

WORLD OF TOMORROW

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

ON VIEW
AUGUST 29, 2025
THROUGH
JANUARY 4, 2026

ELMHURST
HISTORY
MUSEUM

Calendar of Events:

August 2025 - January 2026

EXHIBITS

NEW!

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Sky Ride from Hyde Park Hotel by Carolyn Dow Tyler, watercolor, 1933. Courtesy of Susan Klein Bagdade.

In honor of Chicago's 100th anniversary, the city hosted its second world's fair in 40 years, the Century of Progress International Exposition. The fair spanned over 400 acres of Chicago's lakeshore, showcasing technological innovations and lifting people's spirits during the Great Depression. Our exhibition, *World of Tomorrow: A Century of Progress*, will delve into how the 1933-1934 world's fair symbolized optimism and hope, illustrating Chicago's evolution from a frontier town to a sophisticated metropolis. This world's fair was notably one of the most successful in history, drawing a record-breaking 39 million attendees and featured a distinctive design aesthetic, as evidenced by the numerous souvenirs collected by fairgoers. Revisit this iconic Chicago event through photographs and artifacts, such as fair workers' scrapbooks, toys and collectibles, souvenirs from the International Pavilion, and more!



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The Story of Elmhurst

ONGOING EXHIBIT! Experience Elmhurst's history like never before! Our core exhibit takes visitors on a journey of discovery, exploring how the city has changed and grown over the past 165+ years. The exhibit was recently refreshed with numerous enhancements, including the addition of a portrait by famed 19th-century artist G.P.A. Healy, a new introduction covering the natural history and indigenous peoples of the region, rotating "History Spotlights," as well as a revamped version of our award-winning digital map table of Elmhurst.

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ELMHURST CRAFT BEER FEST

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. (1:00 p.m. early entry)

Location: Elmhurst History Museum

Cost: \$45 General Admission, \$55 Early Access at 1 p.m.,

\$20 Designated Driver (\$55 and \$70 after 9/5)

More information: elmhurstcraftbeerfest.com



Raise a glass for the return of the **10th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest**, held on the beautiful grounds of the Elmhurst History Museum! Enjoy craft beer, cider, mead, and seltzers from over 50 renowned brewers, many of which are from Elmhurst and the surrounding areas, live music, and more.

Hosted by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising arm for the Elmhurst History Museum, the fest benefits educational programs and exhibits for the museum and the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse.



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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

CONCERT

Carpacho y su Super Combo

Friday, September 26; 6 p.m.

Location: **Elmhurst History Museum**

Cost: **FREE**



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with our last 4th Fridays Concert of the season, featuring Salsa and Cumbia band, Carpacho y su Super Combo. Wear your dancing shoes – this group will have you out of your seat and on your feet moving to the beat! Free to attend, please visit our website for additional details.

The 2025 concert series is made possible in part by the Dr. Virginia R. Stewart Memorial Fund.



SPECIAL EVENT

Vintage Baseball Game

Sunday, September 28; 2 p.m.

Location: **Elmhurst University College Mall; 190 S. Prospect Ave. (in front of Hammerschmidt Chapel)**

Cost: **FREE**



Join Elmhurst University alumni and City of Elmhurst staff as they battle for victory in this year's "Town vs. Gown" old-fashioned baseball game, played by the wildly different rules

of 1858. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and get ready to cheer, jeer, and enjoy an afternoon of old-school family fun. Huzzah!



REGISTER ONLINE!

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

OCTOBER

BUS TOUR

Century of Progress Homes in Beverly Shores, Indiana

Wednesday, October 8, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(arrive by 8:45 a.m. for check in)

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

Register Online: \$50 Members, \$55 Non-Members

Experience the 1933-34 Century of Progress as the Elmhurst History Museum visits five homes showcased at the world's fair, located in the beautiful historic district of Beverly Shores, IN. The trip will include a visit to the Depot Museum and Art Gallery, lunch at The Goblin & The Grocer, and a walking tour led by Todd Zeiger, Director of Indiana Landmarks. The homes featured on the tour include the Cypress Log, Florida Tropical, Armco-Ferro, Wieboldt-Rostone, and House of Tomorrow. Price includes admission and transportation. Attendees are responsible for covering their lunch. Space is limited to 35.



