

2023 New Member & Renewal Information

Your membership dues provide valuable support for the Winfield Historical Society.

Annual Membership Dues:

- Individual \$15
- Family \$25
- Senior \$10
- Student \$10
- Affiliations \$40

Please complete the following and mail with your dues to:

Winfield Historical Society
P.O. Box 315
Winfield, IL 60190

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Business/Organization:

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

We appreciate your suggestions!

What program topics would you like to see?

Interests:

Publicity _____ Gardening _____

Website _____ Other: _____

Affiliations

Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce

Winfield Park District

Winfield Public Library

Kane DuPage Regional Museum Association

Illinois Heritage Association

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

American Association of State and Local
History

National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Hedges Station Museum is located at:
0N555 Winfield Road
Winfield, IL 60190

The Museum is open:
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.
Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.

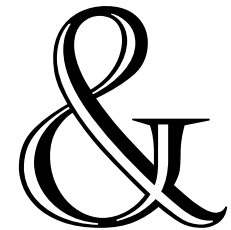
Hedges Station 1849



WINFIELD

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2023 Program



Event Schedule

2023 Programs & Events

Joseph Medill: Cantigny's Abolitionist

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 pm

Jeff Anderson, Museum Curator at Cantigny Park, presents the life of this social radical who as owner/editor of the Tribune helped form the Republican party and end slavery.

"Girl Reporter: Tracing the Role of Women at the Chicago Tribune" featuring Laurie Russell

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

This presentation examines Robert McCormick's groundbreaking use of women reporters, editors, and columnists, starting in World War I though today, in the Chicago Tribune.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.

Followed by:

"Gentleman Farmers of DuPage County - Their Country Estates" featuring Linda Neff

7:30 p.m.

The rapid rise in urban density in cities like Chicago at the end of the nineteenth century produced nostalgia for the countryside by men of wealth from business, industry, and finance. Gentleman Farmers built beautiful homes designed by well known architects of the time and made their large farms into showplaces. This presentation recalls the heyday of the Gentleman Farmer in DuPage County and focuses on examples of country estates in Lisle, Wheaton, and Hinsdale.

"The Windy City on the Air: Chicago and the Golden Age of Radio" featuring Steve Darnall

July

When radio was new, Chicago was an early epicenter of American broadcasting. This program explores the many groundbreaking efforts of early Chicago radio (including the first soap operas, the first juvenile adventure shows and the first series dedicated to country music), along with some of the more iconic voices that called Chicago home.

"Ghost Towns of DuPage County" featuring DuPage County Historical Museum

September

DuPage County's communities grew rapidly from the 1830s to today, evolving from rural communities to thriving suburbs. Some communities disappeared over time due to changing modes of transportation, the construction of new neighborhoods and institutions, and other factors. This program explores the County's ghost towns and why residents left them.

"The History of Coca Cola" featuring Dick Volker

November

A long-time Coca Cola employee tells us how a formula concocted by a pharmacist for baby colic; baseball; and World War II were instrumental in the creation and expansion of the most readily recognized and successful corporation in the world.

The Historical Society presents programs throughout the year in partnership with the Winfield Public Library. Any in-person programs will be held at the Winfield Public Library, 0S291 Winfield Rd. Registration is required for the programs. For more information about the library, call (630) 653-7599 or visit www.winfield.lib.il.us. Please check the Winfield Library events calendar for the most current information about the programs at: <https://winfieldlib.evanced.info/signup>.

Winfield Good Old Days—Tentative

Saturday, September 9

12:00 noon—Awards Ceremony at Hedges Station for the Coloring Contest and Passport to Adventure programs. An open house at Hedges Station follows the awards ceremony.

The Winfield Historical Society was chartered in 1978 by citizens of Winfield interested in preserving the village's history.

Mission Statement

To support a living historical center to foster education and appreciation of the history of Winfield and vicinity.

History of Hedges Station

In August, 1981, the Society had the original depot in the village moved to park district property to preclude its destruction. The Village of Winfield had purchased the property on which the building stood for parking and expansion of the Village Hall. The building was acquired by the Winfield Historical Society with the understanding that it would be moved.

The depot was the first building in Winfield and is the oldest remaining depot in the State of Illinois. In 1849 when the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad completed construction of track as far as Winfield, John Hedges built this depot, where he served as the first stationmaster and postmaster. Over the years Hedges Station has also served as a post office, tavern, general store, and residence. For over seventy-five years it was the home of the Besch family. The depot was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but was removed after it was relocated. The original part of the building has been restored to re-create the 1849 depot. The additions have been improved and are used as a museum focusing on the Winfield area. The Winfield Historical Society has an office at the building and meetings are held there.