

President's Report: Turning the Page to 2019

We wish you the very best for 2019! The Elmhurst History Museum and the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation (EHF) have an exciting year planned. Our donors and members enable us to have a significant impact supporting the Elmhurst History Museum and the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse. Our EHF Board is committed to celebrating local history and contributing to bringing memorable exhibits to museum patrons.

This year museum staff will present a very busy schedule filled with interesting exhibits covering a broad range of topics. Opening January 18th is *Heart's Desire: Reflections on Love and Marriage*. March will feature a fascinating traveling exhibit on campaign posters spanning three centuries! Summer will be special as the museum celebrates Chicago-area amusement parks from yesterday and today with a new exhibit created by the EHM staff, *Worlds of Wonder: Chicagoland Amusement Parks*. In fall, *The Power of Children: Making a Difference* will share the extraordinary stories of Anne Frank, Ruby Bridges, and Ryan White and provide an excellent learning experience for schoolchildren. To close out 2019 and carry us into 2020, an exciting new exhibit on the history of railroads in the Chicago area will debut. You'll want to make sure to visit the museum several times this year!

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation is excited to provide input for a City of Elmhurst-commissioned study to review current and future space needs of the Elmhurst History Museum and the Educational Center. Study recommendations are due soon and will give us a snapshot of what the Elmhurst History Museum campus may look like in the coming years.

All of the best to you and yours! Thank you for all your support of the EHF and your passion for history.

Mike Baker, President, Elmhurst Heritage Foundation



New Year's Greetings from your 2019 Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Board: Front row (L to R): Dave Oberg, Val Stewart, Rob Butler, Mike Baker, Darlene VanMeir, Joyce Slone, Bob Rasbo. Back row (L to R): Randy Irion, Tom Tyler, Kevin O'Keeffe, Michael LoCicero, John DeVries, Jean Baker, Ellen Braun, Cathy Siegerdt, Peggy Babyar, Cathy Jordan, Peter Griffin, George Szczepaniak.

Elmhurst Heritage Foundation News for our Members

By Ellen Braun, EHF Board Member

Welcome to New EHF Board Members:

The EHF Board of Directors is delighted to welcome two new board members this year.

Kevin O’Keeffe has lived in Elmhurst for 30 years and is a very active member of the community. He is Executive Director of the Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce. Kevin was previously an Elmhurst business owner and has served on the Board of Directors of the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce. Kevin and his wife have two adult children. Kevin stated: “I’m looking forward to being more involved in Elmhurst again, and I hope that my experience in the business community will be a benefit to the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation.”



EHM Director Dave Oberg (L.) and EHF President Mike Baker (R) welcome new EHF board members George Szczepaniak (2nd from L) and Kevin O’Keeffe.

George Szczepaniak is a former alderman who served on the Elmhurst City Council from 1997 to 2009. He and his family have lived in Elmhurst for over 35 years where they raised three children. George believes that the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation is one of our community’s “gems.” He loves history and looks forward to being part of the efforts to increase the Foundation’s impact on those who live and work in Elmhurst. In addition to the many educational programs and exhibits it supports, George feels that the Foundation is instrumental in preserving our city’s rich cultural history for generations to come. George is an Army veteran having served with the 101st Airborne Division, as well as an attorney and Certified Public Accountant. He currently works as a Sourcing Manager at Old World Industries LLC.

EHF Seeks Additional Board Members: As a supporter of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, we hope you have taken advantage of the many opportunities to connect with the Elmhurst History Museum and the Churchville Schoolhouse over the past year. The EHF Board of Directors is currently seeking applicants for our Board and would like to encourage our members and donors to consider joining our organization on a more formal basis. Board members serve as volunteers and work as advocates and fundraisers. Interested applicants will be invited to meet with Board representatives to learn about the duties and responsibilities of service and to find out more about the work of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation. Inquiries are welcome with no obligation. Please contact the Museum’s Executive Director, David Oberg, at 630-530-3321, or dave.oberg@elmhurst.org, if you would like more information.

News from the Development Committee: We are winding down our 2018 Annual Fund Campaign and are grateful for all the outstanding support from our members and donors. Your generous support enables us to increase our grant to the museum, providing an unprecedented five exhibits next year! Your funding will continue to help us assist the museum in many different areas from exhibits to educational programs and more. The Foundation increased its funding last year to provide expanded bus transportation for schoolchildren to the museum and Churchville Schoolhouse. We are partnering with the museum to lease a microfilm reader to assist staff, residents, and visitors conduct research using decades of local newspapers and records. The Foundation will also provide for updates to the *By All Accounts: The History of Elmhurst* exhibit, a must-see for any local resident. In fall, we reached out to local businesses with a professionally-designed packet of information to make them aware of sponsorship opportunities for our five exhibits in 2019. We followed up by hosting over 130 people—including members, donors and Chamber of Commerce members—at the opening of the *Hometown Holiday: It’s a Wonderful Life in Elmhurst* exhibit. Response was excellent and several businesses have already signed on for this new opportunity. By growing strong relationships with our local businesses, we hope to create more impactful partnerships in the future to benefit the museum. Watch for these business names on our mailings, posters, social media, and more! For more information on sponsorship, please contact Director Dave Oberg at 630-530-3321.

