

ELMHURST HISTORY MUSEUM

Calendar of Events:
March - May 2024



**EXPLORE OUR NATION'S HOME FRONT
EFFORTS DURING WORLD WAR II**

NEW EXHIBIT



Victory at Home: 1941-1945

March 1 - August 18, 2024

Spurred by the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States entered the Second World War in 1941. At this time, President Roosevelt urged every citizen to answer the call to fight, whether overseas or at home. *Victory at Home: 1941-1945* explores the national effort to support the military during the war, including rationing, women in the workforce, increased war production, purchasing war bonds, and so much more. These efforts taught Americans how to economize and to alleviate the domestic hardships and mental fatigue a nation at war often experiences. The exhibition includes compelling artifacts, photographs, and interactive audio-video stations with hands-on experiences to demonstrate the significant contribution Chicagoland residents, including those in Elmhurst, had on the home front effort. ***Sponsored by:***



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SPECIAL EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

World War II Tasting History

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Location: Elmhurst History Museum
Education Center**

Cost: \$12/person



Why did your grandmother save bacon grease?
What did she use instead of sugar, and why?
Ellie Carlson, founding board member of the Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois, museum curator and actress will examine WWII rationing cooking and its effect on family meals for a full generation. Have some fun with 1940s cooking - it's way better than you might think! Program includes lecture, cooking demonstration, and light tasting. Limit 50.

BONUS EVENT!

Historical Recipe Roadshow

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

Cost: FREE



Before the World War II Tasting History, The Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois (CHNI) will be at the museum seeking handwritten recipes from the Great Depression and World War II eras. Look now for Mom's, Grandma's, Auntie or Dad's recipes for the Cookery Manuscript Project as CHNI will be recording these historic recipes and related family culinary memories for their growing archive.

Bring these to the Historic Recipe Road Show

and meet with a Culinary Historian while recipes are digitally preserved to become part of the CHNI's digital collection. No registration required.

To register or to learn more about the World War II Tasting History or the Historical Recipe Roadshow, please visit elmhursthistory.org or scan the QR code.



SPRING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

MARCH

ADULT LECTURE

The Fly Girls of WWII

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

Cost: FREE to Members, \$5 Non-Members

During WWII, over 1,100 women, led by Jackie Cochran, the "Speed Queen," served their country by flying every military aircraft in the American Armed Forces. Air ferry missions, target practice for artillery crews, and the aircraft maintenance shakedown flights are just a few of the types of missions flown by these American Heroines. Join Rebecca Tulloch, a certified FAA pilot herself, as she tells the story of the Fly Girls of WWII as only a pilot can.



LECTURE & WORKSHOP

Victory Gardens Lecture and Workshop

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

Cost: \$8/person

Learn about the historical significance and contemporary relevance of Victory Gardens with the

Conservation Foundation's Agroecology Educator, Connie Kollmeyer! Attendees will explore the pivotal role they played during times of war as well as the enduring impact they have on sustainable living today. Participants can also get their hands dirty with an heirloom seed starting workshop, learn practical insights and skills to cultivate their own modern victory gardens, and be inspired to continue growing into the future.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Mothers' War: American Women at Home and at the Front During World War II

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Elmhurst History Museum

Cost: FREE

Written by Emily Yellin, the book examines, through interviews, letters, and diaries how WWII changed American women's lives on the home front and in the military. Discussion led by Elmhurst Public Library and EHM staff. Program includes after-hours access to exhibits. Books are available at the library for EPL patrons. **Please email ehmprograms@elmhurst.org to reserve your spot.**



APRIL

GALLERY TALK

By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum, 2nd Floor Gallery

Cost: FREE

Join Curator of Collections Dan Lund in a conversation about the recent additions to our core exhibit, *By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst*. Participants will dive into the latest artifacts and interactives that have renewed the second-floor gallery exhibit, which originally opened in 2015. Additions to the exhibit include a portrait by famed 19th-century artist G.P.A. Healy, a new introduction covering the natural history and indigenous peoples of the region, and a revamped version of our award-winning digital map of Elmhurst.



ADULT LECTURE

From the Camps to Chicago: The Internment of Japanese Americans

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Location: Elmhurst History Museum
Education Center**

Cost: FREE to Members, \$5 Non-Members

Award-winning Author and distinguished Teaching Professor of History at Northern Illinois University, E. Taylor Atkins, will explore the forcible internment of Japanese immigrants and their American-born offspring (Nisei), who were deemed a threat to internal security after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Emphasis will be on life in the camps and the process of reintegration after the war, including the migration of many former internees to Chicago.



MAY

GALLERY TALK

Victory at Home: 1941 - 1945

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Location: Elmhurst History Museum,
1st Floor Gallery**

Cost: FREE



Curator of Exhibits Sarah Cox will lead participants through highlights of the *Victory at Home: 1941 – 1945* exhibit. Includes exclusive access to museum galleries while hearing fascinating stories of the home front, Chicago manufacturing changes, and local veterans while viewing an interesting collection of artifacts and images.

ADULT LECTURE

The Windy City at War: Chicago's Homefront 1941 - 1945

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

Cost: FREE to Members, \$5 Non-Members



After the Great Depression and the attack on Pearl Harbor, it was impossible to escape the impact of WWII. Residents of Chicago and the suburbs sustained the effort to win the war, enduring food and gas rationing while buying war bonds and planting Victory Gardens. They produced much needed war equipment, fed military personnel, and even participated in secret war-related projects. Join Dennis Doyle, professor of history at Joliet Junior College

for an examination of the efforts of the people of Chicago and the suburbs and the impact of the war on them.



REGISTER ONLINE!

To learn more and/or to purchase tickets for programs & events, please visit elmhursthistory.org or scan the QR code.

Please note: To offer a better experience and to reduce added ticketing fees, the Elmhurst History Museum has switched from Eventbrite to TicketSpice as our main ticketing platform for programs & events.

SUMMER CAMP

MUSEUM EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

June 10 - June 14, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Location: **Elmhurst History Museum***



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. On the final day, campers will share their new knowledge with family and friends by building and displaying their own mini exhibition at a cookies and lemonade reception!

- ✓ Monday, June 10: **Elmhurst History Museum**
- ✓ Tuesday, June 11: **Arlington Heights Historical Museum**
- ✓ Wednesday, June 12: **Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art**
- ✓ Thursday, June 13: **DuPage County Historical Museum**
- ✓ Friday, June 14: **Churchville Schoolhouse and Fischer Farm**

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1!

COST: \$225.00/CAMPER



Please scan the QR code or visit elmhursthistory.org for additional information and/or to register a child for Museum Explorers Camp.

Limit 20 campers.

Have questions? Please contact the museum staff via phone at 630-833-1457 or email ehmeducator@elmhurst.org.