



Heartbeat of a Community
DOWNTOWN
SYCAMORE



Stop by and see our current exhibit soon! The exhibit will be up until the beginning of October.

If you saw the exhibit earlier in the year, come on back to see some of our updated cases featuring Fargo Motors and the Sycamore Post Office.

“Evening with the Generals”

Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War with the Sycamore History Museum. This event will be on Friday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church. Enjoy listening to Grant and Lee present "Destiny at Appomattox" in wonderful detail. Coffee and dessert will be provided after the program. An entertaining and educational evening for the whole family. Tickets are \$15 a person, and will be available August 2.

What’s Next?

We are working hard on our next exhibit that will explore manufacturing in Sycamore. If you worked at Anaconda, Turner Brass, or any other manufacturing company in town, have artifacts from these businesses, or stories to tell about working, please let us know! We would love to include your items in our exhibit or include your recollections in programs associated with the exhibit.





A Letter From The Director

The Newsletter

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Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday
10:00 - 3:00
Appointments recommended

Admission:

Members Free
\$5.00 for adults
Children 14 and under free

Executive Director

Michelle Donahoe

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Board Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Museum. All members are welcome.

What a wonderful summer I am enjoying out at the museum! SHM kicked off June with a summer concert, and we have been going strong with fun programs and events almost every week. I love seeing familiar faces along with meeting new people at Brown Bag lunches, garden storytimes, and at the museum.

We are launching a new event that I hope will continue to attract new people to the museum. Our Family Fun Days will be held on the second Saturday of the month throughout the summer: July 9, August 13 and September 10. Bring out the family and friends to experience guided tours by our newest volunteers, junior docents; a scavenger hunt; old fashion games; crafts and music. Each Saturday will feature different activities.

This year also marks the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. We will be marking this historic event by hosting "An Evening with the Generals." This will be another great performance featuring Sycamore's Larry Werline as General Grant.

During your next visit, check out our gardens. The garden committee, Master Gardeners, and Girl Scouts are planting, weeding, watering and harvesting food for the Food Pantry. They are a very talented group who have generously put in many hours in our numerous gardens.

Looking to the future, the fall brings a new exhibit to the museum. Another great group of volunteers are working hard this summer to gather information about manufacturing in Sycamore. We are interested in any artifacts, images, and recollections connected to this part of Sycamore's history. Give me a call if have something you would like to share!

As you check out the calendar of events, please consider inviting a friend to join the museum as a member. It is through the support of our members that we are able to keep the museum's doors open and offer a variety of programs for people of all ages. Invite them to tour the museum next time you have a free afternoon, or encourage them to participate in one of our events. Our members are our biggest cheerleaders. Help us spread the word.

Michelle

Welcome Junior Docents! Thanks to a grant from Youth Engaged in Philanthropy, we are training our first group of junior docents—volunteers in fifth grade through high school!





Calendar of Events

July

Thursday, July 14 and July 21

Event: Garden Storytime

Time: 10:00 - 10:30

Cost: Free, please call to register

Location: SHM

Sunday, July 17 and August 21

Event: Guided Walking Tour, Downtown Sycamore

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person

Location: Sycamore’s Farmers Market at the corner of Somonauk and Elm Street

August

Thursday, August 4

Event: Brown Bag Lunch “Restaurant Stories”

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Cost: Free/donations welcome

Location: SHM

Sunday, August 7 and September 4

Event: Guided Walking Tour, Somonauk Street

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person

Location: Sycamore’s Farmers Market at the corner of Somonauk and Elm Street

Saturday, August 13 and September 10

Event: Family Fun Day

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults free, children \$5 (coupons available through summer reading programs)

Location: SHM

Friday, August 19

Event: “Evening with the Generals”

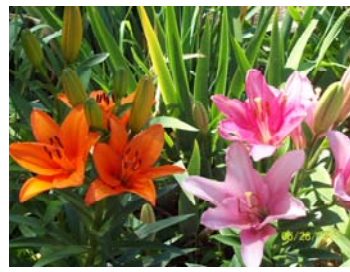
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per person

Location: St. John Lutheran Church

Check sycamorehistory.org for all current events and details

Spring and Summer at the Farm Compliments of the Garden Committee



Top left: Garden Storytimes led by volunteers from the Sycamore Public Library. Join us on July 16 and 23 for more stories and crafts — sponsored by a YEP grant. Middle: SHM Garden Committee is proud to work with four Sycamore Girl Scout troops in planting, growing, and donating vegetables and herbs to the Sycamore Food Pantry. Flowers will be delivered to area retirement centers. Bottom right: Take a look as you drive by Rte. 23 at our flower boxes on the white fence, all in thanks to our in-kind sponsors: Blumen Gardens, Master Gardeners and Proven Winners.

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Adults: Free Children: \$5**

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