

2016 New Member & Renewal Information

Your membership dues provide valuable support for the Winfield Historical Society.

Annual Membership Dues:

- Individual \$15
- Family \$25
- Senior \$10
- Student \$10
- Affiliations \$40

Please complete the following and mail with your dues to:

Winfield Historical Society
P.O. Box 315
Winfield, IL 60190

First Name _____

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Affiliations

Western DuPage Chamber of
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Winfield Public Library

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Association

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Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

American Association of State and
Local History

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WINFIELD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2016 Program & Event Schedule

The Winfield Historical Society was chartered in 1978 by citizens of Winfield interested in preserving the village's history.

Mission Statement

To support a living historical center to foster education and appreciation of the history of Winfield and vicinity.

In August, 1981, the Society had the original depot in the village moved to park district property to preclude its destruction. The Village of Winfield had purchased the property on which the building stood for parking and expansion of the Village Hall. The building was acquired by the Winfield Historical Society with the understanding that it would be moved.

The depot was the first building in Winfield and is the oldest remaining depot in the State of Illinois. In 1849 when the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad completed construction of track as far as Winfield, John Hedges built this depot, where he served as the first stationmaster and postmaster. Over the years Hedges Station has also served as a post office, tavern, general store, and residence. For over seventy-five years it was the home of the Besch family. The depot was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but was removed after it was relocated. The original part of the building has been restored to re-create the 1849 depot. The additions have been improved and are used as a museum focusing on the Winfield area. The Winfield Historical Society has an office at the building and meetings are held there.

2016 Programs

**“Below Stairs” featuring Leslie Goddard
Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.**

Just in time for the Downton Abbey series finale! Leslie Goddard portrays Margaret Powell, a kitchen maid and cook who worked in several stately English homes in the 1920s. Powell shares stories about the work it took to run a wealthy household .

**“Please Call Me Amy” featuring Ellie Carlson
Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the centennial + 1 of the McCormicks' wedding as well as the family's Scotch-Irish heritage. Carlson portrays Amy McCormick at Cantigny and recreates the character for us. Learn about her service in the Red Cross and her painting and riding at Cantigny.

**Winfield Historical Society Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.**

**Followed by “History of Gary’s Mill” featuring Dr. Robert Greer
7:30 p.m.**

Village Trustee Dr. Robert Greer is the local expert on Gary's Mill. Let's celebrate our heritage this month at the annual meeting and learn about our connection to the Gilded Age of the late 19th century.

**“Christy Mathewson” featuring Craig Pierce
Thursday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.**

Our Summer Reading theme is sports, and Pierce portrays America's first sports hero. Hear about his accomplishments on and off the field, meet personalities from baseball's “deadball era,” learn the circumstances of his early death, and participate in a simulated baseball radio broadcast.

**“Mudslinging, Muckraking, and Apple Pie” featuring Terry Lynch
Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.**

How did political campaign craziness get started? In this program, hear the stories of the mudslinging and muckraking of the Jefferson v. Adams campaign of 1800, the Jackson v. Adams of 1828, the Lincoln v. Douglas of 1860, and Grant v. ANYONE! Also covered is the 1912 campaign when Teddy Roosevelt started his OWN political party.

**“WPA and CCC in DuPage County” featuring Michelle Podkowa
Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.**

Podkowa, an educator from the DuPage County Historical Museum, talks to us about the projects undertaken in our area by these two Depression-era programs.

The Historical Society presents the programs in partnership with the Winfield Public Library. Programs will held at the Winfield Public Library, 0S291 Winfield Rd. For more information about the library, call (630) 653-7599 or visit www.winfield.lib.il.us.

We appreciate your suggestions!

What program topics would be of interest to you?

What day trips would you enjoy?

Interests:

Publicity _____ Gardening _____

Website _____ Run planning _____

Other

2016 Events

Winfield Good Old Days—Saturday, September 10

9:00 a.m. Walking Tour of Historic Winfield—meet at John’s Restaurant & Tavern. An Open House at Hedges Station follows the Walking Tour. 12:00 noon—Awards Ceremony for the Coloring Contest and Passport programs. The passport program is sponsored by the Kane DuPage Regional Museum Association to encourage youth interest in local museums. The ceremony will be held at Hedges Station.

The Holiday Open House is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 4 at Hedges Station from 1:30—3:30 p.m.

Hedges Station is open every Wednesday from 10:00a.m.—4:00 p.m., March through October.