance with the Tribal MOU. If a Tribe requests notification and consultation procedures other than those in the Tribal MOU, FHWA and IDOT will consult with the Tribe to develop potential alternative procedures.

### IV. Applicability to other federal agencies

Any federal agency may recognize FHWA as the lead federal agency for any undertaking covered by this Agreement and may adopt findings made pursuant to this Agreement, provided the federal

agency's undertaking does not have the potential to cause effects to historic properties beyond those considered in FHWA undertaking.

#### **V. Review process for undertakings unlikely to affect historic properties**

- A. **“Appendix A – Exempt Activities”** lists activities that have no potential to affect historic properties, whether or not there may be historic properties in the area of the undertaking. The IDOT Trained Staff will evaluate an undertaking to determine if it is limited to the activities listed in **“Appendix A – Exempt Activities.”** If the undertaking is limited to these activities, then IDOT Trained Staff will document in the file that the undertaking does not require further obligation under Section 106, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.3(a).
- B. If an undertaking is not limited to activities in **“Appendix A – Exempt Activities,”** then IDOT Trained Staff will determine if the undertaking involves any of the following criteria:
1. new right-of-way,
  2. new temporary or permanent easement,
  3. in-stream work,
  4. a bridge or culvert 40 years or older,
  5. standing structures visible from the area of the undertaking that are greater than 40 years old,
  6. previously undisturbed soil (includes land that has agricultural use), or
  7. public controversy related to any historic property.

If none of these criteria applies, then IDOT Trained Staff will document in the file that the undertaking is unlikely to affect historic properties and that Section 106 has been completed. No additional review or consultation by the SHPO is required.

If any of these criteria do apply, then IDOT Trained Staff will coordinate with the IDOT Qualified Staff, and IDOT will initiate the review process for undertakings that may affect historic properties.

#### **VI. Review process for undertakings that may affect historic properties**

- A. Initiate consultation
1. The IDOT will determine the Area of Potential Effects (APE). If the undertaking is either an EA or an EIS, then IDOT will consult with SHPO on the determination of the APE. When IDOT consults with SHPO on the APE, SHPO will have 30 days to respond. If

SHPO does not respond within that time period, FHWA and IDOT may proceed to the next step.

2. The IDOT in consultation with FHWA, and SHPO as appropriate, will identify consulting parties (36 CFR 800.2(c) and 800.3(b)(c)(e) and (f)).
3. In accordance with the Tribal MOU, Tribes and the SHPO will be notified of the undertaking through the Project Notification System (PNS) when IDOT Qualified Staff determines that an archaeological field survey is required. The FHWA will conduct government-to-government consultation with Tribes upon their request, in accordance with the Tribal MOU.
4. The IDOT will follow the IDOT Manual to solicit public participation early in project development consistent with 36 CFR 800.2(d). The IDOT's consultation with consulting parties and the public will be appropriate to the scale and the scope of the undertaking.

#### B. Identify historic properties

1. The IDOT Qualified Staff shall determine the scope of identification efforts within the APE, consistent with 36 CFR 800.4. The IDOT Qualified Staff will determine if the undertaking requires an archaeological or architectural field survey by applying his/her professional judgment based on a review of appropriate databases. For archaeological resources, the databases include, but are not limited to, IIAPS, soils maps, and aerial photographs. For architectural resources, the databases include, but are not limited to, HARGIS, NRHP databases, local landmark listings, and local government databases, in addition to photo logs.
2. The IDOT may use a phased process to conduct identification and evaluation efforts consistent with 36 CFR 800.4(b)(2) where alternatives under consideration consist of corridors or large land areas, or where access to properties is restricted.
3. The IDOT will involve consulting parties, the public, and Tribes in identification of historic properties, as appropriate (36 CFR 800.2(c) and 800.4(a)(3)). Consulting parties and the public will be offered opportunities through IDOT's public involvement process to participate in the identification of historic properties. Individuals and organizations not already so designated may become consulting parties upon request. The Tribes are provided opportunities to participate in the identification of historic properties through the procedures described in the Tribal MOU and may participate in consultation at any time during the process.
4. If IDOT Qualified Staff have determined that there are no historic properties present, then IDOT Qualified Staff will document in the file a finding of "no historic properties affected" pursuant to 36 CFR 800.11(d). The SHPO case-by-case review and concurrence

with these findings of “no historic properties affected” is not required. The Section 106 process is concluded upon the IDOT Qualified Staff documenting the “no historic properties affected” finding.

5. If IDOT Qualified Staff have determined that historic properties are present, then IDOT will submit documentation of eligibility to SHPO for review. The documentation will identify historic properties, including those archaeological properties that are important chiefly because of what can be learned by data recovery and have minimal value for preservation in place. If SHPO does not respond within 30 days, IDOT may assume that SHPO has no objection and IDOT may proceed to the next step of the process.

C. Assess effects to historic properties

1. No historic properties affected

When historic properties have been identified, FHWA and IDOT will make efforts to avoid and minimize effects to those properties. If effects can be avoided, then IDOT Qualified Staff will document in the file a finding of “no historic properties affected” pursuant to 36 CFR 800.11(d). The SHPO case-by-case review and concurrence with these findings of “no historic properties affected” is not required. The Section 106 process is concluded upon the IDOT Qualified Staff documenting the “no historic properties affected” finding.

2. Historic properties affected

- a) Consulting parties and the public will be offered opportunities through IDOT’s public involvement process to provide their views on effects to historic properties. Participating Tribes are provided opportunities to provide their views on effects to historic properties through the procedures described in the Tribal MOU.
- b) The IDOT Qualified Staff shall apply the criteria of adverse effect (36 CFR 800.5(a)), shall consider views provided by consulting parties, the public, and participating Tribes, and shall document either a finding of “no adverse effect” or “adverse effect.”

(1) Finding of no adverse effect

- i. The IDOT will prepare the “no adverse effect” documentation which will include:
  - information required by 36 CFR 800.11(e),
  - a list of all historic properties identified within the APE,
  - the finding of effect to each of those properties, and

- measures to be incorporated into the design to ensure adherence to the Secretary's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR part 68).
- ii. The IDOT will submit the finding of "no adverse effect" documentation to SHPO for a 30-day review. If the SHPO does not respond within 30 days, IDOT may assume that the SHPO has no objection and IDOT may proceed with the undertaking.
- (2) Finding of adverse effect
- i. The IDOT will prepare the "adverse effect" documentation which will include:
- information required by 36 CFR 800.11(e),
  - a list of all historic properties identified within the APE,
  - the finding of effect to each of those properties, and
  - when applicable, measures to be incorporated into the design to ensure adherence to the Secretary's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR part 68), or other conditions to minimize harm.
- ii. The IDOT will notify ACHP of the adverse effect and will copy FHWA and the SHPO on the submittal.

