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Villa Park Historical Society & Museum Newsletter – FALL 2013

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 5 – Fall Antique Safari to Sandwich IL

October 12 – Train Trip to Kenosha WI

October 20– Annual Meeting & Musical Program “**Pioneer Memories**” 2:00 PM at the Museum

November 18 – Program “**Jackie Kennedy Speaks!**” at Villa Park Library 7:00 PM.

December 6 – **Joyful Traditions** starts at 6:00 PM at Gazebo. Take the Trolley ride to the museum to see our displays and participate in our “**Holidays In the Air**” event (Snowball Prize Tree – \$1 a gift, and Christmas items for sale).

Mid-December to Mid-April
Museum will be closed

Museum Hours

Tuesday-Friday 1:00-5:00 PM

Saturday-Sunday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Closed on Mondays

FALL ANTIQUE SAFARI to Sandwich, IL October 5

On Saturday, October 5th, the Antique Safari bus will leave the museum and travel to Sandwich, IL. There are many new shops have opened there. The bus will leave at 9:00 AM and will return by 5:00 pm. **The price is \$43 - lunch is on your own.** Forms are available at the museum and must be completed by September 14.

SPECIAL TRAIN, STREETCAR TRIP to Kenosha, Wisconsin Saturday October 12th 2013

The Villa Park Historical Society has prepared an all day trip to Kenosha, WI.

We will meet at the Villa Park Metra Station at 9:00 AM and take the train to Chicago, and transfer to another train to Kenosha that will arrive at 12:15pm.

From the Kenosha Metra Station, we will ride the Street Cars to the car barn for some history. You will be on your own to ride the street cars all day to visit the Dinosaur Museum, Civil War Museum, Kenosha Public Museum, and/or view the water front and lighthouses.



Meals will be on your own. Bring your lunch or purchase at the Chicago Station main or lower level to eat before we arrive at Kenosha.

The return trip is at the Metra Station in Kenosha at 6:30 PM sharp (next train is at 10:20 PM) and arrive back at Villa Park at 9:16 PM.

The cost is \$30.00 per person which covers all transportation & entrance to three museums.

Questions, Call Frank Carlson 834-2703. Forms are available at the Historical Museum. Reservations due back by October 4.

ANNUAL MEETING / MUSICAL PROGRAM October 20 - 2:00 PM

Our brief annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20th at 2:00pm at the historical museum followed by a musical program.

Our featured entertainer is Patti Ecker, who will take us on a light-hearted journey to our region's past titled, **"Prairie Memories."** Patti will engage us in a selection of sweet, funny and familiar folk songs. Sing along with spirited songs of America's Pioneer yesteryears, like Oh, Susanna!, Wait for the Wagon, Turkey in the Straw and others.

All this will be done with guitar, banjo, Irish drum and musical spoons. Patti has also been a teaching artist for the prestigious Old Town School of Folk Music's elementary school outreach programs in Chicago. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



SPECIAL PROGRAM AT LIBRARY

"Jackie Kennedy Speaks"

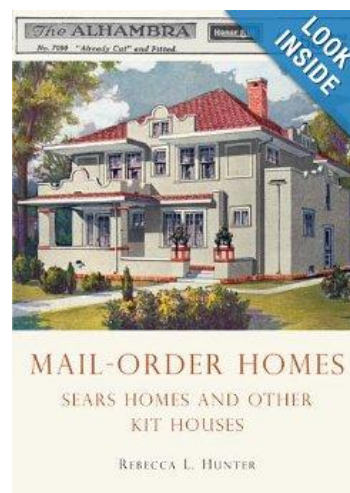
In the anniversary of the 50th year of the death of President John F. Kennedy, the Villa Park Historical Society, Preservation Commission, and Villa Park Library will co-sponsor a free special program.

On Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM, performer and historian Leslie Goddard will "become" Jackie Kennedy and talk about her experience. This program will be held at the **Villa Park Public Library at 7:00 PM. Call the library to reserve your spot (630) 834-1164 ext 3.**



Jackie Kennedy

NEW BOOK added o Museum Reference Library



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The season has really gone by quickly.

Our new displays have attracted many visitors to the museum. In particular, people have commented on the 1920 Kitchen exhibit as it brought back fond memories of early Villa Park.

We have had visitors from all over the United States and also a couple from Australia. The new bike trail has brought in riders from Hinsdale, LaGrange and other suburbs.

