



LHS Museum News

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Upcoming Programs

New Temporary Exhibit – *The Lovely Ladies of Lilac Time*

April – August Carriage House

This new temporary exhibit in the Carriage House will focus on the history of the Lilac Time Pageants— the Lovely Ladies of Lilac Time will come to life through a representation of the chosen courts through the years. Photos and artifacts will take us from the plays and pageantry of the 1930's, when the whole village participated in crowning the lilac queen, to the 1950's when the crowning of the court was restarted after World War Two, to the present day when the lilac court is chosen by an independent panel of judges rather than by popular vote. The Lilac Pageant has grown from a simple popularity contest, surrounded by fanfare and festivals, to a scholarship program based on personality, leadership, poise, and volunteerism. Despite the changes over the years one constant has remained - a love of lilacs that is celebrated throughout the village.

Lilac Heritage Tours – Daily during Lilac Time (except Mondays)

Take a tour of the beautiful Lilacia Park and learn the interesting history of early Lombard, the Plums and their love of lilacs, and the rich tradition of the Lilac Time Festival and Lilac Queen pageant. Tours are offered daily (except Mondays) please see our website for times and ticket information.

Passport to Summer Fun – June – August at both sites

Summer is just around the corner and if you are looking for some fun and FREE activities for the kids LHS has you covered! All summer long the Lombard Historical Society will be celebrating the return of the Olympic Games with different outdoor games of our own at both of our historic sites. Each site will feature a different Olympic inspired game throughout June, July, and August. Stop by all summer long to try each of the games!

Also returning this summer is the popular Passport to Adventure book from the Kane-DuPage Regional Museum Association. Books will be available at the beginning of May and this free program will run through August. The passports contain information on dozens of area museums and historic sites (many of which are free or low cost!) and children can collect a stamp for each site they visit.

Hours

Carriage House/Victorian Cottage:

March – December:

Wednesdays & Fridays 1 – 4pm;

Saturdays 10am – 2pm

Archive Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am-3pm by appointment only.

Please call (630-629-1885).

Sheldon Peck Homestead:

February – November

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-4pm;

Saturdays 10am-2pm

For more information, please see www.lombardhistory.org or call us at 630-629-1885.

Lombard's Civil War

Reenactment

July 23-24, 2016

Four Seasons Park

Rally Citizens! Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the sixth annual Lombard Civil War Reenactment this July at Four Seasons Park. The Lombard Historical Society, along with host unit Stanford's Battery, will once again bring history to life with this family friendly event. Visitors to the park will be able to walk through Union and Confederate camps, talk with soldiers, visit with President and Mrs. Lincoln, view the Navy boats, and watch the cannons fire during morning and afternoon battles. There is no charge for this event, but LHS does suggest a \$5 donation per person.