D. Resolve adverse effect to historic properties

1. The FHWA and IDOT will consult with the SHPO, participating Tribes, and other consulting parties as appropriate, and follow the requirements of 36 CFR 800.6 to resolve the adverse effect.
2. If IDOT Qualified Staff determines that an undertaking may adversely affect a National Historic Landmark, IDOT, in coordination with FHWA, shall request ACHP and the Secretary of the Interior to participate in consultation to resolve adverse effects, as outlined in 36 CFR 800.10.
3. If an undertaking has an adverse effect on only Euro-American Tradition archaeological habitation sites, FHWA and IDOT may follow the Illinois Programmatic Agreement for the Mitigation of Adverse Effects to Euro-American Tradition Archaeological Sites, and the Section 106 process is concluded. A memorandum of agreement is not required so long as all effects are limited to Euro-American Tradition archeological habitation sites.

4. The IDOT may, with the concurrence of SHPO and ACHP (if participating) develop an undertaking-specific “treatment plan” that describes how adverse effects will be resolved for the undertaking. The treatment plan will be coordinated with consulting parties, the public, the participating Tribes, and SHPO. If SHPO and ACHP (if participating) concur in writing with the treatment plan, then the Section 106 process is concluded and the preparation of a memorandum of agreement is not required. The IDOT will file the treatment plan with ACHP.
5. When appropriate, IDOT will prepare a memorandum of agreement or programmatic agreement that stipulates the mitigation measures agreed upon by IDOT, FHWA, SHPO, and ACHP (if participating). The IDOT will file the executed agreement with ACHP, which concludes the Section 106 process. The IDOT will ensure the undertaking will be implemented in accordance with the agreement.
6. If there is a failure to resolve adverse effects or FHWA is unable to execute an agreement pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(c), FHWA will request ACHP comment in accordance with 36 CFR 800.7.

## **VII. Standard treatment plans**

The IDOT, in consultation with SHPO and FHWA, may develop standard treatment plans to address adverse effects for specific types of historic properties, such as archaeological habitation sites and historic buildings. For archaeological habitation sites, FHWA and IDOT will consult with the Tribes in the development of the treatment plan. A standard treatment plan may be added to this Agreement provided that IDOT, FHWA, and SHPO agree in writing with the standard treatment plan, the plan is appended to this Agreement, and all the signatories are notified.

When IDOT applies an approved standard treatment plan to an undertaking, the Section 106 process is concluded.

## **VIII. IDOT reporting to SHPO and FHWA**

Every two months, IDOT shall provide to SHPO and FHWA a list of undertakings that have received a finding of “no historic properties affected,” for which the Section 106 process has been concluded.

The list shall include the following information for each undertaking:

- The IDOT Sequence Number
- The IDOT District number
- County and municipality
- Location of undertaking

- Description of undertaking
- Identified historic properties

The IDOT will also provide to the SHPO the documentation supporting the findings.

The list and documentation will be provided per the following schedule:

<b>If Section 106 is completed between:</b>	<b>Then documentation will be submitted no later than:</b>
Jul 1 – Aug 31	Sept 30
Sept 1 – Oct 31	Nov 30
Nov 1 – Dec 31	Jan 31
Jan 1 – Feb 28	Mar 31
Mar 1 – Apr 30	May 31
May 1 – June 30	July 31

#### **IX. Curation of archaeological materials**

All archaeological materials collected on archaeological sites owned or controlled by the State and related records resulting from research, surveys and excavation under this Agreement shall be curated with the Illinois State Museum in compliance with 20 ILCS 3435 (Illinois Archaeological and Paleontological Resources Protection Act). The IDOT shall ensure that all records and materials resulting from the archaeological investigations will be processed, prepared for curation, and curated in accordance with 36 CFR Part 79.

#### **X. Monitoring implementation of this Agreement**

- A. The FHWA, ACHP and SHPO may review activities carried out pursuant to this Agreement. The ACHP may provide advice or assistance to FHWA, IDOT, or other parties, and it may review any findings made by IDOT or FHWA pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(b) and 36 CFR 800.9. The SHPO may request from IDOT Section 106 documentation for any undertaking and review it for compliance with this Agreement. The IDOT shall cooperate in carrying out any review activities.
- B. The Tribes may submit comments to the FHWA at any time regarding the implementation of this Agreement.
- C. The FHWA, SHPO, and IDOT shall meet annually, on or before August 31, to review the effectiveness of this Agreement and to discuss any comments received by the Tribes during the previous year. The FHWA shall notify ACHP in advance of these meetings and invite its participation. The FHWA will prepare a meeting summary and provide it to SHPO, IDOT, ACHP, and the Tribes.

## **XI. Emergency undertakings**

As defined in 36 CFR 800.12, an emergency undertaking is an essential and immediate response to a disaster or emergency formally declared by the President or Governor; such undertakings that affect transportation infrastructure can be separated into two categories which shall be addressed as follows:

- A. Undertakings that will be implemented within 30 days after the formal declaration of the disaster or emergency: The DOT Qualified Staff shall immediately determine if the emergency response could affect the physical integrity, character and/or use of historic properties. If so, IDOT shall notify FHWA, SHPO and ACHP within 48 hours. The parties will then consult, review and comment on the emergency undertaking as soon as possible to determine how to, as fully as practicable under the circumstances, avoid, minimize and/or mitigate for any potential adverse effects to historic properties. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as prohibiting IDOT from taking such actions as it deems necessary to stabilize the situation to protect the safety of the traveling public.
- B. Immediate rescue and salvage operations conducted to preserve life or property such as necessitated by natural disaster or other catastrophic events are exempt from the provisions of Section 106 and this Agreement, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.12(d).

## **XII. Training**

- A. The IDOT Qualified Staff, IDOT Trained Staff, and supervisory staff of IDOT's contractor (currently ISAS) responsible for implementing the terms of this Agreement will complete the following training requirements:
  - 1. Section 106 course(s) provided by FHWA, ACHP, or an equivalent qualified entity, with refresher course every five years or as necessary.
  - 2. Annual meeting to review the implementation of this Agreement.
- B. The FHWA and IDOT will invite SHPO staff to attend Section 106 courses and refresher training.
- C. Whenever major changes to 36 CFR Part 800 become effective, IDOT Qualified and Trained Staff will participate in training on the new regulations within one year of the effective date of the new regulations. The FHWA and IDOT will invite SHPO staff to attend the training.

