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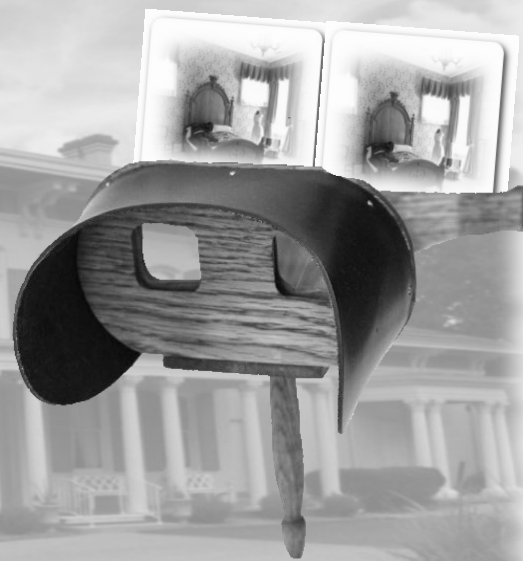
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Edwards Place Tour January 15

RESTORING HISTORY



Sangamon County Historical Society members will step away from their traditional meeting spot at the city library this month for a two-pronged program at the Edwards Place Historic Home in Springfield, one that will provide a behind-the-scenes look at its recently completed second floor renovations.

The Tuesday, January 15 program begins at 5:30 p.m. in the gallery and will feature presentations by Sarah Adams, the site's Curator of Collections and Interpretations and by historic

window treatment expert Susan Day whose research and skills are reflected in the renovations both at Edwards Place and the Broadwell Tavern that serves as the centerpiece of the Clayville Historic Site in Pleasant Plains.

Visuals will be used in both talks, followed by a docent-led tour of the second floor while a concurrent on-screen photo tour and talk will be provided in the gallery by Adams for those who might have difficulty climb-

ing the stairs to the second level.

Adams holds a bachelor of arts in Religious Studies from Western Illinois University and a masters degree in Museum Studies from the University of Kansas. She has worked in the museum field since 2012 with a focus on history and anthropology. Her research interests include 19th century history, religious culture, women's history, and the anthropology of food and feasting, using artifacts to help tell stories about those habits to connect to our past.

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☑ Society Resolutions for the New Year

New Year's resolutions are only as good as the ability to keep them. The Society has a few of its own for 2019 and has no intention casting them aside as the year progresses. Let me share some of them with you:

☑Upgrading how we connect.

The convenience of using an on-line membership management service the Society retained several years ago has become both costly and inflexible. In addition, we are all familiar with the frequent reports of corporate and governmental data breaches to systems once thought impenetrable, enough to give us second thoughts about how we handle the personal data of our membership.

To that end, we will be removing and transferring all our membership data to an internal system, at the same time keeping our public face on line through our website and social media pages. The transition should be seamless and will occur over the next few months, but we hope by the end of our fiscal year, it will be easier for you to use our sites for Society business without the fear that the personal data you have provided to us can be breached.

☑Expanding leadership.

Have you ever thought of serving on a Society committee? Sure you have. For 2019, we challenge you to take it one step further: let-

ting us know you want to do more than attend a meeting, take a tour, or go to a dinner.

The Society is a dynamic organization--that's one reason we continue to attract new members--and there's plenty of room for you to grow with us by serving on a committee, using your skills and ideas to expand our horizons. Call us, e-mail us, or tap us on the shoulder at a meeting and let us know you're ready to step in.

☑Long Range Programming

Our Historico calendar is always a compromise between the events that we need to publish because they are coming up quickly, and the full list for which we never seem to have enough room. That's because we work quite far in advance (we're already looking and booking programs into 2020) and try to keep you posted about our programs and events as well as those of other history groups, where possible. We wish we had additional space in our monthly newsletter, but that runs counter to the law of supply and demand---not enough space and too much demand, so we've settled for some quick updates on the Calendar on page 7 and a promise that as part of the on-line revisions, we'll be able to tell you much, much more in the future.

Vicky Whitaker



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Early Bird Specials Set For Trivia Night Players

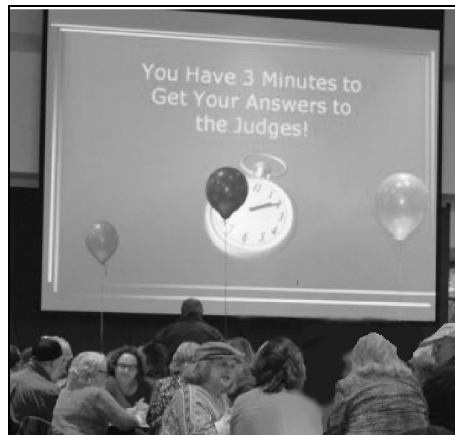
It may be January, but March is just around the corner for Trivia Night buffs looking ahead to the Society's annual fundraiser on Saturday, March 23.

