

# MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**March 2023**

## 2023 PROGRAMS & EVENTS



## ***BECOME A PART OF THE STORY***

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### **THE CHANGING FACE OF AGRICULTURE**

The McHenry County Historical Society and the Center for Agrarian Learning at McHenry County College will feature farmers and local food professionals who are redefining the image of the American farmer, forging new paths with innovative product mixes and marketing channels. Hear their stories and participate in the discussion.

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - 7:00 pm**

**McHenry County College**

**Leucht Auditorium inside Building B**

**8900 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake**

**Admission: \$8 MCHS members, \$10 nonmembers**

### **FILM SCREENING: *HARVEST OF LONELINESS: THE BRACERO PROGRAM***

The film sheds light on a program between the U.S. and Mexican governments to recruit Mexican farm laborers for temporary work in the United States. The program began during World War II and ended in 1964. The film includes interviews with surviving Braceros and their families. Raices Latinas: Agriculture in McHenry County is a project funded by the Community Foundation for McHenry County's Transformational Grant. The project's mission is to honor the valuable contributions of the Latino/Latine community to McHenry County's rich agricultural history. The film is in Spanish with some English subtitles. For more info, email [info@raiceslatinasmc.org](mailto:info@raiceslatinasmc.org)

**Thursday, March 30, 2023 - 6:30 pm**

**Woodstock Opera House**

**121 W Van Buren Street, Woodstock**

**Admission: FREE. The doors open at 5:30 pm, with a reception and refreshments until 6:30 pm.**

## March 2023

### SPRING 2023 SPRING SHOWCASE

Join the McHenry County Historical Society and more than 130 Exhibitors for the Spring 2023 Consumer Showcase! Lots of giveaways, drawings, and prizes!

**Thursday, March 23, 2023 - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm**  
**Del Webb Sun City**  
**Prairie Lodge**  
**12880 Del Webb Blvd., Huntley**  
**Admission: FREE**

## April 2023

### BEFORE THE CHICAGO CUBS: BASEBALL COMES TO THE WINDY CITY

Professor Bruce Allardice discusses baseball's early spread and early (pre-1870) baseball in McHenry County.

**Monday, April 10, 2023 - 6:30 pm**  
**Huntley Park District REC Center**  
**Willow Room**  
**12015 Mill Street, Huntley**  
**Admission: \$8 MCHS members, \$10 nonmembers**

Our Mission:

We engage and educate current and future generations by preserving and sharing McHenry County history

## May 2023

### MUSEUM OPENS TO THE PUBLIC WITH FIVE NEW EXHIBITS

Join us in celebrating 60 years of collecting, preserving, and sharing its county's history with the public. To commemorate this anniversary, a special exhibition will highlight 60 never seen objects from the historical society's collection to tell the story of McHenry County. Other new exhibits include the Transportation Revolution, Bands & Music, World War I and, the 1920s, Prohibition and Crime.

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**McHenry County Historical Society & Museum**  
**6422 Main Street, Union**  
**The Museum is open Tuesday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, and Saturdays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm from 5/2/23 - 11/3/23**  
**Admission: FREE**

### MT. THABOR CEMETERY WALK

Join local historian and McHenry County cemetery expert Trudie Dryer as she takes you on a walking tour of one of the County's first Catholic cemeteries while you learn about its origins and the exciting and sometimes tragic lives of the adults and children buried there.

**Saturday, May 20, 2023 - 9:00 - 10:30 am**  
**Northwest Corner at the intersection of Illinois Route 176 and Mt. Thabor Road, Crystal Lake**  
**Parking at this location is limited, and admission is open to the first 20 registrants.**  
**Admission: TBD. Registration opens 4/1/23**  
**Rain Date: May 21, 9:00 - 10:30 am**

## June 2023

### CHEERS TO 60 YEARS MUSEUM OPENING

Join us as we officially kick off our 60th year with a friendraising party in honor of 60 years of collecting, preserving, and sharing the county's history! Musical entertainment, Food trucks, and 6 breweries will be on-site to provide fun, food and beverages\*.