## **XIII. Human remains**

In the event that human remains are identified prior to (during archaeological investigations), during, or after project construction, IDOT will comply with the Illinois Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440) and the provisions of the Tribal MOU.



#### **XIV. Unanticipated discovery of or effects to historic properties**

If unanticipated discoveries of historic properties are identified by IDOT during the implementation of an undertaking, FHWA will follow the provisions of the Tribal MOU, FHWA and IDOT shall comply with 36 CFR 800.13 by stopping work in the immediate area, taking measures to protect the historic property, and informing the SHPO of such unanticipated discoveries or effects within two (2) business days.

If IDOT or FHWA determine that unanticipated effects on historic properties have occurred during the implementation of an undertaking, FHWA and IDOT shall comply with 36 CFR 800.13 and inform SHPO immediately.

#### **XV. Administrative stipulations**

A. Dispute resolution. If SHPO, IDOT, ACHP, Tribes, or other consulting party for an individual undertaking carried out under the terms of this Agreement objects in writing to FHWA regarding any action carried out or proposed with respect to the implementation of this Agreement, then FHWA shall consult with the objecting party to resolve the objection. If after such consultation FHWA determines that the objection cannot be resolved through consultation, then FHWA shall forward all documentation relevant to the objection to ACHP, including FHWA's proposed response to the objection. Within 30 days after receipt of all pertinent documentation, ACHP shall exercise one of the following options:

- Advise FHWA that ACHP concurs in FHWA's proposed response to the objection, whereupon FHWA will respond to the objection accordingly; or
- Provide FHWA with recommendations, which FHWA shall take into account in reaching a final decision regarding its response to the objection.

Should ACHP not exercise one of the above options within 30 days after receipt of all pertinent documentation, FHWA may assume ACHP's concurrence with the proposed response to the objection.

B. Amendment. Any signatory to this Agreement may request that it be amended, whereupon the parties shall consult to consider such amendment. The amendment will be effective on the date a copy is signed by all of the original signatories.

C. Modifications. Standard Treatment Plans may be added or modified by the mutual written agreement of FHWA, IDOT, and SHPO, and shall not require an amendment to this Agreement. The FHWA and IDOT may add or modify activities listed in “**Appendix A – Exempt Activities.**” The FHWA will provide the updated list to the signatory agencies and


provide a 30-day review and comment period before the updated list goes into effect. This modification does not require an amendment to this Agreement.

- D. Termination. Any signatory to this Agreement may terminate it by providing 30 days written notice to the other parties, provided that the parties shall consult during the period prior to termination to seek agreement on amendments or other action that would avoid termination. In the event of termination, FHWA shall conduct individual reviews of undertakings pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.
- E. Term of this Agreement. This Agreement remains in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of its execution by ACHP, and will remain in effect regardless of which individual is designated as the SHPO, or to which Illinois State Agency the SHPO may be assigned. Six months prior to the conclusion of the five (5) year period, IDOT will notify all signatories in writing. If IDOT receives no written objections from the signatories, the term of the Agreement will automatically be extended for an additional five (5) years. If any signatory objects in writing to extending the Agreement or proposes amendments, FHWA will consult with the signatories to consider amendments or other actions to avoid termination.


Execution and implementation of this agreement evidence that FHWA has delegated certain Section 106 responsibilities to IDOT, and has afforded ACHP a reasonable opportunity to comment on the Program and its individual undertakings in Illinois; that FHWA has taken into account the effects of the program and its individual undertakings on historic properties, and that FHWA has complied with Section 106 of the NHPA and 36 CFR 800 for the Program and its individual undertakings.

**SIGNATORIES**

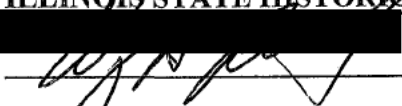
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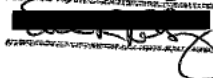
  
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**ILLINOIS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER**

  
Wayne Rosenthal, Director, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

  
Randall S. Blankenhorn, Secretary, IDOT

**APPROVED FOR EXECUTION**  
Date: Feb. 13, 2018  
Legal Counsel:  (IDNR)

## APPENDIX A – Exempt Activities

The following activities have no potential to affect historic properties, whether or not there may be historic properties in the area of the undertaking.

- (1) Activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and research activities; grants for training; engineering to define the elements of a proposed action or alternatives so that social, economic, and environmental effects can be assessed.
- (2) General highway maintenance and repair, including but not limited to filling potholes, crack sealing, joint grinding, milling, resurfacing in kind, shoulder reconstruction, erosion control, ditch cleaning, storm sewer repair, and debris removal.
- (3) Removal and replacement of existing sidewalks and ADA ramps with in-kind materials.
- (4) Repair and replacement of highway signs or other traffic control devices.
- (5) General pavement marking activities that include, but are not limited to, installation of raised pavement markers, striping, or installation of sensors in existing pavements.
- (6) Repair and replacement of appurtenances such as glare screens, median barriers, fencing, guardrails, safety barriers, crash attenuators, safety cable, or lighting.
- (7) Repair, rehabilitation, or removal of railroad grade crossings, separations or grade crossing protection.
- (8) Roadway surface treatments such as pavement repair, median repair, seal coating, and pavement grinding.
- (9) Improvements and repairs to Interstate Highway System including bridges, weigh and inspection stations, toll facilities, and rest areas.
- (10) Establishment, replacement, or removal of landscaping or other vegetation on the interstate.
- (11) Installation of interstate surveillance, changeable message signs, ramp metering equipment, appurtenances such as glare screens, median barriers, fencing, guardrails, safety barriers, crash attenuators, safety cable, or lighting.