And to that end, early birds will have a sign-up incentive. The first dozen people who reserve and pay for a table of 10 will get choice up-front tables.

"It's a big room," notes Trivia Night chair Mary Alice Davis of the Parish Hall at Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry Drive in Springfield, where the Society's event has been held for the past three years. "In the past, tables have been assigned randomly. This year we wanted to reward those who fully support the event by reserving a table at its earliest stages. The twelve upfront tables are closest to the screen, the judges table, and the refreshments."

Close to 300 trivia players filled the room last year, trading answers with their tablemates on a range of questions devised by Trivia Night guru Al Gietl before bringing their table answer sheet to a panel of judges for scoring. Gietl will be back and the table that comes up with the most right answers will win \$200, with second and third prizes of \$100 and \$75 to the runners up.

Emmy award-winning public television Illinois Stories host and producer Mark McDonald will emcee the evening's events. Doors open at 6 p.m., with the game starting at 7 p.m. Food (including chilli prepared by champion chilli maker Les Estep) and drinks will



be available for purchase. (Estep is author of one of the Society's most popular publications, "*Springfield, Illinois: A Chilli History*," which will be available for sale that evening.

Proceeds from the SCHS Trivia Night, now in its seventh year, benefit the Society's Special Projects Fund that annually helps underwrite a wide range of local historic preservation and education projects.

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JANUARY 2019 MEMBERSHIP REPORT



The Society is pleased to welcome new members:

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- ◆ Jim Fulgenzi ◆ Linda Fulgenzi
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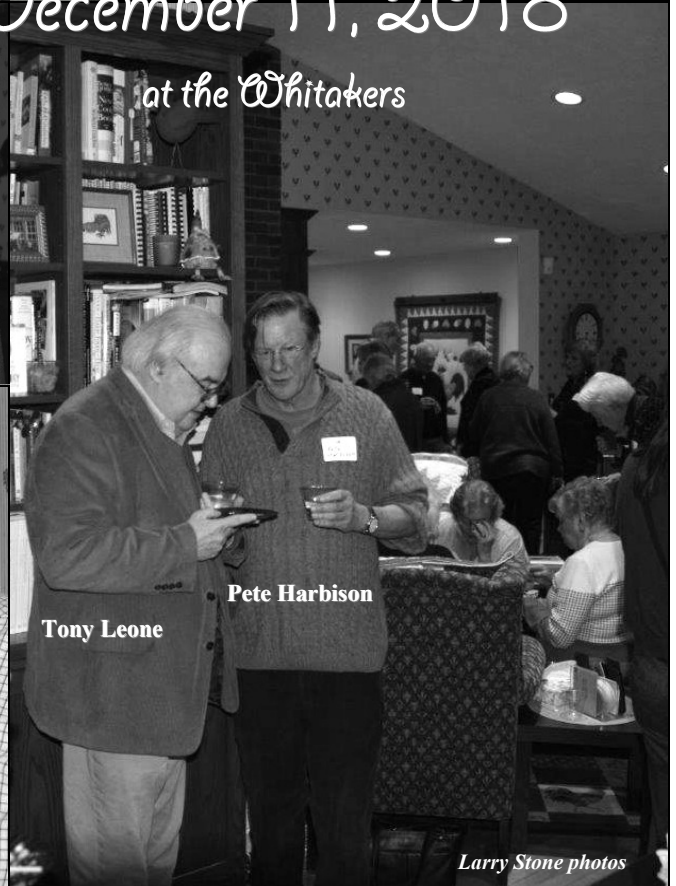
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ALL IN THE DETAILS: The revitalized second floor of Historic Edwards Place focused on every detail, from furnishings to finishings, wall coverings, curtains and drapes as well as fixtures like those in the room above. On January 15, members will hear experts talk about the complex and extensive steps involved in taking on the project, including research, design, and even reweaving fabric to be historically accurate. Since Edwards Place does not have an elevator, those unable to handle the building's staircase will not miss out. In the gallery, photos of the rooms and a discussion on how each was revamped will run concurrent with docent-led tours of the second floor.

Society Members to Get Inside Look at Historic Site Renovation

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Day, owner of Exciting Windows in Springfield, holds a bachelor of fine arts in industrial design from the University of Illinois. She has been involved with both the first floor renovation in 2015 and second floor, completed last spring.

