2020 Special Events and Sponsorship Overviews
Dear Valued Community Partner,

The St. Charles History Museum is currently in the planning stages of our 2020 slate of events – and we need your help to make this year a success! Nearly 75% of the St. Charles History Museum’s operating and event expenses are paid for through fundraisers, sponsorships, and donations, allowing us to excel in our mission of preserving St. Charles’ over 185 years of history and educating residents and visitors alike about our beautiful community.

Each event that we have planned for this year comes with its own perks in exchange for your generous support. One of the most unique things about history is that we live it every day, and we write our collective story together.

It is our sincere hope that you will support our efforts in creating buzz for these exciting events by donating whatever you can – be it through financial support, providing prize or auction items, or providing in-kind services.

In return of your support, you or your company will be featured in promotional signage and materials for the events, on social media and our website, receive complimentary tickets, and credit in promotional press releases.

Thank you for your support and consideration in assisting us in planning and carrying out these exciting events. If you have any further questions about the events, please do not hesitate to contact the Museum directly.

Sincerely,

The Staff and Board of Directors of the St. Charles History Museum
Throughout the course of its history, businesses have been at the center of the St. Charles community. The stories of these businesses have been ingrained in the culture of our city. Generations of residents have enjoyed the services of family-run businesses like the Blue Goose Market and Colonial Café and Ice Cream, as these companies have grown up along with the community to become true icons of St. Charles.

**Exhibit Sponsored by Sterling Bank**

For 75 years, the St. Charles Paddlewheel Riverboats have churning the gentle water of the Fox River, becoming an icon of recreation and tourism in St. Charles in the process. Founded in 1945 by Chester Anderson and currently operated by the St. Charles Park District, cruises on the paddle boats have developed into a cherished summertime tradition for generations of families from St. Charles and surrounding regions.

**Exhibit Sponsored by the St. Charles Park District**

In observance of the 100th anniversary of women being granted the right to vote, and in the midst of an important Presidential election, join us as we explore the lasting legacy of and local connections to the suffrage movement of the early 1900s, its impact on the women of St. Charles since then, and the stories of some of the most influential women in St. Charles history.

***Presenting sponsor needed!***

Contact Marketing & Public Engagement Manager Tim Kirsininkas at (630) 584-6967 or tkirsininkas@stcmuseum.org to learn more.
2020 SLATE OF EVENTS
As of January 7, 2020

History Happy Hours
First Thursday of Each Month, May – September, 5-7 PM
Looking for something fun to do after work? Grab a few friends and head over to the Museum to mix and mingle with fellow history lovers and learn some new things about your community! Each event will be combined with a short presentation by a local history expert on a different topic.

Moody-Millington Historic House Walk
Saturday, May 30, 11 AM – 4 PM Presented in Partnership with the St. Charles Park District
The Moody-Millington district, located just west of St. Charles’ downtown, was part of the original plot of St. Charles when it was established in 1834. This historic district contains some of the oldest and most unique homes in the entire area, each contributing their own distinct charm and character to our beautiful city. Volunteer docents will provide an overview of the history of each building, and select home will be able to be entered.

All American League Rockford Peaches Living History Day at Pottawatomie Park
Sunday, June 7, 12 PM-5 PM Presented in Partnership with the St. Charles Park District
Step back in time to the World War II era to experience the thrill of Rockford Peaches womens baseball! After many baseball players were deployed to fight on the front lines during the war, baseball fans on the homefront still longed for the love of the game, and women stepped up to play in a league of their own. Come enjoy a game demonstration at a historic World War II-era baseball diamond and meet and greet with some of the players!

Roaring Back to the 20s Fundraiser at Dunham Riding Club
Saturday, June 20, 5-9 PM
Dig out your flapper dresses, tuxes, and dancing shoes for an exclusive evening at the Dunham Riding Club as we welcome back the 20s in style! This is an event that the Col. Baker himself would be proud of. Enjoy drinks, music, and a three-course meal at this historic venue. Plus, be sure to participate in our 50/50 raffle to support the Museum’s efforts and bid on fabulous prizes from our sponsors.

History Happy Hour Paddlewheel Cruise Aboard the Fox River Queen
Thursday, July 25, 5-7 PM Presented in Partnership with the St. Charles Park District
Join us for a beautiful historic tour at sunset aboard an icon of St. Charles, the Fox River Queen! Enjoy drinks and appetizers and learn about the history of St. Charles and the Fox River Valley. A Museum tour guide will set the stage for you as you experience travel from the era of Mark Twain.
Women’s Suffrage Exhibit Opening Reception
*Friday, August 28, 5-7 PM*
In this special exhibit, the Museum will present an exploration of local connections to the women’s suffrage movement and fight for equality during the 1910s and 20s, its impact on the women of St. Charles since then, and the stories of some of the most influential women in St. Charles history. Join us for a special reception for VIP invitees and Museum Members and enjoy hors oeuvres and drinks and meet and greet with Museum staff and the exhibit curators.