**Proposed Timeline**

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Milestone</i>
<i>January 2023</i>	Letters of initiation issued to SHPO and ACHP
<i>May 2023</i>	PA Kick-Off Meeting: Agencies establish working group meeting schedule
<i>June 2023</i>	Letter issued to Tribes informing them of the PA development and inviting comments
<i>June 2023-February 2024</i>	Monthly working group and subgroup meetings to be held (FHWA, SHPO, ACHP, IDOT)
<i>October 2023-February 2024</i>	Every other month meetings with interested Tribes to be held.
<i>March-June 2024</i>	Draft PA presented to public, consulting parties, and Tribes for review and comment
<i>July 2024</i>	Agencies address comments, questions, and concerns regarding the draft PA
<i>August-November 2024</i>	Finalize PA and circulate for signature
<i>December 2024</i>	Final PA in place

### Consulting Party List:

- Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS)
- McLean County Regional Planning Commission
- Southeast Metropolitan Planning Organization (SEMPO)
- Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization (SIMPO)
- Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
- Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS)
- Decatur Urban Area Transportation Study (DUATS)
- DeKalb/Sycamore Area Transportation Study (DSTATS)
- East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA)
- Kankakee Area Transportation Study (KATS)
- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
- Bi-State Regional Commission
- Region 1 Planning Council (R1PC)
- Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC)
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- Landmarks Illinois
- Preservation Chicago
- Illinois Main Street
- Alton P.C.
- Atlanta P.C.
- Aurora P.C.
- Barrington Architectural Review Commission
- Batavia H.P.C.
- Belleville H.P.C.
- Belvidere H.P.C.
- Benton H.P.C.
- Berwyn H.P.C.
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- Bloomington H.P.C.
- Blue Island H.P.C.
- Brooklyn
- Carbondale P.C.
- Centralia P.C.
- Champaign H.P.C.
- Charleston H.P.C.
- Commission on Chicago Landmarks
- Chicago Heights H.P.A.C.
- Collinsville H.P.C.
- Columbia H.P.C.
- Crystal Lake H.P.C.
- Danville H.P.C.
- Decatur Historical & Arch. Sites Commission
- DeKalb Landmark Commission
- Downers Grove Architectural Design Review Board
- Edwardsville H.P.C.
- Elgin Heritage Commission
- Elsau Zoning Board
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- Northern Illinois Historic League
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- McLean County Museum of History
- Chicago Architecture Foundation
- Friends of the Chicago River
- Chicago Historical Society
- Friends of the Parks
- Chicago Park District
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**Matt Asselmeier**

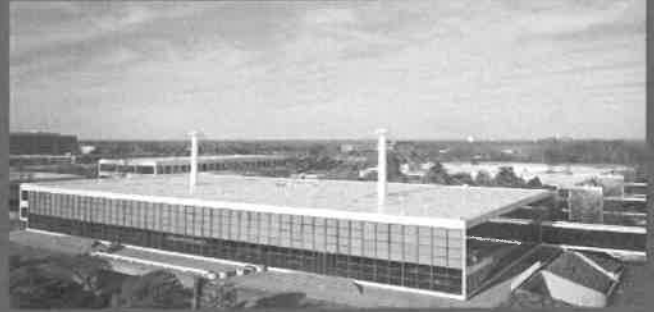
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## Call for nominations: 2024 Most Endangered

**As a partner in preservation we need your help.  
Spread the word about our Most Endangered nomination process.**

Landmarks Illinois is now accepting nominations for the 2024 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois, our longest-running annual advocacy program that calls attention to historic and culturally significant sites across the state that are threatened with deterioration, demolition or inappropriate development. Click below to learn more about the Most Endangered program and to submit a nomination.

**Nominations for the 2024 Most Endangered list are due January 12, 2024.**

Submit a nomination!

Pictured above: Former Most Endangered sites across Illinois. Clockwise from top left: **Connell F. Smith Sr. Building**, Cairo; Baxter Headquarters, Deerfield; Millstadt Watertower, Millstadt; Musicians Hall, Peoria; Chatterton's Block, Springfield; Wagner Farm, Glenview; Century and Consumers Buildings, Chicago.

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The newsletter of the Oswegoland Heritage Association...

December 2023

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## We are tax-exempt!

Remember, the Oswegoland Heritage Association is a federal tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization. All cash donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

## Accessibility ramp is benefiting visitors...

### Park district uses grant money to make the LWSM more accessible

Those with physical challenges will find it much easier to visit and enjoy the Little White School Museum.

This summer and autumn, a new accessibility ramp was installed at the museum, thanks to a competitive grant won by the Oswegoland Park District.

The grant was awarded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Museum Capital Grants Program. The project's total cost was approximately \$124,000. The IDNR grant covered approximately \$78,000 of the total project cost. Park District Senior Park Planner Colleen McCarty oversaw the grant process and the ramp project.

The new ramp replaces the old wheelchair lift in the main entrance hallway. Once the new ramp has been successfully tested in use for several weeks, the old lift will be removed

and the main entrance will be remodeled.

"Many modern powered wheelchairs are simply too heavy for the old lift," museum director Roger Matile explained.

The ramp was designed to blend in with the building's Greek Revival exterior architecture. The installation included a number of security features to assure the safety of the building, its visitors, and its staff. Next spring, after the ramp has weathered over the winter, it will be painted white along with the rest of the building.

The design included a double door and removable railing to allow large items to be moved in and out of the museum gallery. In addition, storage areas were included under the ramp for the landscaping tools used the Hilltop Garden Club as they maintain the gar-

*See Accessible, Page 2...*

## Help us save Oswegoland's disappearing history: Send in your OHA membership today!

It's time to renew your Oswegoland Heritage Association membership. OHA memberships run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of each calendar year, so send yours in now.

Annual dues are \$20 for Friends, \$75 for Sponsors, and \$150 for Business/Organization members.

Member benefits now include three issues of *The Bell Tower*, the heritage association's newsletter, each year, one free copy of the *Oswego Discovery Walk*, a self-guided walking tour of some of old Oswego's most historic neighborhoods, and other perks.

Current membership categories and benefits include:

➡ **Friend:** \$20 one-year membership includes three newsletters each year; one free admission to an OHA-sponsored program, a

10% discount at the museum store, a Little White School Museum stylus pen, and one free copy per family of the *Oswego Discovery Walk* self-guided historical tour of the village per family.

➡ **Sponsor:** \$75 (or more) one-year membership includes all the benefits of Friend membership.

