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# TIME & PLACE

*Carol Stream Historical Society News*

## TAKING NOTE

We are looking forward to September and October! The Country Fair at the Farm House on September 16 promises to be a good old fashioned day of fun for the whole family. Our annual meeting will feature a program with local history buff, Bob Jacobsen and October will find us inviting guests to join us for a fabulous program by sensory illusionist, Jeanette Andrews. These events offer history from three unique perspective and we hope you will join us for one or all three.

In August, we were pleased to partner with the Carol Stream Public Library for the Hamilton program with Leslie Goddard. Look for more such programs in the future. Partnering with local groups and organizations is important to us. There are so many possibilities. Have an idea? Let's talk. We would love to hear from you.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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# CSHS ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Farmhouse, 301 W Lies Road. Parking is available in the Hampe Park lot. Election of officers and other annual business takes place at this brief meeting which will include a guest speaker.



Robert Jacobsen, local historian and chairman of the Milton Township Cemetery Authority, will present insights into the history of the area with emphasis on St. Stephen Cemetery and grounds. The Cemetery Authority has worked for a number of years to restore the cemetery and to preserve the site which once included St Stephen Catholic Church. The group's work unearthed a well on the premises which yielded a number of

artifacts. Mr. Jacobsen's presentation will highlight the artifacts which will be on display. This event includes a Q & A opportunity.

Robert Jacobsen has worked tirelessly to preserve and restore two other pioneer cemeteries in addition to St. Stephen's. Jewell Cemetery in Wheaton (ca. 1852) and Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Wheaton (ca. 1845) have been restored due to the efforts of the Milton Township Cemeteries Authority.

Want to know more? Attend the St. Stephen's Remembrance Day. Mark your calendar for the annual Remembrance Day at St. Stephen Cemetery on Saturday, September 2 at 11:00 a.m. The cemetery is located along the Great Western Trail on the north side of St. Charles Road between Gary Avenue and Schmale Road. Visitors may walk the cemetery, celebrate its history, and even see the bell that once called worshipers to St. Stephen Church. Access is limited but attendees may park behind Ozinga Concrete and walk to the site. The Friends of Pioneer Cemeteries organization will be on hand to offer the opportunity to become a member and help support the preservation of the pioneer cemeteries.



# WE DID

## "JUST PLAY!"

Though the weather outside was not delightful, the Carol Stream Park District's annual *JustPlay!* event went on as scheduled with a few changes. We were there! The CSHS, along with many other community groups and organizations, moved indoors with their activities. The Society was kept busy assisting participants in creating colorful kites. The activity was a hit.





# OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY FAIR - SEPTEMBER 16

- Milk a cow.
- Shop the Mercantile.
- Tour the Farmhouse.
- Buy a Book.
- Play Old-Fashioned Games.
- Snack on Popcorn.

You can do any or all of these at the CSHS Old Fashioned Country Fair on September 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy this event free of charge. Country Fair has something for everyone in the family. Come and bring your friends for a little step back in time and a day of fun.



## Old Fashioned Country Fair

**Free!**

*Carol Stream Historical Society's  
Family Day at the Farmhouse  
301 Lies Road, Carol Stream*

**Saturday, September 16**  
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



**Milk Maggie the Cow**  
*Courtesy of Kline Creek Farm*

**House Tours**  
*11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.*

**Old Time Games**

**Shop the Mercantile**  
*Gently used and hand crafted items for purchase*

**Used Book Sale**





## PARADING BY ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

It wouldn't be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July without a parade and Carol Stream has a great one. The Society participated again this year in the annual parade which this year focused on a "Celebrate America" theme. Society members decked out in red, white and blue carried "We Want You!" signs and American flags. Josh Leonhard provided a classy backdrop with his shiny red Mustang convertible. The star of the entry was Uncle Sam, however, who stopped frequently for photos and was featured on the front page of that week's *Carol Stream Examiner*. CSHS member, Michael Kenneally, portrayed Uncle Sam.





# LOOKING UP



If you visited the Carol Stream Library during June, you may have noticed the large board display provided by the Historical Society. Vintage photos and historic tidbits were featured. If you would like to know more about Carol Stream history, you may wish to check out the Society's website at [www.CarolStreamHistorical.com](http://www.CarolStreamHistorical.com). There visitors will find event photos, past newsletters, and information regarding the contents of the Society's archives along with an extensive finding aid.

Community members are always welcome to attend Society meetings. See the website for dates and locations. Regular meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month, January through October. Meetings are generally held at the Carol Stream Public Library and begin at 7:00 p.m.



# KINDERGARTEN KIDS VISIT

In late May, the Society hosted nearly 60 kindergarten students and their teachers from Carol Stream School. The students were introduced to some of the chores they may have performed if they had been living on a farm in the late 1800's. Each group tried the outdoor water pump, learned about the windmill, and checked out the apple orchard. Students also were introduced to period clothing and how clothing was washed by scrubbing laundry on a washboard. They even hung clothing on a clothesline to dry.

In the kitchen, the children helped prepare a typical 1870's school lunch. A docent cut thick slices of bread which they then spread with butter and honey. An apple and a piece of cheese were added to the lunch and all was wrapped in muslin before being placed in a small basket.



The kindergarten classes discovered that there weren't electric lights on the farm during the 1870's. Kerosene lanterns (sans kerosene) were displayed and the students learned about filling the lamps, polishing the chimneys, and trimming the wicks.

*Age appropriate programs on local history may be scheduled by area schools, scout groups, clubs etc. by contacting the Carol Stream Historical Society at 630.217.1868 or through the Society website at [www.CarolStreamHistorical.com](http://www.CarolStreamHistorical.com)*



*IT'S AN ILLUSION THAT WILL TAKE  
YOUR BREATH AWAY!*



The Carol Stream Historical Society will host *Perceive*, an evening of elegant illusions with Jeanette Andrews on Thursday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Farmhouse, 301 W Lies Road. Jeanette weaves illusions together with tales of folklore and scientific oddities from the early to mid-1900's, creating a truly magical experience. Join us for an evening that will leave you enthralled and enchanted! Visit

[www.jeanetteandrews.com](http://www.jeanetteandrews.com) to learn more about this amazing artist.

Tickets in Advance - \$15.00  
To reserve, please call 630-665-0686  
(Space is limited. Sorry, no refunds)

Jeanette Andrews began performing magic at the age of four and gave her first professional at six. She has presented artistic performances for thousands at international conferences, prominent museums and galleries, sold-out theaters, and for special events across the United States. Don't miss this opportunity to be dazzled by her illusions in our unique Historic Farmhouse setting.



# FUTURE

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**AUGUST 22**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
CS Public Library  
7pm

**SEPTEMBER 16**  
**OLD FASHIONED**  
**COUNTRY FAIR**  
Historic Farmhouse  
10am to 2pm

**SEPTEMBER 26**  
**ANNUAL MEETING &**  
**SPEAKER BOB JACOBSEN**  
Historic Farmhouse  
7pm

**OCTOBER 5**  
*Perceive*  
with illusionist Jeanette  
Andrews  
Historic Farmhouse  
10am

**OCTOBER 24**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
CS Public Library  
7pm

**\*\*Meeting location change**

**\*Please note that in the event of a change of meeting date or location, information will be posted on the Society's website: CarolStreamHistorical.com**



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