Grave Reminders Cemetery Walks
*Saturday, September 26, 11 AM-4 PM and Friday, October 23 7:30 – 8:30 PM*
Join us at St. Charles’ historic North Cemetery to walk between the gravestones and “meet” some of St. Charles’ most influential historic figures. Actors will present the stories of each individual at their actual grave sites and tell the stories of their hopes, their dreams, their loves, and their losses. Trained docents will also provide an overview of some of the unique architecture of the cemetery and its symbolism and meanings.

Mystery History Downtown St. Charles Pub Crawl
*Thursday, October 1, 6-9 PM*  
*Presented in Partnership with the St. Charles Park District*
Join on us on an exploration of St. Charles’ historic downtown and learn about some of St. Charles’ spooky stories that are hiding in plain sight. Along the tour route, stop in to a few local establishments for some food and drinks, and end for dinner at a local restaurant.

Holiday Homecoming Hotspot
*Saturday, November 28, 3-8 PM*
Heading out to take in the Holiday Homecoming Electric Lights Parade? Stop into the Museum and warm up with us! Enjoy cookies, cider, and a kids craft, pus face painting, and an appearance by Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer!

For the most updated information, visit [www.stcmuseum.org/events](http://www.stcmuseum.org/events)
SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Sponsorships available on a per event or per exhibit basis.
In-kind sponsorships also available for most events.

$250 Baker Sponsor
Available for all events and exhibits
- Business logo on promotional signage
- Sponsor acknowledgment and logo on signage at event or in exhibit
- Recognition on event webpage

$500 McCornack Sponsor
Available for all events and exhibits
- Business logo on all promotional signage
- Sponsor acknowledgment and logo on signage at event or in exhibit
- Recognition on event webpage
- Option to provide printed business info or promotional material at event

$1,000 Farnsworth Sponsor
Available for all events and exhibits
- Business logo on all promotional signage
- Sponsor acknowledgment and logo on signage at event or in exhibit
- Recognition on event webpage
- Verbal recognition at event or exhibit opening reception
- Option to provide printed business info or promotional material at event
- Option to hold an information table at event
- Dedicated acknowledgment post on social media

The St. Charles History Museum, also known as the St. Charles Heritage Center, is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, and as such all donations to the Museum are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law, and no goods or services were received in return for this gift. Our FEIN number is 51-0168405. Our Illinois sales tax exemption number is 9962-1622-05.
$1,500 Farnsworth Sponsor
Available only for Moody-Millington House Walk, Roaring 20s Fundraiser, and Womens’ Suffrage Exhibit
- Business logo on all promotional signage
- Sponsor acknowledgment and logo on signage at event or in exhibit
- Recognition on event webpage
- Verbal recognition at event or exhibit opening reception
- Option to provide printed business info or promotional material at event
- Option to hold an information table at event
- Dedicated acknowledgment post on social media
- Recognition in print and electronic newsletters
- Two complimentary tickets for Roaring 20s Fundraiser

$3,000 Norris Sponsor
Available only for Roaring 20s Fundraiser and Womens’ Suffrage Exhibit
- Business logo on all promotional signage
- Sponsor acknowledgment and logo on signage at event or in exhibit
- Recognition on event webpage
- Verbal recognition at event or exhibit opening reception
- Option to provide printed business info or promotional material at event
- Option to hold an information table at event
- Dedicated acknowledgment post on social media
- Recognition in print and electronic newsletters
- Opportunity to speak at event or exhibit opening

$5,000 Presenting Sponsor
Available only for Roaring 20s Fundraiser and Womens’ Suffrage Exhibit
- Business logo on all promotional signage
- Sponsor acknowledgment and logo on signage at event or in exhibit
- Recognition on event webpage
- Verbal recognition at event or exhibit opening reception
- Option to provide printed business info or promotional material at event
- Option to hold an information table at event
- Dedicated acknowledgment post on social media
- Recognition in print and electronic newsletters
- Opportunity to speak at event or exhibit opening
- Opportunity to provide branded giveaways at event
- Table for 10 at Roaring 20s Fundraiser
- VIP Invitations to Exhibit Opening Event
- Other customized opportunities available
STAFF DIRECTORY

General Inquiries
info@stcmuseum.org
(630) 584-6967

Alison Costanzo, Executive Director
director@stcmuseum.org
Cell: (630) 936-3404

Tim Kirsininkas, Marketing & Public Engagement Manager
tkirsininkas@stcmuseum.org
Cell: (630) 217-9601

Amanda Helfers, Collections & Exhibitions Manager
amandahelfers@stcmuseum.org
Cell: (630) 347-3262

MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Corbett, President – Pat Pretz, Vice President – Barb Stilling, Secretary
Helen Jiang, Treasurer – Ed Klosowki, Past President – Tom Anderson
Vanessa Bell-LaSota - Joyce Creiger – Brian Henry – Diane Hemmingsen
Anna Meltzer - Nancy Wolfe – David Pietryla, City Liaison
Bob Matson, Member Emeritus – Kathy Brens, Member Emeritus

The St. Charles History Museum, also known as the St. Charles Heritage Center, is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, and as such all donations to the Museum are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law, and no goods or services were received in return for this gift. Our FEIN number is 51-0168405. Our Illinois sales tax exemption number is 9962-1622-05.