

Visit La Salle County, IL and get

# A Six Pack To Go!!

**February 11-12, 2023**

Visitors to La Salle County, IL will have a unique opportunity to visit six area museums, historical societies and an historic mansion at a special bargain price. A "Passport" may be purchased at any of the six venues noted below. The "Passport" price is \$1 per person and is valid for two days (February 11-12, 2023). Simply present the Passport at each venue for admission. No further admission fees will apply for this event! NOTE: some restrictions apply. **Please read this brochure in its entirety.**



**Ottawa Historical and Scouting Heritage Museum 1100 Canal Street - Ottawa**

This museum shares the history of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire and Lone Scouts youth groups as well as the history of Ottawa, IL. Ottawa was the site of the first Abraham Lincoln / Stephen Douglas debates in 1858, the home and final resting place of William Dickson Boyce, the founder of the Boy Scouts and Lone Scouts of America, the historic I&M Canal, Radium Dial Company and so many other historic events. Currently we have an extensive exhibit honoring area Veterans. Visit 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Seattle Sutton Marseilles Museum - 151 Washington St - Marseilles, IL**

Located in the historic Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Depot, this museum is designed for visitors to explore the history of Marseilles, IL. Built in 1917, the depot is listed on the U. S. National Register of Historic Places. Settlers began arriving in the area in the 1830s and visitors will learn about our local history, military, manufacturing, businesses and educational system. For this event only, visit 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**Norsk Museum - 3656 E. 2631<sup>st</sup> Road, Sheridan, IL**



This museum is housed in the oldest Norwegian Lutheran Church in the oldest permanent Norwegian settlement in North America! Cleng Peerson is known as the Father of Norwegian Immigration and came to the area in 1825. With him came the Sloopers - Norwegian Quakers and Quaker sympathizers. They sailed on the Restauration with 46 passengers and a crew of 6. The museum is dedicated to Norwegian art, worship and industry. Located just off Illinois highway 71, 9 miles northeast of Ottawa, the church was used as a house of worship from its dedication in 1848 to its decommissioning in 1918. The building is an excellent example of pioneer Norwegian craftsmanship. LOCATED JUST OFF Illinois Route 71 , behind the Norway store. For this event only, visit 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. [NorskMuseum.org](http://NorskMuseum.org).

## Sheridan Historical Society - 185 N. Robinson Street - Sheridan, IL



The Sheridan Historical Society is a non-profit organization that promotes a better understanding and appreciation of their local history. Early settlers ventured into Mission Point about 1826. A Cholera Epidemic hit Sheridan in 1848 causing severe loss of life. The society currently takes care of the Cholera Cemetery also known locally as the Whitehead-McInturf Cemetery. The Village was platted in 1869 and named by six Civil War Cavalry members who came to the area as Sheridan in honor of Civil War General Philip Sheridan. Memorabilia preserved by the society include photos of the local school system as well as area schools of Serena, Harding and Wedron. For this event only, visit 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Hegeler-Carus Mansion - 1307 Seventh Street - La Salle, IL

NOTE SPECIAL TIMES FOR TOURS!!!! Completed in 1876, this stately Second Empire masterpiece is a National Landmark. Designed by W. W. Boyington, architect of the famous Chicago Water Tower, the structure remains virtually unaltered. The Mansion, with its 7 levels, 57 rooms and approximately 16,000 square feet, is as unique on the interior as it is on the exterior. The house boasts beautiful intricate parquet floors and hand painted ceilings. NOTE: one hour guided tours are provided of the Main Floor and part of the Ground Floor and gift shop. **Due to staffing shortages, tours for this event will only be available on Saturday at 10 am., Noon and 2 pm; on Sunday at 11 am and 2 pm only. YOU MUST CONTACT TRICIA KELLY, TOUR DIRECTOR, AT 815.993.4476 IN ORDER TO GET A COUPON CODE FOR RESERVING YOUR TOUR ONLINE AT THE MANSIONS WEBSITE (hegelercarus.org) . Walk-ins are not accepted for this event.**

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## La Salle County Historical Society - 101 E. Canal Street - North Utica, IL



Located on the banks of the historic Illinois & Michigan Canal in the village of Utica, IL, this museum houses collections relating to the entire county's history. Just across the river from Starved Rock State Park, the museum's mission is to search out, procure and preserve in permanent form facts and data in the history of La Salle County as related to persons, places and objects and to study history. Popular exhibits relate the story of the Radium Dial Girls of Ottawa, the carriage Abraham Lincoln rode in at the Great Debate in Ottawa in 1858, the I&M Canal and "Sunny Jim" Bottomley in the 1920s Golden Age of Baseball. NOTE: this museum complex is comprised of several buildings. Due to staffing shortages, the two main buildings will be available for tours. However, the blacksmith shop/barn and schoolhouse will not be open for this event. For this event only, visit

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