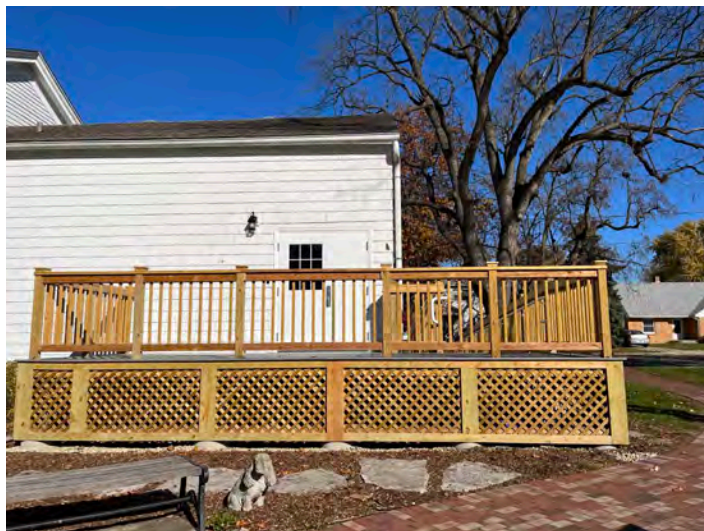
➡ **Business/Organization:** \$150 one-year membership includes all the benefits of a Sponsor membership, plus recognition in three consecutive newsletters.

➡ **Lifetime Gold:** \$1,000 lifetime membership includes all the benefits of the Sponsor membership, a free copy of *150 Years Along the Fox: The History of Oswego Township, Illinois*, a 192-page hardcoverd

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Accessible...from page 1.



The new accessibility ramp at the Little White School Museum wraps around the 1936 classroom addition to a platform on the south side of the building and a new door. The door panel on the right can be opened to allow large items to be moved in and out of the museum gallery, and a portion of the railing is removable to allow movement of bulky items.

dens on the museum grounds, Heritage Park.

With the new ramp, the main entrance hallway off Jackson Street will get a major facelift. The removal of the old wheelchair lift will make the space more open and inviting, and a new reception desk area is also being designed to make the area both more welcoming to visitors and more user-friendly for the museum assistants who staff the reception area.

### Memberships...from page 1

book; plus a framed Lifetime Gold membership certificate.

Memberships are designed to keep supporters informed about OHA activities, promote participation, and provide operating revenue for Little White School Museum activities and projects.

“Oswegoland Heritage Association memberships also make great Christmas and birthday gifts for family and friends,” OHA President Judy Wheeler noted.

To join or renew your membership, just fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter. For a gift membership, send your name, address, and phone number, along with the name and address of the person you wish to gift with the membership, and a check for the appropriate amount to Oswegoland Heritage Association, Membership, Box 23, Oswego, IL 60543. ♡

“The reception area gets pretty crowded when we have programs where people register at the door,” Matile said. “Along with the new reception desk, we’re planning to try out a new electronic visitors’ guest book and some other upgrades.”

### Garden Club pitches in, too

This year, the Hilltop Garden Club has continued to brighten the museum’s grounds—Heritage Park—during the past year by keeping plantings in the Heritage Garden along the park’s east border up

to date with a new collection of heirloom perennials and annuals elsewhere on the grounds.

“There are flowers blooming during just about every month during the growing season,” Matile noted. “We really appreciate all the work the gardeners put in every year.”

From the start of its restoration back in 1977, the Little White School Museum has been a community-wide project. Matile noted that with the cooperation of the park district, the garden club, and other volunteers, it still is.. ♡

## Looking for an Oswego history fix?

Can’t get to the museum but need an Oswego history fix? Just drop by virtually! Visit the Little White School Museum’s web site at [www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](http://www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org), and click on “Visit” in the upper right and select “Videos.” You’ll find a wealth of Oswego-related history on the Oswegoland community, or click on “Learn” at the upper right for newspaper transcriptions and much, much more.

Have a comment, question, or suggestion? Contact us at [info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](mailto:info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org). You can also find us on Facebook. ♡

## Send in your OHA membership NOW!

Things start getting pretty busy this time of year, what with friends and family, school, church, and other obligations as the Christmas and New Year’s holidays approach.

So why not take a couple minutes right now and fill out and send in the Oswegoland Heritage Association membership renewal form on the last page of this newsletter?

All yearly Friend, Sponsor and Business/Organization memberships expire on December 31, since our membership year is now the same as the regular calendar year. We’re counting on you! ♡

## History continues to arrive on our doorstep...

# Donors assure Oswegoland's rich history will be preserved

Little White School Museum staffers have nearly finished clearing up and organizing the accumulated backlog of museum donations that were dropped off at the museum in the years prior to 2001, while they're attempting to keep up with cataloging new donations that arrive at the museum on a regular basis.

Since the last newsletter was published in August, the museum has received several historically significant donations. As *The Bell Tower* went to press, the museum database contained 36,938 items. That's a remarkable 945 more items than were in the database last year at this time.

Staffers engaged in cataloging during the past year were volunteer director Roger Matile, along with museum cataloging assistant Noah Beckman.

New acquisitions and their donors since our August newsletter included: Judy Wheeler, Illinois State Grange Cook-

book and 1899 Valentine, Robert Schlapp to Agnes Walsh; Karen Given, tape of Delreen Hafenrichter singing opera; Carol Cherry Goddard, Cherry Family history collection; Roger Matile, Oswego Community Bank plastic bond/certificate of deposit folder, Ledger-Sentinel newspaper vending box, Christopher Baumann's University of Illinois Reserve Officer Training uniform, Fred Holzhueter's World War I "soldier's housewife" sewing kit; Carol Harvey Gardner, 1930s or 1940s sports uniform pants and jersey; Bob Stekl, collection of Oswego High School and Oswego Flipsters memorabilia; Karen Shoger Costello, collection of Shoger family photos taken at the Leonard/Oscar Shoger Farm; Bill Wayne, Kendall County Centennial Parade photo; Karla Hoinkes, Ken Pickerill scrapbook and memorabilia collection; Darren Young, Stan Young's World War II U.S. Army Airborne uniform; Pete Hurd, 1976 Oswegoland Park District

season swim tag; and Nancy Harvey Heaton, Oswegorama booklet and 1971 Oswego Depot photo.

The museum is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; 4-9 p.m. Monday; and 2-6:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. The museum is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Researching Oswego? Email info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org. ♡

## Your business name could be right here!

To become a Bell Tower sponsor, purchase a Business/Institutional membership, and your name will appear in this space in three consecutive issues. See pages 1-2 for membership information.

# Pickerill, Cherry collections add to area's history

Two major collections received during the past few months have greatly added to the Little White School's efforts to preserve, protect, and chronicle the area's history.

The Cherry Family collection, donated by Carol Cherry Goddard included dozens of photographs, documents, newspaper clippings, and other materials dealing with the prominent Robert Cherry Family.

Bob and Ruth Cherry were not only a long-time Oswego Township farming family, but the two University of Illinois graduates were also prominent in Kendall County's social, religious, and political life. Bob Cherry was active in the Oswego Masonic Lodge, served on the Oswego School Board, and was elected to the Kendall County Board, where he served as board president.