Elmhurst Heritage Foundation 2019 Board of Directors:

Mike Baker, President
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Cathy Siegerdt
George Szczepaniak
Joyce Slone
Tom Tyler
Darlene VanMeir

The mission of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation is to stimulate broad-based support for local history, the Elmhurst History Museum, and the Churchville Schoolhouse through advocacy, education, and fundraising.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Elmhurst History Museum is always in need of volunteers to help staff our gift shop and greet visitors in the museum. If you have a few spare hours per week and would enjoy working with people in a fun environment, we’d love to have you join our corps of wonderful helpers!

Please contact Nancy Himmes at 630-833-1457 or nancy.himmes@elmhurst.org.

A Toast to the 4th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest's Success

By Cathy Jordan, EHF Board Member, Beer Fest Chairperson



The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation hosted the 4th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest on September 15, 2018, and we lucked out again with a beautiful sunny day. The funds generated from this event will benefit the future educational programs and exhibits at the Elmhurst History Museum and Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse. In addition, we proudly showcased the Elmhurst community, Elmhurst City Centre, and the Elmhurst History Museum's beautiful grounds and engaging exhibits. With lots of teamwork and support, we accomplished it all!

In October, the Craft Beer Fest Committee and the EHF board voted unanimously to move forward with our 5th Annual Craft Beer Fest to be held on September 14, 2019. Save the date!

Here are some very positive numbers from this year's fest:

- More than 600 people attended the event with 120 tickets sold at the door.
- 52 + brewers enjoyed the event with each bringing 2 or 3 samples of beer or ciders. What an incredible selection! Over 100 + plus craft beers and ciders were available for sampling.
- Guests came from 43 surrounding communities in addition to Elmhurst to attend the Fest.
- 80 volunteers supported the event, including EHF board members, spouses, Elmhurst College students, museum staff and volunteers, and residents.
- The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation's net income for the 2018 Fest was a record-breaking \$36,000.
- We had the most sponsors, brewers, volunteers, and financial support ever this year.

We want to thank the sponsors, volunteers, Elmhurst Heritage Foundation board members, Elmhurst History Museum staff, and the City of Elmhurst for their support and promotion of this community event. When we all work together we can achieve great things — cheers, and see you next year!

Thank you from the Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest Planning Committee:

Cathy Jordan, Chair; Mike LoCicero, Joyce Slone, Randy Irion, Kristi Blessing, Ken Bartels, Diana Payne, Pete Griffin, John DeVries, Joe Tota, Brian Bergheger, Tom Tyler, Dave Oberg, Matt Maber, Val Stewart, Dave Noble and Mike Baker.

2018 BEER FEST SPONSORS: *The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation thanks these wonderful sponsors for their support!*

Event Sponsor: Pints

Platinum Sponsors: Lakeside Bank, Marke of Elmhurst, Pints, Suburban Bank & Trust (Wintrust)

Gold Sponsors: Pete DiCianni/DuPage County Board, Burke Engineering, Elmhurst Brewing Co., Fitness Formula Club, Siemens, Slone Commercial Real Estate, Special T Unlimited, Storino, Ramello & Durkin Attorneys at Law

Silver Sponsors: Alpine Creek Dental of Elmhurst, Bartlett Tree Experts, Beerhead Bar & Eatery, Kurt Carlson DMD, Community Bank of Elmhurst, FSR Financial Services, Elmhurst Jaycees, Kilwin's, Roberto's Ristorante & Pizzeria, Schamberger Brothers, Inc., Tailgate for Dogs, Top Golf, Tree of Life Chiropractic

Bronze Sponsors: DeVries Animal Hospital, Edward Jones, Elmhurst Dental, Elmhurst Dermatology, Guaranteed Rate, Ken Bartels Consulting, Lexington Square, Livia Italian Eatery, LoCicero Law Offices, MaMa Maria's Pizza, My Mechanic, Sal's Beverage World, Stray Hen Cafe

Program Sponsors: Catalano & Associates, Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Cottage Hill Station, Diplomat West, Inland Bank, Mehta Motors, Chris Nybo for State Senator, Red Arrow Tap Room