Owned since 1913 by the Springfield Art Association, a private, non-profit visual arts organization, the Italiante mansion built in 1833 and remodeled in 1857, was the home of attorney Benjamin Edwards, youngest son of Governor Ninian Edwards and brother-in-law of Mary Lincoln's sister Elizabeth.

In its day, it was a center of social and domestic life in Antebellum

Springfield, drawing prominent citizens and politicians such as Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas, David Davis, and numerous governors, judges, lawyers, and politicians who were entertained at lavish dinner parties. The grounds played host to many summer picnics and political rallies.

Today it is attached to more contemporary buildings that house the Springfield Art Association's operations at 700 North Fourth Street, two blocks north of Carpenter Street. A limited amount of free on site parking is available along with parking on Fourth Street.

Br-r-r-r: Winter Weather-Based Cancellations

With winter upon us, if conditions call for it, the Society may cancel a meeting, tour or special event. If that happens, an announcement to that effect will be posted by 3 p.m. of the day of the meeting/tour/event several different ways. Notices initially will be posted on our main website, sangamonhistory.org and on our phone, 217-525-1961. This should give you ample time to adjust your plans. Where possible, we will also notify local electronic media requesting that they include us in their list of weather-related cancellations.

Historical Society's Popular Trivia Night Heading for its Seventh Anniversary of Play on March 23

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The game is played in 10 rounds, each round with 10 questions that may be visual or audio. One player at each table oversees an answer sheet that reflects the consensus of that table's players. After each round, each table has a few minutes to fill in any blanks or change its answers, after which their answer sheet is brought over to a panel of judges who review the answers and give each table a score from zero to 10. And there's a way for a table to leave a blank space if they don't know the answer, without hurting their score: the Mulligan!

Before the trivia game officially begins at 7 p.m., each table will be able to purchase a strip of 10 stick-on Mulligans, stickers that they can paste on the answer sheet in place of one of the ten answers in each round. With a Mulligan in place of a blank space for question you and your tablemates couldn't answer, you'll get credit for the question as if you answered it correctly.

A strip of 10 Mulligans will cost \$10 per table. *(While its origin is uncertain, the best known use of a Mulligan is in golf, in which a player is informally allowed to replay a stroke, even though this is against the game's*

formal rules).

There's also another way to come home with a prize: A table can purchase a balloon for \$10 for the Balloon

Round Game. When you look at the score sheet, you will see that in each round, one of the 10 questions is clearly designated as the "Balloon Round" question. That means that if your table is playing the Balloon Round Game, you and your tablemates must answer that question correctly.



GAME SITE: The Parish Hall at Christ the King Church in Springfield again will be the site of the Society's Seventh Annual Trivia Night slated for Saturday, March 23. Proceeds from the event benefit the Special Projects Fund .

If you don't, you must pop the balloon immediately. You can't use a Mulligan on a Balloon Round question in the 10th round, the tied tables will split the prize.

Tables and individual tickets can be purchased on-line at the Society's website, sangamonhistory.org, or by sending a check to the Sangamon County Historical Society at Box 9744, Springfield, IL 62791-9744.

Round sponsorships are also available at \$100. For additional information, call 525-1961.

CALENDAR OF AREA HISTORY EVENTS

Thursday, January 10: Music at the Museum, with Auto-harpist Bryan Bowers. 7 p.m., Illinois State Museum auditorium, 502 S. Spring Street, Springfield. Admission is \$10 Adults, \$8, Museum members. For information call 217-782-7386.

Tuesday, January 15: Sangamon County Historical Society Historic Edwards Place Second Floor Renovation Talk and Tour. 5:30 p.m. (See page 1 for details).

Friday, January 18: Special Tour: Edwards Place Servants. 6 p.m. This special tour shows guests Edwards Place through the eyes of the servants who will describe their duties and share gossip about the Edwards family as they take you through the house. Included are opportunities to visit the cellar and attic – spaces not normally on view to tourists. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$10 for Springfield Art Association members. The SAA owns and operates the his-



toric site at 400 N. Fourth Street, Springfield. For information call 523-2631.

Saturday, January 26: Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum 10th Anniversary Ball Celebrating the Inauguration of Barack Obama, 7 p.m. Hoogland Center for The Arts 420 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Music by "Soul Experience" Tickets are \$50 per person. For information, call 391-6323.

Tuesday, February, 19: Lost & Found: A First Look at Newly Discovered Early Photos of the Illinois State Fair, 5:30 p.m. Tom Fitch, president, Illinois State Fair Foundation & Museum, will be our guest when the Sangamon County Historical ociety returns to its usual meeting place, Carnegie Room North at the city of Springfield's Lincoln Library.

Saturday, March 23: SCHS Annual Trivia Night. 6 p.m. (See story starting on page 3).

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