

# ACRE

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OUR FARMING HERITAGE

**MARCH 14  
THROUGH  
AUGUST 10**

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

**ELMHURST  
HISTORY  
MUSEUM**

**Calendar of Events:  
March - August 2025**

**NEW EXHIBIT**



**MARCH 14 - AUGUST 10, 2025**

A new exhibit is putting down roots at the Elmhurst History Museum! Learn about the rich history of farming in the western suburbs with *Acre by Acre: Our Farming Heritage*.

From 1850 – 1950, the area of DuPage County, located just 10 miles west of Chicago, was home to farming families and small towns. This new exhibit explores how settlers transformed the land into a thriving farming community, despite facing challenges. These pioneering families supported themselves through subsistence farming before transitioning to commercial farming, contributing to Illinois' agricultural legacy.

Through historic artifacts, photographs, and a variety of interactive elements, this family-friendly exhibit showcases the evolution of the agricultural industry in DuPage County and how it was influenced by emerging technologies, evolving transportation, and more.

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# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## APRIL

### FILM SCREENING

**Babe**

**Friday, April 4; 2 p.m.**

**Location: Elmhurst Public Library**

**Cost: FREE**



Enjoy a free viewing of the 1995 classic, "Babe," a heartwarming and fun story about finding your place in the world. All ages. No registration required.



### GALLERY TALK

**Acre by Acre: Our Farming Heritage**

**Sunday, April 13; 12 p.m.**

**Location: Elmhurst History Museum**

**Register Online: FREE to Members, \$8 Non-Members**

Join Elmhurst History Museum Curator of Exhibits, Sarah Cox, for an exclusive guided tour of the museum's latest exhibit and discover how early settlers transformed the Elmhurst area into a thriving farming community. Sarah will dive into notable local farming families, the evolution of the Chicagoland farming industry, and reveal how this once-farming town developed into the bustling suburb we know today.

## MAY

### ADULT LECTURE

**Lost Elmhurst Landmarks**

**Thursday, May 1; 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center**

**Register Online: FREE to Members, \$8 Non-Members**



In honor of National Historic Preservation Month, Curator of Collections, Dan Lund, will examine Elmhurst's lost architectural landmarks. From retail establishments and churches to private residences, learn more about local buildings originating as early as the late 1800s to structures that remained throughout the 2000s.

## **WORKSHOP**

### **Mother's Day Bouquets**

**Saturday, May 10; 1 - 2:30 p.m.**

*Location:* **Elmhurst History Museum Education Center**

*Register Online:* **\$30**



Create a unique floral arrangement for Mother's Day as we partner with the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners. Workshop attendees will create beautiful spring arrangements through the instruction of Illinois Master Gardener Marlene Ashby. All materials, including flowers and vases, will be provided. Attendees are welcome to bring their own flowers if they wish. Light bites and beverages will be available. Recommended for ages 16+. Space is limited to 15.



## **ADULT LECTURE**

### **Community Roots**

**Sunday, May 18; 12 p.m.**

*Location:* **Churchville Schoolhouse**

*Register Online:* **FREE to Members, \$8 Non-Members**

Visit the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse, located at 3N784 Church Road in Bensenville, for an immersive look into the early days of DuPage County with local historian Jonathan Sebastian. At this National Register of Historic Places site, together with Fischer Farm and nearby Zion Lutheran Church, learn how early settlers lived, worked, worshipped, and how they were educated. Peek into incredible local history and learn how this community started. Space is limited to 30.

# **JUNE**

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

### **Inaugural Elmhurst History Museum Concert**

**Friday, June 6; 6:30 p.m.**

*Location:* **Elmhurst History Museum**

*Cost:* **FREE**



Join the Elmhurst History Museum to celebrate the opening of the museum's new outdoor public performance space and the 50th Anniversary of the museum calling the Glos Mansion home! Enjoy a ribbon cutting and remarks from the Elmhurst History Museum team followed by a performance by musicians of the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra. BYO chairs or blanket, coolers welcome.



