

# Batavia Historical Society

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"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in the land." Song of Solomon, 2:11-12.

What a pleasant winter it has been! We hope it has been the same for you.

Our spring meeting will be at the Holmstad on North Batavia Avenue Sunday, March 29th, at 2:30 P.M. The past few years Holmstad has kindly hosted our spring meeting.

The program will consist of music by Mary Lucas, a talented violinist, accompanied by Miriam Johnson, our talented pianist and vice president, and a report by Elwood Willey on his research of Batavia's musical history. Also, our curator, Carla Hill, will introduce Mr. Ralph Voris, new director of the Batavia Park District, and we will hear from Marlin and Roseann Ingels, who are currently dating, identifying and assessing the Indian and Payne artifacts received from Augie Mier and William Benson estates.

The \$15,000 bequest from the Viola Peterson estate has been invested for use in future projects.

The Coffin Bank committee reports that \$3,500.00 will be needed to move and place the bank.

We are badly in need of new volunteers to help staff the Museum. Sadie and May Lundberg have been doing a super job in getting people to stay at the Museum the few short hours it is open, but some of our older volunteers are no longer able to help. Two hours every couple of months is easy and rewarding. Just call Sadie or May at 879-3660 and say "I'll be happy to help."

Speaking of volunteers, without your loyal services, there would be no Museum. Thanks to all of you!

We look forward to seeing you March 29th, 2:30 P.M., at the Holmstad.

Your Presidents,  
Cliff and Helen

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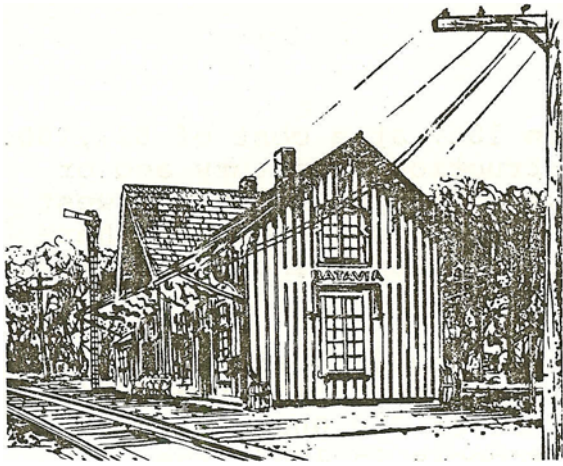
Ed LaMorte	CHAIRMAN
	819-2077

*The Museum reopened to the public on Monday, March 7th for the 1987 season. During this year you will see various changes at the Museum. Among them will be the following: two new permanent displays in the basement level of the museum, a new gift shop being set up thanks to Bunny Kline and a few temporary displays on the main floor. I am also re-doing the Museum Volunteer Manual and I am in the process of planning the annual Volunteer trip which you will be hearing more about in the next few months.*

*All in all I think we can look forward to a really good 1987 season.*

*Sincerely,*

*Carla*



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## THE BATAVIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### INVITES YOU TO TAKE A BOAT TRIP ON THE FOX

- DATE: Sunday, September 27, 1987
- TIME: 3:00 P.M. SHARP
- PLACE: Boat dock, Pottawatomie Park, St. Charles.

Enjoy a pleasant ride on the St. Charles Belle, a paddle-wheel boat, reminiscent of days gone by. Enjoy peppy music by Bob Fox and his band. "Afternoon" coffee and lemonade will be served by board members.

COST: Cost of the boat trip is \$2.50 per person.

NOTE: The boat company requires a minimum of 30 people on each trip, so take advantage of this fun time and call Cliff and Helen at 879-3273 or Miriam Johnson at 879-3389 to make your reservation.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE BOAT CLUB IN BATAVIA, JUST WEST OF ROUTE 25 ON THE RIVER.

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The Museum has drawn many visitors this summer, including bikers who stop to rest and visit as they ride or walk on the bike path. We have visitors from many states and occasionally from foreign countries. Many are seeking to trace ancestors who may have been early Batavia settlers. Many seek information about windmills and the factories that made them. Others are interested in the architecture of mansions but many years ago. New residents, learn much about the history of the city they now call home.

We invite you to visit your museum any time it is open and observe the displays. You may want to talk to volunteers about getting involved in spending two hours every couple of months in a very rewarding and interesting experience.

NEW DISPLAYS -- The much talked about displays of Augie Mier and Bill Benson artifacts will soon become reality as plans are finalized for opening the lower level of the museum for these permanent displays.

MUSEUM HOURS -- The museum is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING will be our Annual Pot Luck Sunday, December 6th, at Bethany Lutheran Church.

See you on the River Boat!