In addition, in October the museum also received the Ken Pickerill Collection from Karla Hoinkes.

The collection includes several scrapbooks containing memorabilia from the careers of both Ken and Jacqueline Pickerill from the time the couple began

their careers at Oswego High School.

Ken started teaching at OHS in 1952. From the 1953 *Reflector*: "Mr. Kenneth Pickerill who is as good a teacher as he is a coach is the wrestling coach, the assistant baseball and football coach, and the teacher of boy's physical education, general science, and biology. Mr. Pickerill is also the advisor of the Junior Class. His college days were spent at Northern Illinois State Teachers College, where he graduated with a B.S. Degree."

The next year, his new wife, Jackie, joined the OHS faculty. Reported the 1954 *Reflector*: "Mrs. Pickerill, who graduated from Northern Illinois State Teachers College, with a B. S. Degree, has a lot to do with the social part of school. She also teaches girls physical education and is advisor of the Junior Class."



*Jacqueline Pickerill*



*Kenneth Pickerill*

*The Pickerills, in 1954 as they began teaching*

Ken stayed in teaching, becoming the OHS Athletic Director as well as coaching wrestling, baseball, and football until he retired. Jackie left teaching to open her own high-end clothing store in downtown Oswego, The Jacqueline Shop, which was a business community fixture until Jackie's ill health caused its closure in 1996. She died in 2001. Ken continued to benefit the community until his death in 2019. ♡



## Successful fall programming season wraps up...

In November, the Little White School Museum wrapped up another successful fall programming season with our annual "Remembering Our Veterans" exhibit.

OHA Board Members Ted Clauser and Linda Heap Dean partnered, along with museum assistant Shawna Sullivan, to present a number of Oswego History Walks and Tours, both walking and bus tours, with the small tour bus again provided by the Oswegoland Park District. Popular tours this past fall included a Nov. 4, architectural walking tour of historic South Main Street.

Although the Oswego Brewing Company, which has hosted several "History Happy Hours" with LWS Museum Manager Anne Jordan, went out of business earlier this year, museum manager Anne Jordan was able to hold one last version of the popular series at the downtown brewery. Future History Happy Hours are

being planned to move upstairs in the same building to the Fox Valley Winery.

On Oct. 28, a good crowd attended Ted Clauser's presentation on Oswego buildings that have been moved over the years, including the Little White School Museum itself.

The annual Oswego Cemetery Walk, hosted by the Oswegoland Park District and backed by heritage association and museum research, was held on Oct. 5. More than 340 area residents enjoyed the tales told by "ghosts" of early Oswego residents at the Oswego Township Cemetery. Again this year, the popular walk was by reservation only.

And then on Nov. 9, the museum's annual "Remembering Our Veterans" exhibit officially opened to good crowds. The annual exhibit again filled the Roger Matile Room with hundreds of photographs, uniforms, and artifacts related

to Oswego area veterans including an updated version of the popular "Wall of Honor" featuring the photos of hundreds of Oswego veterans from the Civil War through the wars of the 21st Century.

The new version features veterans' photos in alphabetical order on both vertical wall posters as well as in three-ring binders to allow closer views.

New uniforms on exhibit this year included Stan Young's World War II U.S. Army Airborne uniform and Christopher Baumann's 1920s University of Illinois Reserve Officer Training Corps uniform.

In December, be sure to visit the museum during the Oswego Christmas Walk from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, and stroll through the gallery. It will be a great time to stop and listen to one of the video presentations on aspects of Oswego's rich history to get you in the holiday mood. ♡

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## Little White School Museum gives National Geographic an assist...

When Dawson Kuzak Kolley of Pacific Fleet II Productions, Inc., a video production company, began work on a new episode about the exploits of the USS Seahorse for the National Geographic Channel's "Hell Under the Sea" series, he needed to know more about the submarine's most successful commander, Slade Cutter. The series is centered around the U.S. Navy's World War II submarine campaign.

Searching the Internet, Kolley discovered both that Cutter was born and raised in Oswego, but also that the community had an active museum. He contacted us to see if we had a particular pre-war photo of Cutter—which we did, as well as a few other things.

The highly-decorated Cutter was born on a farm on Oswego's outskirts and attended the one-room Cutter School at the intersection of modern Ill. Route 71 and Minkler Road.

After grade school, Cutter graduated from Aurora East High School—Oswego didn't have a four year high school at the time—went on to Severn School, a prep school for the U.S. Naval Academy, and then the Academy itself where he was an

All-American in football and lettered in boxing.

After graduating from the Naval Academy, Cutter decided to make the Navy his career and in 1938 he volunteered for submarine duty. When World War II broke out, he was serving aboard the USS Pompano. During three war patrols he earned two Silver Stars and a Bronze Star with Combat V. He was reassigned to the USS Seahorse as executive officer and was named the boat's captain when the original captain was judged insufficiently aggressive—something no one ever accused Cutter of. He went on to earn a reputation as a tenacious and skilled submarine commander.

He also had little patience with the Navy's hidebound bureaucracy, an attitude that probably cost him promotion to admiral after the war. He did, however, serve in several important positions, including commander of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center here in his native Illinois. He died at his home near Annapolis on June 9, 2005.

There's no word yet when the segment on Slade Cutter will run on the National Geographic Channel. ♡



*Slade Cutter  
All-American 1934*

## New programming features mix of fun, Oswego history

Mark your calendar now for this full slate of history-related programs either at or sponsored by the Little White School Museum, and hosted by both the Oswegoland Heritage Association (OHA) or the Oswegoland Park District. The museum is located at 72 Polk Street, Oswego. Its phone number is 630-554-2999. For more information send an email to [info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](mailto:info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org) or visit our website at [www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](http://www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org).

To pre-register for programs at the Little White School Museum, call the park district at 630-554-1010 or visit the museum programming web page at [bit.ly/LWSMPrograms](http://bit.ly/LWSMPrograms).

Here's this winter's program selection:

**"Village of Love: The Love Stories of Oswego"** exhibit, Dec. 12 through March 30. This special exhibit, curated by students in the Aurora University Museum Exhibition class, focuses on how important love, family, and relationships have been throughout the history of Oswego. From love letters to wedding dresses, private letters to romance novels, there is a lot of past Oswego love to go around! Regular museum hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 2 to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Mondays, 4 to 9 p.m. The museum is closed to visitors on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Admission is free.

