

Calendar of Events

November

Chicago Cultural Center November 16th 6pm

Making History- Frank Lloyd Wright
<http://bit.ly/2IssCpC>

Monee Historical Society November 9th 7 pm

Hidden in Plain Sight: Quilts and the Underground Railroad

December

Appling House December 6th 5 pm
Christmas Potluck at Barnicopia on Rt. 64

Naper Settlement December 10th 4pm
Old-Fashioned Christmas with Rochelle Pennington
<http://bit.ly/2z0oGBK>

January

Lisle History Museum January 21st 2pm
Treasures from the Vault: History of Quilts: Wisconsin Museum of Quilts

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Wheaton Historic Success– Seven Gables Mansion Saved!

Chicago Golf Club located in Wheaton, Illinois was created in 1894 and is the oldest 18 hole course in North America. Its club house was designed by Jarvis Hunt who also designed many of the surrounding "cottages" for CGC members.



The largest and most elegant of these cottages was Jarvis Hunt's 1897 magnificently designed Seven Gables mansion; standing three stories with over 10,000 square feet of interior space.

Seven Gables passed through several owners, the last being the IBVM nuns. Due to a dwindling number of sisters, in 2015 they decided to sell Loretto Convent to Pulte Builders. On 11/14/2016

Pulte presented to the Wheaton City Council a concept plan for Loretto Club – 48 houses on 15 acres and the demolition of Seven Gables. Pulte was seeking a zoning change from I-1 (institutional) to R-2 (residential). Due to a flaw in Wheaton's zoning ordinance, City Council assured Pulte they could keep the existing I-1 zoning and then would not need a PUD or easements. We knew we were in for a fight considering Pulte's history of buying legacy properties and putting in cookie cutter developments.

Pulte had agreed in a public meeting to give Seven Gables to anyone who would move it, but did nothing to publicize this, so one morning I woke up and thought – "I'll put Seven Gables on Craigs List." So I did. Within 8 hours I had over 100 email inquiries. Due to an angry Pulte reaction, my ads in Chicago and Atlanta (Pulte's corporate office) were removed without permission, but the word had gotten out. We ended up getting tons of inquiries from the media including the CBS/Channel 2 news at 10 pm and WBEZ!

We almost had the Wheaton Park District convinced to accept Seven Gables and move it into the adjoining Seven Gables Park but that fell through. In the end Pulte did get approval from City Council to begin their work and demolish Seven Gables. But at the 11th hour a private couple stepped forward and agreed to purchase two lots in Loretto Club from Pulte and move Seven Gables 500 feet to safety. Seven Gables Lives!



- Nancy Flannery

Wheaton Historic Preservation Commission

Meet Our New NI-HL Directors:

Sarah Cain – Director

Sarah Cain is the Curator of Manuscripts at the Regional History Center at Northern Illinois University. She is also the interim Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections through June 2018. Sarah has earned her Digital Archives Specialist Certificate through the Society of American Archivists and oversees electronic and born-digital records for the Distinctive Collections at NIU. Prior to coming to Northern, she worked in Rare Books and Special Collections at the St. Louis Public Library where she managed the St. Louis Media Archives. Sarah has held various positions in archives, museums, and rare books and special collections throughout her career.

Ron Arnold – Director



Ron Arnold retired from Robert Morris University after 35 years of service as faculty and as high level official. He is on the Chicago Loop Alliance Board and the Chicago Central Area Committee Board. He actively participated in the Central Association of College and University Business Officers and the National

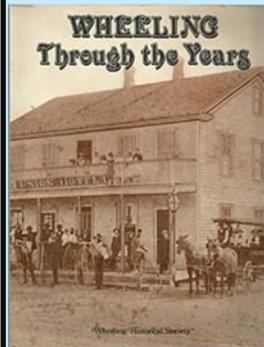
Association of College and University Business Officers. At that time, he served on the Comprehensive/Doctoral Institutions Council. Locally, he has served on the boards of the Crete and Monee Area Chambers of Commerce and was appointed to the Financial Oversight Committee of Crete-Monee School District 201U. Ron represents the Monee Historical Society. He holds a BS in Finance and a Masters in Business Administration from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Leslie Goddard - Director



Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., is an award-winning living-history interpreter and public speaker who has been portraying famous women in history for more than a dozen years, appearing before audiences in more than 15 states. A lifelong resident of Illinois, she is the author of two books on Chicago history and currently works full-time as a living-history performer and lecturer. She holds a master's degree in theater from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. in American studies and U.S. history from Northwestern University. She served as director of the Graue Mill and Museum in Oak Brook, IL, before founding her own business as a full-time solo performer and lecturer.

3rd Edition of "Wheeling Through the Years" now available with enhanced index



Originally published in 1987, *Wheeling Through the Years* is an account of the history of Wheeling, Illinois. Written in narrative style, Interviews with over 50 residents showcase the growth of this town from a farming community to a suburban village. Chapters include Yankee and German Farmers, Milwaukee Avenue, Restaurant Row, Commerce and Industry, Prohibition, Suburbanization, Pal-Waukee Airport, and more.

The expanded index now includes place names, street names, businesses, organizations, schools, neighborhoods, etc., making it particularly useful for doing genealogy research or local history studies. Description: Paper, 8.5x11 in., 269 p., 127 b&w photos, b&w maps Price: \$30.00 + \$7.50 S/H

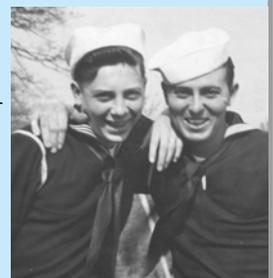
Contact: curator@wheelinghistoricalsociety.com to purchase your copy today.

Congratulations to these recent additions to the National Register of Historic Places! <http://bit.ly/2fj2NG4>



Little White School Museum Honors Local Veterans

Brothers Bill (left) and John Wayne mug for the camera before leaving Oswego for the Pacific Theatre during World War II. The brothers are among hundreds of Oswego area veterans, from the Civil War through the modern wars, who will be honored when Oswego's Little White School Museum hosts their "Remembering Our Veterans" exhibit Nov. 4-12, at the museum, 72 Polk Street, Oswego.



The exhibit opens Saturday, Nov. 4, with a special Oswegoland Heritage Association member appreciation day, and then continues daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit will be open until 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day. Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

For more information, call the museum at 630-554-2999 or email info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org.