In-Kind Donors: Ahimsa Yoga, Barbeque Jim's Catering, Clarion Inn Elmhurst, Community Bank of Elmhurst, Craft Beer Fest Committee, DiCianni Graphics, Elmhurst City Centre, Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, Elmhurst Park District, Francesca's Amici, Hamburger Heaven, HB Jones Restaurant, Orangetheory Fitness, Participating Brewers & Distributors, Pinot's Palette, Rock Valley Publishing/Elmhurst Independent, Silverado Grill, Special T's Unlimited, Tannins Wine Bar & Boutique, Tree Towns Reprographics, Inc., US Foods, Websites by Kurt

EHM Exhibit News

Heart's Desire: Reflections on Love & Marriage

January 18-March 17, 2018



When Cupid's arrow strikes, the love that grows is celebrated and communicated through a variety of romantic gestures and traditions. Contemplate the power of love represented in unique and never-before-seen 19th and 20th century wedding dresses and exquisitely-detailed valentines spanning from 1845-1950s from the EHM collection. Explore romantic tokens of affection—including candy boxes, photos, and ephemera—that share the secrets of the heart with loved ones and the community at large.

MEMBER BENEFIT ALERT: Free Member/Donor Opening Reception on Jan. 17

COMING ATTRACTIONS

March 29-April 28, 2018 *Sign of the Times: American Political Posters, 1844-2012*

The hardworking American political poster attempts to catch the eyes and votes of citizens through the use of powerful visual language. This national traveling exhibit explores a variety of styles, design trends, and printing technologies used to create these ubiquitous messengers. The exhibit features the most exciting and rarely-seen posters created in the last 170 years, and additions from the EHM collection. Curated by Hal Wert, Ph.D., and organized by Exhibits USA/Mid-America Arts Alliance.

MEMBER BENEFIT ALERT: Free Member/Donor Opening Reception on March 28.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— JANUARY —

Member/Donor Exhibit Opening Reception

Thursday, Jan. 17
6-8 p.m. FREE

RSVP: MuseumRSVP@elmhurst.org or call 630-833-1457

Gallery Talk

Sunday, Jan. 20

2 p.m. FREE

Explore the new exhibit with curator Dan Bartlett and former EHM curator Nancy Wilson.
1st Floor Gallery

— FEBRUARY —

Victorian Valentine Making

Saturday, Feb. 9

2-4 p.m. Cost: \$3

Make your own elaborate Valentine inspired by the *Heart's Desire* exhibit.

Registration required:
Call 630-530-6879

Date Night at Pinot's Palette

Friday, Feb. 22

7-9:30 p.m. \$40 per person

At Pinot's Palette Elmhurst

Registration required: Online only (see elmhursthistory.com for details)

— MARCH —

Elizabeth Barrett Browning at EPL

Thursday, March 7

7 p.m. FREE

See a historical first-person presenter bring the Victorian poet to life in an engaging presentation.

Reservations required: Elmhurst Public Library, 630-279-8696

Lincoln v. Douglas Debate

Sunday, March 31

2-3 p.m. Members FREE;
\$5 Non-Members

Experience a dramatic interpretation of the Great Debates of 1858 at Elmhurst City Council Chambers

Registration required: Online at elmhursthistory.org (Adult Programs section) or call 630-530-6879

Visit elmhursthistory.org for more info

From the Collection

By Ellen Braun, EHF Board Member



Button Collection, donated by the Pearson Family

Mae Pearson, a founder of the Elmhurst Historical Museum Foundation, was an avid collector of Elmhurst memorabilia. Her family recently donated Mae's collection of political campaign buttons to the Elmhurst History Museum. These include buttons for candidates for local elections such as Elmhurst Park District, Elmhurst District 205 School Board, City Council and other City offices, depicted above. Some of these campaign materials will be on display during the upcoming *Sign of the Times* exhibit at the Museum.

If you have ever wondered if you have items that the Elmhurst History Museum would consider adding to the collection, Curator of Collections Daniel Lund explained guidelines for donations. "The criteria for acceptance of any object include its condition, function, relevance to the Museum's mission, and the Museum's fiscal and physical ability to perpetually and properly care for the item. The Museum accepts three-dimensional objects, photographs, and manuscripts. Digital copies of flat materials are accepted as well. Items to be collected shall be associated with or represent one or more of the following criteria: history of structures, sites, and parks in and around Elmhurst; history of individuals who either were born in or resided in the City of Elmhurst; history of businesses operating in Elmhurst; history of the Glos family and the Glos Mansion; history of the development of Elmhurst as a modern suburb; history directly related to the growth and development of the Elmhurst community and surrounding communities." For more information, contact Dan Lund at 630-833-1457.

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