This spring, the Village of Villa Park completed the restoration of the exterior beams that had deteriorated. VPHS is most appreciative of this work.

VPHS installed clear UV film on the plate glass windows facing Villa Avenue. This allows for the window displays to be seen from the sidewalk.

The Spring Antique Safari bus trip to historic La Porte, Indiana was lots of fun. Our Ice Cream Social and entertainment was enjoyed by a well attended crowd.

Our new window display board has featured local events that can be seen easily from the street. The Visitor Center has attracted more businesses to drop off their literature.

Volunteer Bob Dollinger has completed three Obituary Clipping books for our library.

Next year the Village of **Villa Park will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary** of incorporation. VPHS has been busy with information requests and making plans for next year's new exhibits.

VPHS is asking its residents to look around their homes for artifacts from the recent past time period of the 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s to add to our collection. This can include like-new items that were used in the home, toys, period clothing, or anything pertaining to Villa Park. VPHS is appreciative of your recent donations that became part of our artifact collection.

I'd like to thank the board, members, volunteers, Village Board & staff, supporters, visitors, and Siobhan for a great season! The Board hopes to see you at our upcoming outings and programs.

Sincerely yours, Carol Marcus

2013 SOCIETY BOARD

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GRANDMA'S ATTIC

I would like to thank everyone who has donated to Grandma's Attic in the past year, and I hope you will continue to be generous in the coming year. Proceeds help us to be able to operate the museum, change exhibits and front windows, buy artifacts, and purchase acid free boxes and folders to store our artifacts. Recently we have received many donations that include a Beanie Babies collection, collectible dishes, bird figurines, Sci-Fi books and Avon bottles. These items have been donated from members, non-members, neighbors and friends of VPHS.

If you are cleaning out your house or having a garage sale, please remember the Museum. We are looking for books, white elephant items, knickknacks, glasses, dishes, jewelry and greeting cards. We do not accept clothing, computer or school books, encyclopedia sets, National Geographic magazines, magazines, records, cassette tapes and large items. All items donated are Tax Deductible.

Pat Turen

GIFT SHOP ITEM REDUCED

LLADRO – Don't Forget Me Statue



Reduced to \$75.00

PHOTO GALLERY



Jerry Hughes, Carol Marcus, Kerry Kopera, Rebecca Hunter (speaker and author), and Tom Kopera at the VPHS/VPHPC/VPPL Library program on mail-order houses.



Former long-time Villa Park resident Mary Hartnett visits the Museum.



Jan Stortz, Carol Marcus with the 2013 Historic Plaque recipients. Houses are shown on the left.



c. 1911, S. Cornell



c. 1919, E. Highland



c. 1928, E. Adams



Curator Jerry Hughes reviewing some recent donations to the Museum.



Carol Marcus, Pat Carlson, Jerry Hughes, Village President Deb Bullwinkle, Tom Kopera, Kerry Kopera, Frank Carlson, Siobhan Gasparotto, and Gail McGrew at the Museum's opening day event.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2013



Entertainer John Truncali singing a Tom Jones song.



VILLA PARK RECOLLECTIONS



This photo was found in an attic of a home in Villa Park. **Do you know WHO she is?**

OVALTINE MEMORIES



Rainy day view of the former CAE station in Villa Park at Villa Ave, and Ovaltine factory.

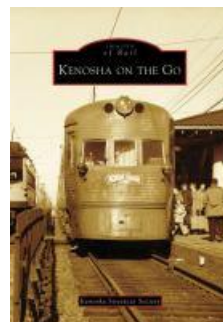


Remember the old Ovaltine water tower and chimney from the view along the tracks?

CHICAGO, AURORA & ELGIN RAILROAD



Photo – Frank Carlson with John F. Doyle, who shared the two featured former CAE station photos with VPHS. John, author of book below, is a member of the Kenosha Streetcar Society.



Kenosha On The Go



Photo - Former CAE Station in Aurora, IL Courtesy of John F. Doyle.



Photo - Former CAE Station in Elgin, Illinois. The CAE sign shown in this photo was donated by Edward Kosciuk in memory of his son Roger Kosciuk and is now hanging prominently at our Historical Museum.

VPHS is a 501C3 non-profit volunteer organization. VPHS depends on the ongoing support and generosity of its membership, business community and Village so that we can keep the Historical Museum operating, collect history, maintain its archives, create displays, and provide educational programs.

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