**Friday, June 2, 2023 - 5:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**McHenry County Historical Society & Museum**  
**6422 Main Street, Union**  
**Admission: FREE - \*Food & alcoholic beverages available for purchase**

### OAKLAND CEMETERY WALK

Join local historian and McHenry County cemetery expert Trudie Dryer as she takes you on a walking tour where you will revisit the lives of Civil War soldiers, learn about the purpose and residents of the Potter's field, and discuss the lives of some of those interred, for whom Oakland was not their first place of cemetery residence!

**Saturday, June 3, 2023 - 9:00 - 10:30 am**  
**13707 West Jackson Street, Woodstock**  
**Admission is open to the first 40 registrants.**  
**Admission: TBD. Registration opens 4/1/23**  
**Rain Date: June 4, 9:00 - 10:30 am**

## July 2023

### ANNUAL HERITAGE FAIR

Food, entertainment and fun for the whole family!

**Sunday, July 9, 2023 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**McHenry County Historical Society & Museum**  
**6422 Main Street, Union**  
**Admission: FREE.**

## August 2023

### THE REINTRODUCTION OF NATIVE AMERICANS INTO ILLINOIS

Chief White Winnebago will introduce participants to the culture and history of the Ho-Chunk nation. He will examine the history of his tribal territory and settlements, how his family was relocated into Starved Rock, tribal names and culture, his regalia, and artifacts.

**Saturday, August 26, 2023 - 2:00 pm**  
**McHenry County Historical Society & Museum**  
**6422 Main Street, Union**  
**Admission: \$8 MCHS members, \$10 nonmembers**

## September 2023

### DID BLACK LIVES MATTER IN EARLY ILLINOIS? VOICES FROM THE BRINK OF SLAVERY AND FREEDOM

In the first years of statehood, the Illinois legislature included a number of proslavery advocates who made a bold attempt in 1824 to change the Constitution to allow slavery. Who were these voices advocating for a permanent constitutional change to allow slavery? And who stood up against them, preserving the free state of Illinois we know?

**Saturday, September 9, 2023 - 2:00 pm**  
**McHenry County Historical Society & Museum**  
**6422 Main Street, Union**  
**Admission: \$8 MCHS members, \$10 nonmembers**

## October 2023

### ANNUAL CIDER FEST

Food, entertainment and fun for the whole family!

**Sunday, October 1, 2023 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**McHenry County Historical Society & Museum**  
**6422 Main Street, Union**  
**Admission: FREE**

### ANNUAL AUTUMN DRIVE

Food, entertainment and fun for the whole family!

**Friday - Sunday, October 13 - 15, 2023 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
**McHenry County Historical Society & Museum**  
**6422 Main Street, Union**  
**Admission: FREE**

## December 2023

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Vintage Display of historic holiday memorabilia

**Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**McHenry County Historical Society & Museum**  
**6422 Main Street, Union**  
**Admission: Free for Members, \$6 for nonmembers**



## Ways You Can Become a Part of the Story

- BECOME A MEMBER
- VISIT THE MUSEUM OR ONE OF OUR HISTORIC PROPERTIES
- ATTEND AN EVENT OR PROGRAM
- LEND FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- BECOME A BUSINESS SPONSOR OR ADVERTISER
- DONATE MCHENRY COUNTY RELATED FAMILY, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION ARTIFACTS AND DOCUMENTS
- BOOK A SCHOOL FIELD TRIP
- FIND OUT ABOUT ADULT/GROUP PROGRAMS
- EXPLORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- RESEARCH TOPICS OF INTEREST
- PLAQUE YOUR HISTORIC HOME
- FOLLOW THE BARN QUILT TRAIL

### ANSWERS, HOW-TOS AND MORE CAN BE FOUND AT [GOTHISTORY.ORG](http://GOTHISTORY.ORG)

The McHenry County Historical Society & Museum looks forward to all opportunities to welcome and recognize all the people whose stories and contributions have endowed our community with its rich history.

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

**Contact us at [Info@McHenryCountyHistory.org](mailto:Info@McHenryCountyHistory.org) or 815-923-2267**

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**6422 MAIN STREET, UNION, IL 60180**  
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