



Look Into the Past
To Discover the Future

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The Historian -- Keeping the Public Informed

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Connie Worden

Many thanks to Helen Davis and Lori Finkle whose terms have expired.. Welcome to Hazel and Connie who are joining our Board.

Volunteers Needed

Workshop every Monday from
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the building,
309 South Fifth Street

Join us!

Carolyn Law Antiques

Sunday, February 14, 2024
at 2 p.m.

Carolyn Law is a personal property appraiser, independent scholar and researcher, published author, subject matter expert, and collector. She has completed training in professional appraisal practice, USPAP, and ethics and maintains membership in good standing in the International Society of Appraisers (ISA) and the Certified Appraisers Guild of America (CAGA), an affiliate program of the renowned Missouri Auction School.



Carolyn's area of particular expertise is sterling silver. She is a passionate student and active collector of 18th-century English and Irish sterling silver and Old Sheffield Plate. She is a full member of the Silver Society (U.K.), the world's foremost organization for the study and appreciation of silver. She has published several articles on silver and appraisal practice in *Silver Magazine* (U.S.). She brings nearly 30 years as a professional researcher and writer to each appraisal assignment.

Join us as Carolyn talks about 8-10 items in the Kirkland Historical Society's collection. Carolyn will not appraise member items at this time; however, if there is enough interest, we can have an appraisal day with a portion of her fee being donated to the Kirkland Historical Society as a fundraiser.

Kirkland Historical Society, 309 South Fifth Street, Kirkland, IL 60146
kirklandhistoricalsociety.com
Also visit us on Facebook at Kirkland Historical Society

KHS Open House – December 9, 2023



Memories of Kirkland

A Lesson Learned as a Kid . . .

As a kid in grade school the MacQueen estate on Hortense Drive was impressive (there were no street signs then). There was the large house with a porte cochere, pump house, sheep fold, and a small barn. In the garage was a pick-up truck and their “large car” which was driven by their chauffeur, John Metzger.

John McQueen died in 1945, before I started to work for Mrs. Hortense MacQueen. She was a very tall stately and stern lady. She always dressed as if she was going to church, never something that would be similar to a sweatshirt and sneakers today.

I shoveled snow, carried water from the pump house, and corn cobs from the barn. She burned the cobs in the kitchen iron cook stove. I remember one morning after I finished my job she asked me if I would like a glass of milk and a piece of angel food cake with 7-minute frosting. I replied, “I don’t care.” She quickly sternly responded “if you don’t care, you don’t get any.” I changed my answer and had the glass of milk and the cake which is my favorite cake yet today especially the frosting which must be made with lots of sugar and a little something else.

Today if I ask you if you want chocolate or vanilla, or do you want this or that, don’t tell me you don’t care.

A lesson learned as a kid this man remembers yet today.

Submitted by Gary Ecklund

*If you have memories of Kirkland that you would like to share,
please send them to us at Kirklandhs309@gmail.com*

2024 KIRKLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS	
Aves	Jon
Bauer	Roger and Jean
Buzzell	Paul
Byers	Carol
Conro	Nancy
Ecklund	Beulah
Fett	Earl and Linda
Foshang	Karen A. Byers
Getts	Susann
Gulotta	Joseph and Joy
Jones	Sally
Kavaney	Judi Smith
Klock	Jean
Kunkel	John
Lamont	Becky
Lamont	Gene
Lamont	Helen
Maveus	Curt & Vicki
McCarthy	Betsy
Paulson	David
Pepper	Lori
Perkins (Thompson)	Patricia
Prindiville	Pat and Kathy
Quigley	Nova and George
Rehn	Dennis and Deborah
Sparrow	Guy and Joyce
Watson	William
Weeks	Bruce and Joan

Can't find your name on either list?

Help support Kirkland Historical Society by either renewing or joining today! Dues help to pay for events and supplies to make KHS a viable organization

Membership form is available on the next page and we'll have a membership table set up at our February 14th presentation to get you signed up.



Always things to do on Mondays between 1 and 3. If you can help out, we'll appreciate it.

- Help with exhibits
- Preserve newspaper articles
- Preserve collections and photographs
- Help with housekeeping
- Help with fundraising
- Help with keeping the grounds neat and weedfree
- Proofreading the obituary information, family history and marriage information

LIFE MEMBERS	
Aves - 2015	Barry, Kris, Kelly
Aves - 2015	Ruth
Aves - 2023	Kevin and Karen
Banks - 2023	Donald
Blake - 2023	John and Kay
Davis - 2021	Ed and Helen
Ecklund - 2017	Gary
Finkle - 2019	David and Lorene
Freeman - 2021	Kenny and Chris
Janowski (Swanson) - 2023	Judie
Ledington - 2022	Gregory and Krista
Lucke - 2021	Roger and Cynthia
McKeever - 2018	George
Menz - 2024	Nancy K
Moon - 2023	John and Mary
Olson - 2023	John and Bridget
Peterson - 2020	Chuck
Quiram - 2021	James and Sandra
Schindler - 2015	Chloe
Sester - 2023	Mike and Sue
Stuntz - 2017	Jim and Peggy
Tangerose - 2023	Norman and Donna
Williams - 2022	Arlington W & Carol J
Worden - 2022	Larry and Connie



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2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Dues help pay for events and supplies
needed to preserve the past

- Individual..... \$15
- Family..... \$20
- Life (husband and wife)..... \$300
- Organizations..... \$30
- Business..... \$30

Name _____

Address _____

P O Box _____

Phone _____

Email _____

KIRKLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PO Box 337
309 South Fifth Street
Kirkland, Illinois 60146

Help preserve Kirkland's past by donating your
time and/or sharing: Kirkland historic items,
photos, stories, articles, family trees, maps,
abstracts, newspapers, etc.

Leave A Legacy

Please consider naming the Kirkland Historical Society in your will, trust, or as the beneficiary of an insurance Policy. The Kirkland Historical Society is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. When you include a gift to the Kirkland Historical Society in your estate plan, you ensure your support will help the Society to continue its work to benefit our community in the future. Kirkland Historical Society also has two DeKalb County Community Foundation endowment funds that support our work.



**Mark Your
Calendar**

2024

- Jan 10 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Feb 11 2 pm General Meeting –
Carolyn Law Antiques
- Mar 13 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Apr 14 2 pm General Meeting –
Gene Lamont Reminisces
- May 8 Board of Trustees Meeting
- June 12 Board of Trustees Meeting
- July 10 Board of Trustees Meeting
- July 27 Fundraiser
- Aug 14 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Sept 8 2 pm General Meeting
Haunted Kirkland
- Oct 9 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Nov 10 2 pm Annual Meeting
Abraham Lincoln and Thanksgiving
- Dec 14 2-5 pm Christmas Open House
Entertainment from 3-4 pm
5-7pm Franklin Township Park
Christmas in Kirkland



Watch for more
information on
GIVE DeKalb
County this Spring.