**Junior Drag Strip Day**, Sunday! Sunday! Sunday! Jan. 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Young dragster racers, start your engines! If your child has a need for speed, than this is the program for them. Drop by the Little White School Museum anytime between 11 and 1 to create your own miniature racecar and race it on our own toy track! Participants walk away with their own wooden vehicle and a medal for participating. Registration, per racer, is \$12 for residents of the Oswegoland Park District and \$15 for non-residents. An adult must accompany children. Sponsored by the park district partnering with the OHA.

**History Happy Hour—Love in the**

**Air**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Valley Winery, 59 Main Street in downtown Oswego. Love will be in the air! On Feb. 8, come to the Fox Valley Winery and hear about some of most scandalous love stories from Oswego's history. From scorned lovers to mysterious husbands, there is a lot of saucy gossip to uncover! Pre-registration (required, since space is limited) is \$20 for park district residents 21 and older and \$25 for non-residents. Admission comes with one beverage ticket to enjoy during the lecture. Sponsored by the park district partnering with the OHA.

**Stuff and Me Team**, Sunday, Feb. 25, 11 a.m. to noon. Does your little one have a special stuffed friend at home? Bring them to the museum for our very special tea party! Guests and their stuffed animals will get to sample some tea (or juice), munch on finger food, and make adorable crafts to take home. Pre-registration, required, is \$10 per child. Each child must be accompanied by an adult (who doesn't need to register). All supplies are included. Sponsored by the park district partnering with the OHA.

**Chicago: True Stories of the 1920s**, Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m. to noon. The 1920s are saturated with surprise, sequins, and murder! Join award-winning national speaker Martina Mathisen as she portrays a 1920s flapper named Flora who discusses how fashion, crime, and prohibition mixed with explosive creativity, shaped the decade of the century. Come learn facts from fiction and how reality relates to the 2002 Oscar-winning film Chicago. This interactive and highly engaging program is a front row seat for the compelling stories of Chicago in the 1920s. Travel back in time and let Flora the flapper educate and entertain you! Pre-registration, required, is \$10 for park district residents and \$15 for non-residents. Sponsored by the park district partnering with the OHA.

**Oswego History Tour – Inside the Museum**, Sunday, March 10, 12 noon to 1 p.m. Ever wonder what the Little White School Museum looked like before it was a museum? Over the last 150 years,

this building has gone through countless changes, from its use to its many additions and building changes. Join members of the Oswegoland Heritage Association as they take you on an indoor tour of the Oswegoland community's beloved museum! Pre-registration (not required; you can pay at the door the day of the program, too) is \$5 for park district residents and \$10 for non-residents. Sponsored by the OHA partnering with the park district.

**Comic Book and Graphic Novel Workshop**, Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m. Love reading comics and graphic novels? Ever dreamed of making your own illustrations? Need to get out of the house during Spring Break? Than this class is perfect for you! In this two-hour fun-filled workshop, participants will learn about and construct a comic of their very own. Bring your friends to this high-energy class! Pre-registration (required) is \$35. Sponsored by the park district partnering with the OHA ♡

### Is Oswego history lurking in your attic?

What kinds of things are we looking to save for future generations?

☞ **Anything** related to Oswego area farms and farming, from photographs to farm records, to farm-related artifacts;

☞ **Anything** having to do with Oswego-area businesses, including photographs, documentary artifacts, and advertising materials.

☞ **Anything** having to do with local schools from any era from the 19th Century through the present day, yearbooks to letter sweaters to your old grammar workbooks.

☞ **Photos!** While we prefer the donation of original photos, we can usually quickly scan and return your originals, sometimes while you wait. Bring your materials to the museum any Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and let us take a look. ♡



**Oswego area themed holiday gifts available at the museum store...**

## **Latest “Cat’s Meow” historic miniatures on sale**



*The latest architectural miniatures in the OHA’s series, manufactured by Cat’s Meow, are now on sale. This year’s featured miniatures are the iconic 1961 “Follow Us” sign to the Boulder Hill model homes, and the landmark Robert Johnston House at Ill. Route 25 and U.S. Route 34 in Oswego, a landmark since it was built in 1907. The Boulder Hill sign encouraged visits to Don L. Dise’s model homes off the then-new Bypass U.S. Route 30. When Robert Johnston decided to quit farming and engage in a profitable new career as a farm implement dealer, he had a fashionable four-square home built at what was the intersection of Chicago and the East River roads—now U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 25.*

The two latest entries on the Oswego-land Heritage Association’s Cat’s Meow miniature Oswegoland building collection are featured for Christmas 2023.

The latest additions to the collection are the iconic 1961 sign advertising Boulder Hill’s model homes and the Robert Johnston House at Oswego’s busy “Five Corners” intersection.

The first families moved into their homes on “The Hill” in the autumn of 1956. The new sign was designed in 1960 to lure drivers on the then-new U.S. Route 30 Bypass to stop and see the new Boulder Hill model homes.

In 1907, Robert H. Johnston quit farming on the west side of the Fox River and moved into Oswego. He had a new home built in the popular “Foursquare” style at the intersection of Jefferson Street, Chicago Road (U.S. Route 34), and the East River Road (Ill. Route 25). Construction began in March and was finished in late fall. The Johnstons—Robert, wife Minnie, and daughter Floi—moved to their new home in December 1907. Floi, who never married, lived in the home until her death in 1971. Since 1971, the home, located at one of Oswego’s busiest intersections, has been used for a number of commercial

purposes, most often real estate offices.

This is the ninth year Cat’s Meow historic building miniatures have been sold as the OHA’s main annual fundraiser.

Past building miniatures still available for sale are the Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist, the Korte-Zentmyer Building, the Hoze-Cherry House, the Chapman House, the Crothers-Jolly-Denney House, the Dairy Hut, the Schwartz House (Tripp Insurance), the A.O. Parke Building (American Male & Company), the Durrand House (The Village Grind), the Oswego Fire Barn (Oswego Cyclery), the Knapp Building (Masonic Hall-Oswego Family Restaurant building), the Rank Building, the Schickler Building (The Marmalade Tree and barber shop), the Little White School Museum, and the Oswego Woman’s Civic Club’s iconic “Welcome to Oswegoland” sign.

Each building facade is accurately rendered, and measures approximately 6 x 4 inches. The back of each miniature includes a brief building history. They are available at \$20 each. Proceeds benefit the heritage association and the Little White School Museum’s operations.

Complete building sets offer a quaint, and accurate, depiction of Oswego’s

historic architecture in and around the downtown area.

