

# Hands-on activities enhance "Picturing Oswegoland" at Little White School Museum

"Picturing Oswegoland," a special exhibit of historic images selected from the Little White School Museum's collections, is now open in the museum's Roger Matile Room.

The exhibit, which will run through Sept. 1, is open during regular hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum is located at 72 Polk Street (Jackson at Polk), just two blocks from historic downtown Oswego. Admission is free.

The exhibit's images range from professional portraits to commercial picture postcards to family snapshots to original Daguerreotypes and Ambrotypes, all selected from the museum's collection of more than 10,000 historic photographic prints, transparencies, and negatives.



Image topics included in the exhibit range from the bridges across the Fox River at Oswego to farming to the evolution of Oswego's downtown business district, to the development of the sprawling Boulder Hill subdivision starting in the 1950s.

Along with the historical images, visitors in all age groups are invited to participate in a number of free hands-on activities tied in with the exhibit.

"We have an extensive collection of historical images of the Oswegoland area in our collections," Matile noted. "While several of those images are available for visitors to enjoy every time they visit our core exhibit in the museum gallery, we have thousands more that few ever get a chance to see. Thanks to Bob's special exhibit, the community will be able enjoy many more of them, a number of which have never been on public display before."

Museum assistant director, Bob Stekl with the assistance of museum volunteer, Stephanie Just, museum director Roger Matile, and museum assistant Sarah Kimes mounted the exhibit.

The museum is a joint project of the not for profit Oswegoland Heritage Association and the Oswegoland Park District. While admission to the museum and to the exhibit is free, donations are always gratefully accepted. For more information, call the museum at 630-554-2999, send an email to [info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](mailto:info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org), or visit their web site at [www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](http://www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org).

**PHOTO:** In the summer of 1905, an automobilist (as they were termed at the time) couple speeds north on Oswego's dusty Main Street. This photo is just one of more than 240 historic images from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries now on exhibit at Oswego's Little White School Museum during "Picturing Oswegoland" now through Sept. 1. A number of hands-on activities for all ages are available to enhance visitors' experiences. The museum is located at 72 Polk Street, Oswego. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call 630-554-2999, email [info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](mailto:info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org), or visit [www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](http://www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org).