Museum Musings

from the Stockton Heritage Museum
summer 2025

Calendar for the 2025 Season:

- July 15, Tuesday 6 pm-The Last Great Train Robbery -The Rail Heist at Rondout, Il. Presenter Alan Wenzel
- August 5, Tuesday - 6 pm - Road Scholar Kim Sigafus - Singing Bird and the Importance of Native American Women in Illinois History
- September and October - Programs on Lost Settlements in our Townships TBA
- November 9, 2 pm Annual Meeting
- December- Holiday Open House TBA

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We thank all the donors for your generous support of your Stockton Heritage Museum. Many folks donate through cash donations. We have had several members ask about donations of stocks to the museum, and so we have opened a brokerage account. For those who wish to donate in this manner, please call the museum at 815-947-2220. We also have donations in honor or memory of loved ones. We place the names of the honored on plaques displayed in the museum.

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Museum Board Members:

Terry Buske, Peg Drane, Warren Dixon, Leslie Bonvillain, Jan Steffens, Deb Huso, Tom Heidenreich, Ann Coppernoll, Pauline Craig

Museum Hours:

Saturday - 10 am -2 pm
Sunday – 11 am -2 pm

Thank you to all who have donated wedding dresses to the museum.

We have on display a number of dresses, from late 1800s to more recent times.

Margaret Albrecht *to* Conrad Kaeb
1911

The View of the Museum Windows at Night

Check out the windows at the museum. They change monthly, with the west window always highlighting our veterans and military history. Currently displayed are women of Stockton who have served in our Armed Forces. You can look forward to displays related to America 250, our birthday celebration coming in 2026.

The upper windows highlight two women who supported the growth of Stockton. Mary Pitcher Peters, entrepreneur and daughter of L.D. Pitcher of Pitcherville, (left window) and Dr. Loretta Backus Lyons, D.O. (right) and doctor for the athletic teams at Stockton High School in the 30s and 40s (right window).

Adventures in Stockton

We invite you to explore downtown Stockton through our Adventures in Stockton program. There are brochures at the museum that note buildings of interest, and the buildings themselves have a QR code label on a window of the building telling their history.

Many of our buildings are in the Queen Anne style, and built between 1890, the incorporation date of Stockton, and the early 1900s.

And remember, Stockton Main Street Is the highest elevation Main Street in Illinois!
See the High Points of Stockton!

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