

Curator Report August 2021

Collections

- Our last report had a total of 9,548 items in Past Perfect. Since then, our total is now 9,841. Thus, we have added 293 more items into our catalog software.
- A large donation of Village of Orland Park pamphlets, invitations, photos and plat books have been fully processed, thanks to the many volunteers who worked on this large project.
- 19th century and c. 1930s china removed from the Boley farmhouse has been fully processed and is now housed.

Exhibits

- Next exhibit to open in January and will be “Her-Story: The Life and Times of Orland Park Women.” In conjunction with the exhibit opening, a presentation about significant historic women in the U.S. will be given.

Programs

- Cancellation of kids pioneer camp (August 10-13) due to low enrollment (only 3 kids registered)
- Cancellation of prohibition program (August 13); presenter contacted museum asking if we could postpone to the spring due to COVID numbers increasing and the Delta variant.
- Cocktails with Tales of Old Orland program is running and set to take place August 14.
- Fall guide has been delivered to residents and registrations will begin August 12 for OP residents.
- Winter/spring 2022 program blurbs due August 9; program list was sent to MDAB members.
- **Please remember to let me know if you have ideas about future programs or what you would like to see offered during a season!**

Stellwagen Farm

- An interior assessment of the farmhouse was completed by a historic preservation company (HPZS). It is estimated that the stability work will be \$43k. The Stellwagen board is working on an additional plan regarding electric work, plaster repair, floor restoration, and the interpretation of the farmhouse. This plan will then be used to help with the FY2022 budget for Stellwagen.

- Program “Farmer is the Man” (which is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency) is set to take place August 27th. Try and help market this program---music, beer and wine and farm tours!
- Next month at Stellwagen is a cider program, the annual farm tours, AND the special event “1865.”
 - The “1865” event will feature actors dressed as Civil War generals, including Ulysses Grant and George Mead, an artillery group, various Civil War historians, crafts for kids, butter churning, candle making, spiked cider, and other refreshments.
 - We will need help at this event! This is a Stellwagen and museum event to promote history and the fall! We will also have an area of the farm where local history will be discussed (where Orland was in 1865, how the Stellwagen family had their farm at this time, and the various veterans who came from Orland and fought in the Civil War). So far, the museum has three volunteers from Sandburg willing to help and earn community service hours for school.

Other

- The next museum newsletter was sent to members and is available at village facilities and online.
- The Humphrey House has been newly painted and looks amazing!