### **SPECIAL EVENT**

#### **Jim Gill Kids Concert**

**Sunday, June 22; 2 p.m.**

*Location:* **Elmhurst History Museum**

*Cost:* **FREE**

Clap, jump, dance, and sing along at this energetic, family-friendly concert at the museum's new outdoor performance space. Presented by Musician and Child Development Specialist, Jim Gill, the concert will offer more than a performance - Jim provides an opportunity for children, parents, grandparents, and caregivers to experience the joy of music play together! BYO chairs or blanket, coolers welcome.

## **JULY**



### **SPECIAL EVENT**

#### **Family Farm Fest**

**Sunday, July 13; 1 - 4 p.m.**

*Location:* **Elmhurst History Museum**

*Cost:* **FREE**



Join the Elmhurst History Museum for a family-friendly visit back in time to the early days of Elmhurst. Enjoy live music from Bluegrass band Bourbon Aristocracy, meet chickens, goats, and llamas at the petting zoo, touch a historic tractor, learn about harvesting honey from a beekeeper, try your hand at old fashioned farm chores, and more!



### **KID WORKSHOP**

#### **Museum Maker Monday**

**Monday, July 21; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

*Cost:* **FREE**

*Location:* **Elmhurst History Museum**

Drop in at the museum to explore exhibits on a day reserved for families, play games, and complete a craft (while supplies last). Appropriate for elementary age children accompanied by an adult, no registration required. Craft activity changes monthly.

# AUGUST



## KID WORKSHOP

### Museum Maker Monday

**Monday, August 4; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Location: Churchville Schoolhouse**

**Cost: FREE**

Visit us at the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse, located at 3N784 Church Road in Bensenville, for our second Museum Maker Monday. Enjoy an immersive history experience at this National Register of Historic Places site on a day reserved for families, play games, and complete a craft (while supplies last). Appropriate for elementary age children accompanied by an adult, no registration required.



## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, September 13**  
**2 - 6 p.m. (1 p.m. VIP entry)**



Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest! Enjoy craft beer, seltzer, mead, and cider from over 50 renowned brewers, many of which are from the greater Chicagoland area, live music, great food, and more! Hosted by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, the fest benefits educational programs and exhibits for the museum and Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse. Get your tickets early this year, and at a discount, at our pre-sale event at Pints, 112 South York St, Saturday, June 14 from 6 - 8 p.m. Regular tickets will be available online beginning July 1. Visit [elmhurstcraftbeerfest.com](http://elmhurstcraftbeerfest.com) for additional information.



## REGISTER ONLINE!

To learn more and/or to purchase tickets for upcoming programs & events, please scan the QR code or visit [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org).

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## FOURTH FRIDAYS SUMMER CONCERTS



Enjoy the first summer concert series at the museum's new outdoor performance space! From June - September, experience an eclectic line up of concerts on the Fourth Friday of each month. Free to attend. Chairs, blankets, coolers welcome.

**JUNE 27, 7 P.M.**

**IRVING SISTERS**

**JULY 25, 7 P.M.**

**MORRY SOCHAT AND THE SPECIAL 20S**

**AUGUST 22, 7 P.M.**

**COFFEE JAZZ COLLECTIVE**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 6 P.M.**

**CARPACHO Y SU SUPER COMBO**

*The 2025 concert series is made possible in part by the Dr. Virginia R. Stewart Memorial Fund. View full concert schedule at [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org).*



## SUMMER CAMP 2025

**Museum Explorers Summer Camp**  
**Monday, June 9 - Friday, June 13; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

*Location: **Elmhurst History Museum***  
*Register Online: **\$225/camper***

Designed for children entering grades 2-5 who like to engage in a variety of STEAM activities with an emphasis on learning, cooperation, and fun, Museum Explorers Camp features age-appropriate activities with outdoor playtime and visits to a variety of nearby cultural institutions. This year, campers will explore the history and science of farming in DuPage County with journeys to Graue Mill & Museum, Sheldon Peck Homestead, and more! Camp is limited to 20 campers. **Registration opens at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 20 at [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org).**