



Kiddieland Roto Whip ride, September 2009. Photo by Jeremy Thompson/Creative Commons.

Take a Thrill Ride this Summer at EHM

Step right up for an exciting summer filled with countless ups and downs and plenty of twists and turns! The Elmhurst History Museum is busy putting the finishing touches on the *Worlds of Wonder: Remembering Chicagoland's Amusement Parks* exhibit sponsored by Classic Cinemas/York Theatre, Suburban Bank & Trust, and The Marke of Elmhurst by Opus. This new exhibit created in-house opens on May 17 and will resurrect wonderful memories of Chicago's favorite amusement parks—from Kiddieland to Riverview and many others in between. The memories we all have of special times riding roller coasters and the Tilt-a-Whirl, playing carnival games, and the smell of cotton candy will transport you back to younger days. The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation will host a family-friendly amusement-park themed Fun Fair to celebrate this exhibit on July 12, 2019 on the museum grounds. Our members will enjoy complimentary refreshments in the Elmhurst History Museum's Education Center—you won't want to miss it! Watch for your postcard invitation coming later this summer.

Upcoming events include the 23rd annual Elmhurst Museum Day on May 19—a very special event for our community presented in partnership with the Elmhurst Art Museum and Lizzadro Museum. In addition, the Foundation will be awarding our Ruth Strand Poster winners in May, and we will march alongside those lucky students in the Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade. In June, mark your calendars for the Vintage Baseball Game which steps up to the plate on June 23rd at Elmhurst College.

So much is happening at the museum during the late spring and summer! One thing we can always count on is that the Elmhurst History Museum exhibits and programs will educate you, surprise you, challenge you, and invite you to participate in the fun that comes with exploring museums. We invite you to be a part of it all and to visit the Elmhurst History Museum soon. Happy summer!

Mike Baker, President, Elmhurst Heritage Foundation

EHF Membership News

By Ellen Braun, EHF Board Member

Member Benefit Alert: 2019 Quarry Tour

We are excited to announce a special perk for our members this fall for the popular Elmhurst Quarry Tour. This tour sold out in just a few hours when it was presented two years ago. A limited number of Elmhurst Heritage Foundation members will be able to sign up early for the September 14 tour of the Elmhurst Quarry and 42 seats on the first tour of the day will be reserved for EHF members/donors only.



The members-only bus will depart from the EHM grounds at 9:00 a.m. so those with tickets for this departure will need to check in at the Education Center no later than 8:45 a.m. The cost per ticket is \$12, payable by credit card. The number of tickets that can be purchased by a member depends on your level of membership: individual membership-1 ticket; couple membership-2 tickets; family membership-5 tickets. Participants must be 10 years of age or older. Tickets for the EHF members-only bus will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis from Aug. 5-Aug. 30; general tickets for the Quarry Tour go on sale on Sept. 3. Please call Jessie Wandersee at 630-530-6879 to purchase tickets and take advantage of this exclusive member benefit.

Save the Date for Next Member/Donor Exhibit Opening: Keep an eye out for an invitation to our next exhibit celebration for our members which will coincide with the public **Family Fun Fest on Friday, July 12** from 5-8 p.m. We'll have complimentary refreshments for our members in the Education Center, and the evening will include a trackless train for the kids, dunk tank, carnival games, popcorn and cotton candy, live music by School of Rock and lots more on the museum grounds. Be sure to come join in the fun!

News from the Development Committee: This year, thanks to our donors, the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation has increased our funding to the Elmhurst History Museum by 30 percent. This additional funding is made possible through individual donations and business sponsorship, and it enabled us to support museum exhibits, public programs, and the purchase of a state-of-the-art microfilm reader for the EHM research room.

In addition to our donors, 13 different business sponsors have joined our inaugural campaign to sponsor one or more of the five museum exhibits this year. You'll see the names of these businesses on posters, in the exhibit gallery, on the museum's website, social media and more. We are grateful to local businesses for supporting the museum in a big way!

We are also planning activities to show our appreciation for the generosity our members, too. In July, we will host a member event on the museum grounds for the *Worlds of Wonder: Remembering Chicagoland's Amusement Parks* and a reception in September for the fall exhibit, *The Power of Children: Making a Difference*. The Quarry Tour mentioned above is another value-added benefit for our members and donors. We promise to keep you posted on special opportunities for members and donors throughout the year.

Year after year, it's our members and donors that give us the opportunity to expand the reach of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we hope you'll join us for many of these exciting activities in the coming months!

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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.

EHM SUMMER CAMP

Sign up your kids and grand-kids for the most fun camp in town! We have two camps this summer: **Museum Explorers Camp (June 10-14)** and **Time Trekkers Camp (June 24-28)**. More information is available online at www.elmhursthistory.org/398/Camps. To register, contact Jessie Wandersee at 630-530-6879.



Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest Father's Day Pre-Sale Event

Saturday, June 15th | 7-9 p.m.



Make Plans to Join Us for the 5th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest & Pre-Party

By Cathy Jordan, EHF Board Member, Beer Fest Chairperson

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation will host the 5th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest on September 14, 2019. The funds generated from this event benefit educational programs and exhibits at the Elmhurst History Museum and Churchville Schoolhouse. In addition, we will be showcasing the Elmhurst community, City Centre and the traveling exhibit *The Power of Children* and the award-winning exhibit *By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst*.

The Craft Beer Fest will feature more than 100 special beers/ciders from more than 50 craft brewers from the Chicagoland area as well as around the country. Early entry is from 12 to 1 p.m. and general admission is 1 to 6 p.m. Ticket prices include early bird purchasing through September 7, and this year we are again offering discounted ticket prices for Elmhurst Heritage Foundation members. Discounts will not be available on the day of the event. To view ticket prices, please go to www.elmhurstcraftbeerfest.com. Tickets will be available for online purchase starting mid-June 2019.

