

2020 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 _____

Last Name _____

Business/Organization

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

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Affiliations

Greater Winfield Chamber of
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Winfield Park District

Winfield Public Library

Kane DuPage Regional Museum
Association

Illinois Heritage Association

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

American Association of State and
Local History

National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Hedges Station Museum is located at:
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Winfield, IL 60190



WINFIELD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2020 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.

2020 Programs

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 pm

“The Underground Railroad in Illinois” featuring Terry Lynch

Told from the perspective of an owner of a “safe house” in Illinois, hear how they were used as a stopping point for the slaves to gain rest and nourishment before going on to safety in Canada. Several safe houses in the Chicagoland area will be highlighted.

Thursday, March 19, 7:00 pm

“Devils in the White City” featuring Richard Lindberg

Richard Lindberg covers the lurid history of some of Chicago’s most fiendish “Gaslight Era” killers such as H.H. Holmes. He also profiles killers outside Chicago such as Lizzie Borden and Amy Archer Gilligan – the inspiration for the movie and play “Arsenic and Old Lace.”

Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 pm

“A History of St. James Farm” featuring Kevin Davis

Join Kevin Davis, St. James Farm Forest Preserve Lead Researcher and Volunteer Interpreter, for an insightful and lively overview of the history of the farm. The presentation will include an overview of the buildings, farm life, and a brief insight into the lives of the McCormick family. Several historical photos and materials from Davis’ collection will be highlighted.

Thursday, July 16, 7:00 pm

“Chicago Landmarks” featuring Jim Gibbons

Dan Ryan, Jane Byrne, Bessie Coleman, and Casimir Pulaski – these are all familiar names. Yet, who were these people and why do they hold such a place of honor in Chicago? Historian Jim Gibbons will explain that and more about Chicago’s most well-known landmarks and the famous names behind them.

Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 pm

“The Long Road to Victory” featuring Annette Baldwin

This year marks the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. Annette Baldwin portrays five woman suffrage leaders in a series of vignettes that present their experiences and express their views.

Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 pm

“The History of Coca Cola” featuring Dick Volker

A long-time Coca Cola employee tells us how a formula concocted by a pharmacist for baby colic; baseball; and World War II were instrumental in the creation and expansion of the most readily recognized and successful corporation in the world.

2020 Events

Winfield Good Old Days—Saturday, September 12

9:00 a.m. Walking Tour of Historic Winfield. 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.

Hedges Station is open Tuesdays 3-5, Wednesdays, 10-4, and Thursdays 3-5. In addition to the open hours, appointments can be made with the curator for private tours or research assistance.

The Historical Society presents the programs in partnership with the Winfield Public Library. Programs will be held at the Winfield Public Library, 0S291 Winfield Rd. Registration is recommended for the programs. 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