Cliff and Helen Anderson, Co-Presidents



## *Batavia Depot Museum*

155 Houston Street, Batavia, Illinois 60510  
(312) 879-1800  
(312)-879-5235

*The summer has been a busy time for the Museum. In June and July we had visitors from 54 Illinois cities, 16 states, Germany and the Netherlands.*

*As many of you know I have been working on plans for the permanent displays in the basement of the Museum. The drawings are now ready and will be at the Museum for anyone who wants to see them.*

*The Museum Volunteer trip will be on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This year's trip will include tours of the West Chicago Historical Museum, Dundee Historical Museum, Elgin Public Museum, Hager Pottery Museum and shops and we will stop at Bishops in Spring Hill Mall for lunch.*

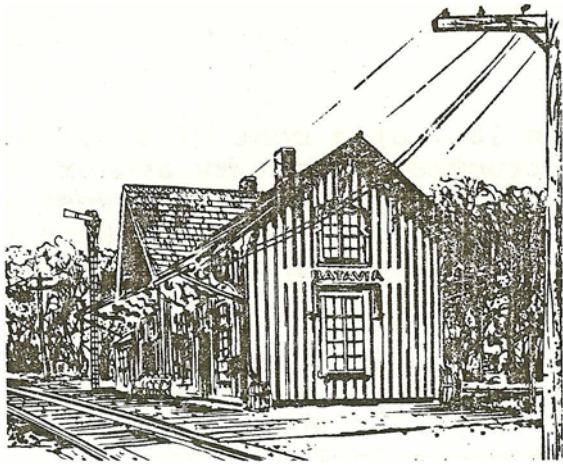
*I am looking to a good Fall and will keep you advised of the progress at the Museum.*

*Sincerely,*

*Carla*

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DEC. 6th, 5:00 P.M.  
Society Christmas Potluck  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
Bring a dish to share and your  
own tableware. Board will serve  
meat and coffee. Please bring gift  
of canned goods for the  
Food Pantry

PROGRAM: Barbara Alexander will present her slides of Historic Batavia homes, accompanied by commentary and musical background. Don't miss it!!

REMEMBER: for your Christmas giving -- Batavia's Historical Books,  
HISTORIC BATAVIA by John Gustafson  
and Jeff Schielke

BATAVIA 1833-1983 by Roberta Campbell  
Other historic items are available at the Museum.

VOLUNTEERS enjoyed a bus trip to area museums, including Haeger Pottery Museum, lunch at Bishops in Spring Hill Mall, a visit to Elgin's Natural History Museum, ending our trip at West Chicago's, delightful Railroad Town Museum. Thank you, Carla Hill and Park District for a fine treat.

Think about becoming a Museum Volunteer. The rewards are greater than the sacrifice of spending two hours every month or two. You are needed!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Proposed slate as prepared by the Nominating Committee,  
Marilyn Phelps, Chairperson:

PRESIDENT  
V. Pres.  
Secretary  
Corresponding Sec.  
Treasurer  
Trustees

Jim and Dottie Hanson  
Bob and Marilyn Phelps  
May Lundberg  
Georgene Kauth  
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Bill Wood  
Bob Popeck  
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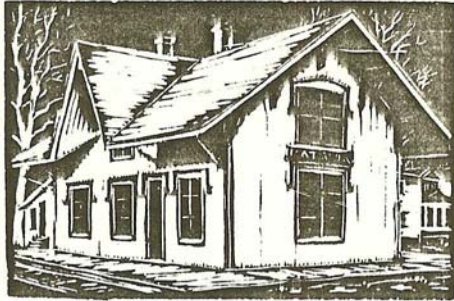
House Plaquing  
Chairperson

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

We want to thank the Historical Society Board for excellent cooperation during our two years in office. We have enjoyed serving you. We look forward to new leadership, new ideas.

We wish you a Joy at Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Cliff and Helen Anderson



## *Batavia Depot Museum*

155 Houston Street, Batavia, Illinois 60510  
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*Dear Members:*

*I have been very busy with several different projects. I am continually with the plans for the downstairs permanent exhibits. Eight Illinois agencies, including the Illinois State Library, are sponsoring an Illinois Newspaper Project. They are asking anyone who wants to participate to submit listings of their newspaper holdings. The museum will be sending a total listing of our holdings.*

*The Museum will close on December 11<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. During the time we are closed I will be working on upstairs re-organization and several other projects.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers for the time that they donated to the museum this year and a special thanks to Sadie and May Lundberg and my "Wednesday Ladies." Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years to you all!*

*Sincerely,*

*Carla*

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REMINDER - 1988 dues are due.

Rates	Please keep my membership current. Dues for 1986 are enclosed.		
Single: \$3	NAME	_____	
Tandem: \$5	ADDRESS	_____	
Sustaining: \$10	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Life: \$50	_____	___	_____

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