There are many new things brewing at this year's fest! First, the Craft Beer Fest will be extended by one hour and will be open until 6 p.m. for your fun and beer sampling pleasure. Live music performed by the Moonshine Brothers and Petty Cash will rock the fest throughout the day. Also new this year is a People's Choice Best Brewer Contest with the winner to be announced at the fest, plus Elmhurst Brewing Company will offer a special 5th anniversary craft beer to taste.

Don't miss the Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest Pre-Party at Pints—our event sponsor—on Saturday, June 15 from 7-9 p.m. Beer Fest tickets will be available at a \$5 discount during the party, and the first 20 ticket buyers will receive a free pint of Wild Onion Crazy Fingers. Hint: Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest tickets make a great Father's Day gift!

We could not make this event a reality without the dedicated planning committee members, volunteers, generous sponsors and the City of Elmhurst, and we need your continued support! If you want to volunteer, be a sponsor, or have any questions, please contact Dave Oberg at 630-530-3321. See you all at the Pints Pre-Party on June 15 and the Craft Beer Fest on September 14—cheers!

What will **YOUR** legacy be?

If it includes charitable giving, it could be fulfilled through an estate gift to the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation's **Legacy Circle**, supporting the **Elmhurst History Museum** and the **Churchville Schoolhouse**. The Legacy Circle recognizes individuals who provide special assistance through...bequests...life insurance... trusts, and other estate gifts.

To talk about **YOUR** legacy and the **Legacy Circle**... call Dave Oberg, Elmhurst History Museum Director, at 630-833-1457 or visit: www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org

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EHM Exhibit News

Worlds of Wonder: Remembering Chicagoland's Amusement Parks

May 17-August 18, 2019



This new exhibit celebrates Chicago's favorite destinations for fun and thrills, from early trolley parks to mid-century suburban attractions like Kiddieland, Santa's Village, and Dispensa's Kiddie Kingdom. Learn about the signature rides and iconic venues through rare photos and video, memorabilia, advertisements, and intriguing artifacts. Interactive family-friendly stations include a Skee-Ball game, marble roller coaster track, virtual reality roller coaster experience and more. *Sponsored by: Classic Cinemas/York Theatre, Suburban Bank & Trust, and The Marke of Elmhurst by Opus.*

COMING ATTRACTIONS



Sept. 6-Oct. 13, 2019 **The Power of Children: Making a Difference**

Learn about the extraordinary stories of *Anne Frank*, *Ruby Bridges*, and *Ryan White*—three children whose lives teach us about overcoming obstacles to make a positive difference in the world. This exhibit, organized by the Children's Museum of Indianapolis in partnership with Mid-America Arts Alliance, encourages children and families to explore issues of isolation, fear, and prejudice throughout 20th-century history and today. Through audio-visual presentations, original artifacts, and hands-on interactives, visitors will get to know each child's story.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— JUNE —

When the World Came to Chicago: The 1893 Columbian Exposition

Sunday, June 2

2 p.m. FREE Ed Center
Al Walavich, a local historian and collector, will share his collection of memorabilia and stories about the planning, construction, and celebration of the 1893 fair.
Register: elmhursthistory.org or call 630-530-6879

Vintage Baseball Game

Sunday, June 23

2 p.m. FREE

Join the Elmhurst community for an old-fashioned baseball game played by the wildly different rules of 1858.
Location: Elmhurst College Mall

— JULY —

Family Fun Fair

Friday, July 12

5-8 p.m. FREE

Join in the fun on the EHM grounds with kiddie rides, carnival games, live music, cotton candy and lots more!
MEMBERS: Enjoy complimentary refreshments in the Education Center.

Lost Amusement Parks of Chicagoland

Thursday, July 18

3-4 p.m. FREE Ed Center

Craig Burda, Director of the National Amusement Park Historical Association; archivist Jim Abbate; and photographer Bruce Cassi will share slides and stories from several Chicagoland parks of yesteryear.
Register: elmhursthistory.org or call 630-530-6879

— AUGUST —

Gallery Talk: Worlds of Wonder

Sunday, Aug. 11

2 p.m. FREE

EHM curator of exhibits Dan Bartlett will share some of the stories and artifacts that didn't make it into the exhibit. 1st Floor Gallery. No registration required.

Visit elmhursthistory.org for more info

From the Collection

By Ellen Braun, EHF Board Member



Lee Sturges, Self-Portrait, EHM Collection, M2019_16_1

The Elmhurst History Museum has received a donation of 88 prints of artwork created by Lee Sturges, a local artist, businessman, and inventor. This collection of prints had been donated to the Mobile Alabama Museum of Art by a great-granddaughter of Lee Sturges. That museum determined that the Sturges prints were not relevant to their collections and offered them to the Elmhurst History Museum. This generous donation supplements the Elmhurst History Museum's extensive collection of Sturges' artwork, etching plates, correspondence and other materials.

Sturges and his wife Mary lived in Elmhurst from 1890 until 1953 in a home called Shadeland, which Mr. Sturges designed. Lee Sturges became an internationally known artist and etcher, creating more than 400 etchings and winning many awards. Outdoor scenes were a favorite subject of his etchings. Other Sturges works are displayed at the Smithsonian Institution, the Art Institute of Chicago, and other institutions.

For more information on Lee Sturges, visit elmhursthistory.org in the History Highlights section. Thanks to Dan Lund, curator of EHM collections, and former curator Nancy Wilson for providing information for this article.

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