SPECIAL EVENT

Graveside Stories Cemetery Walk

Saturday, October 18, 12 - 5 p.m. (tours every 20 minutes)

Location: Churchville Schoolhouse, 1008 S. Church Rd., Bensenville

Register Online: \$12

Join us for a family friendly first-person cemetery walk through the historic Churchville Cemetery and One-Room Schoolhouse and learn about local history through the unique perspectives of early settlers to the Elmhurst area in partnership with GreenMan Theatre Troupe and the Churchville Cemetery Association. Tours last one hour. 15 guests per tour. Please note this walking tour travels through a historic cemetery and the ground may be uneven.

ADULT LECTURE

Origins of the MLB All-Star Game

Sunday, October 26, 12 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

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

Originally billed as a one-time "Game of the Century," the first Major League Baseball All-Star game was held on July 6, 1933, part of the Century of Progress World's Fair, but it has now become a permanent and much-loved fixture of the baseball season. Join avid sports historian and baseball expert, Bruce Allardice, to hear the story of the first All-Star Game and learn more about its enduring impact on baseball.



NOVEMBER



GALLERY TALK

***World of Tomorrow: A Century of Progress* Gallery Talk**
Sunday, November 2; 12 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum

Cost: 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 exploring how the 1933-1934 World's Fair symbolized optimism and hope, while illustrating Chicago as the perfect canvas for showcasing innovation, evolution, and scientific progress. Sarah will share insight into the technological innovations shown during the fair, the unique design aesthetics as well as souvenirs enjoyed by fairgoers, and the overall impact the event had on Chicagoland.

DROP-IN FAMILY EVENT

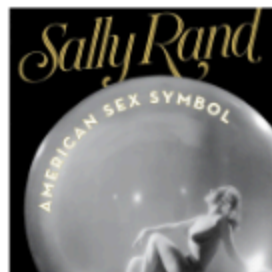
Hands-On History Day

Saturday, November 8; 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

Cost: FREE

Visit the museum to enjoy kid-friendly games, and design and create your own colorful Art Deco themed paper lantern (while supplies last). During the event, guests may also explore the *World of Tomorrow: A Century of Progress* exhibit next door in the museum. Appropriate for elementary age children accompanied by an adult, no registration required.



ADULT LECTURE

Sally Rand: American Sex Symbol
Sunday, November 16; 12 – 1 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

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

During the worst year of the Great Depression, a young Helen Beck became a star. From her humble beginnings in the Ozarks to silent-era Hollywood, Chicago, and beyond, the woman known professionally as Sally Rand broke barriers and challenged taboos wherever she went, immortalized in pop culture as the iconic symbol of the 1933 World's Fair with her famous fan dance. Join local author and historian, William Hazelgrove, for this presentation based on his book, "Sally Rand: American Sex Symbol," to learn more about her remarkable career as a performer and her lasting influence on pop culture.

DECEMBER

SPECIAL EVENT: HOMETOWN HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN DAY



Saturday, December 6; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst City Centre Plaza

Cost: FREE

Come celebrate the holidays in downtown Elmhurst! Enjoy free family fun and games in a large, heated tent near the City Centre Fountain Plaza.

Santa and his friends will be on hand for classic photo opportunities. Guests can enjoy history games and trivia from the Elmhurst History Museum, holiday face painters, free hot chocolate, coffee and treats, and more! Our favorite DJ will be on hand to play all your favorite songs as well!



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WORKSHOP

Fused Glass Pendant Workshop

Saturday, December 13; 1 – 3 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

Cost: \$35

Learn to make fused glass art at our beginner-friendly workshop this holiday season in partnership with Stern Glass Works. Attendees will have the opportunity to create a unique fused glass pendant inspired by the bold colors and design of the Century of Progress World's Fair! Create your own wearable art for yourself or make a one-of-a-kind gift for a loved one. No prior experience is necessary. All materials will be provided, as well as light refreshments. Recommended for ages 16+. Space is limited to 20.