All buildings in the series are on sale at the Little White School Museum, 72 Polk Street (Jackson at Polk), Oswego and by mail by checking the museum web site, [www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](http://www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org).

Also available at the museum store is a selection of fine Great Bay custom Oswego-marked stoneware, along with books and pamphlets on Oswegoland history, and books and videos featuring the Oswego area’s home-grown environmental crusader, “The Fox.”

Copies of *Oswego Township*, a 128 page pictorial history with dozens of historic images from the museum’s collections are \$20 each. A few copies of the 192-page hardbound *150 Years Along the Fox: The History of Oswego Township, Illinois*, published in 1983, are still available at \$40 per copy. When all copies are gone, it’s unlikely any more of these books will be reprinted.

*By Trace and Trail*, a monograph on the history of the stagecoach era west of Chicago—including roads, stage stops, post offices and more—is available at \$10. Also available are monographs on aspects of Oswego history at \$1 each, along with a number of other local history-related books and pamphlets, including books and other items concerning Jim Phillips, the ecological hero who called himself The Fox, including “The Legend of the Fox,” a video on both DVD and VHS about Phillips’ exploits.

For more information, call 630-554-2999, or visit the museum web site at [www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](http://www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org). ☞

### **Send in your OHA membership today!**

Remember, all yearly Friend, Sponsor and Business memberships expire on Dec. 31—our membership year is the same as the regular calendar year. So why not send your membership in now, while you’re thinking about it? We’re counting on you!



## We're always looking for more Oswegoland history to save

While assembling exhibits, museum staffers often note that the Little White School Museum's collections have some holes that need filling.

After the Civil War, the Oswego-NaAuSay Township area had a small but vigorous Black farming population. Their farms were clustered in the Minkler Road area where Civil War vet Nathan Hughes was a close friend of pioneer orchardist Smith Minkler. But the museum has only one photograph directly linked to that community—an 1894 anniversary portrait of Hughes and his wife—and no documents related to any of the families in the farming community.

Another Black Civil War veteran, Robert Ridley Smith, married one of Hughes' daughters and lived in Oswego where Smith was the long-time custodian of the old Red Brick School. While the museum has photos of some of Smith's children—his son was the first Black senior

to graduate from high school in Kendall County—it has no photos of Smith himself nor of his wife.

Matile also noted that when the museum began combing through its collections a few years ago to create its "Milk and More" exhibit featuring Oswego's dairy industry past, staffers found several gaps in the collection.

"While we have a milking stool, we don't have a milk pail," Matile noted. "Nor do we have an old-fashioned milking machine used at one the area's once-numerous dairy farms."

Another area with a scarcity of items in the museum's collections is women's wartime service, from Red Cross and Salvation Army volunteers to women who officially served in the military during World Wars I and II.

"From newspaper accounts, we know several Oswego area women served during both world wars, but we have few

photographs or other documentary evidence we can use to tell their story," Matile explained.

The museum is always looking for items with direct Oswego connections. If you think you might have something of interest to the museum, email [info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](mailto:info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org). 🍷

### Moving? Changing your home or email address?

If you're moving, or changing your home or email address, please be sure to let us know so that we can keep our records up to date and keep you fully informed about our ongoing efforts to protect and preserve Oswegoland's rich history. Send your changes to: [info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](mailto:info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org)

## *Oswegoland Heritage Association memorials create lasting tributes to friends and loved ones...*

A memorial gift to the Oswegoland Heritage Association is an especially meaningful way to recognize friends, family, business associates, and special occasions, while at the same time supporting the collections, educational programs, and mission of the only organization dedicated to Oswegoland's rich history. All families have to do is make sure their funeral director is informed that memorials should be addressed to the Oswegoland Heritage Association, Box 23, Oswego, IL 60543.

Since Jan. 1, 2023, memorials have been received honoring the memories of several Oswegoans.

The surviving members of the Oswego High School Class of 1957 donated the remaining class treasury of \$300 in memory of classmates who have passed away. Class members donating included Donald Aug, Shirley Bargeman Knauf, Jean Bower Pfeifer, Wayne Brucks, Helen Calamaras Rockenbach, James Detzler, Leo Grach, Donald Hans, Sally Hyde Gardner, Lyle Johnson, Nancy Johnson Schroeder, Shirley Lantz LeClercq, Priscilla Larson Rinehart, Judy Lippold Snodgrass, Herbert Norris Jr., Charles Richard Nutt, Lois Ode Elfstrom, Wanda Penn Horton, Carol Ricketts Snyder, Diann Salisburg Petschke, Donna Tate Schiltz, Barbara Vickery Legner, Larry Voss, and Tom Wolf.

Carla Taylor and Susan K. (Austin) Zuehl sent in donations in memory of their OHS classmate, Christine Grach Ireland.

After OHS grad and long-time former executive director of the Oswegoland Park District died on Dec. 22, 2023, many of his friends, former OHS classmates, and professional colleagues donated to the Oswegoland Heritage Association's Memorial Fund. Donors included: Charlotte Hanks & Thomas Malenshek, Joan McCamant, Kathy Merner, Ira & Rebecca Wachtel, Paul & Susan Marien, Carla Taylor, Emmet & Susan Fairfield, Stephen & Joan Gray, Robert Dodson Sr., Linda Wilson, Daniel & Diane Kane, Stephanie White, Sally J. Scott, Susan T. Powell, Charlene Merner Carroll, James & Sharon Alpi, Steven & Nancy Bingham, Kay Hatcher, William Lang, Anonymous, and the CAT Foundation matching Bob Dodson's memorial gift.

So far this calendar year, memorial donations have totaled \$1,885.

Memorial gifts to the Oswegoland Heritage Association are deposited in the association's Endowment Fund. While the principal of the Endowment Fund is to be conserved, the fund's earnings can be used for heritage association operations and activities upon vote of the OHA Board of Directors.

All contributions are acknowledged with a personalized thank-you note sent to the honored family without reference to the amount of the gift. In addition, the names of the individuals being honored will be listed in future issues of *The Bell Tower*. 🍷

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## Oswegoland Heritage Association Membership Form

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Oswegoland Heritage Association. Memberships extend from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year. Just select from the membership categories below, and send your check to us today to assure Oswegoland's rich heritage and history will be preserved. Please add your email address to receive news about upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities.

Please remember to include one membership for each family member.

### Select your membership category:

- Friend, \$20       Sponsor, \$75       Business/Organization, \$150       Lifetime Gold, \$1,000

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