

Natural Area Management Seminar

Feb 17 8:30am-4:30pm Learn how to restore and manage prairie, woodlands, and wetlands. Reservations required. \$55 includes lunch

Antique Apple Tree Grafting Seminar

March 4 1:30pm. Make three grafts of antique apple trees to take home for planting with Dan Bussey, national expert orchardist and author. Reservations required. \$30

Why Wait Until Fall for Food Preservation

March 18 1:00pm. Get a jump on food preservation before fall comes with Vicki Nowicki. Reservations required. \$8

Animal Domestication

March 24 Volunteer Samira Bamberger will give a lecture on animal domestication at 1pm and a more in-depth look at 3pm. A tour of the museum's heritage livestock is included. \$6 per lecture

Ginger Ale Making

April 8 3pm. Learn how to make healthy probiotic ginger ale with Debbie Rock. Bring a plastic bottle and jar with lids to take home a sample and culture. Reservations required. \$20

Museum Awards Banquet

April 14 6pm-9pm. Our annual awards dinner at the historic Dunham Woods Riding Club. Reservations required. \$55

Woodland Wild Flower Walk

April 21 9:00 am. Tour the museum's Harley Pond and Woods with staff to learn about the native environment and ecosystems of Illinois. Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Stewardship Grant restoration results featured. Reservations encouraged. \$6

"Hands On" Dulcimer Workshop

April 22 Musician Dona Benkert will give introductory instruction on these unique stringed instruments. The **1pm** session will cover mountain dulcimers and the **3pm** session will cover hammered dulcimers. Reservations required. \$25 per session

Backyard Chickens

Apr 28 1pm. Interested in having a small flock of backyard chickens but don't know where to start? Join staff member Dave Bauer and volunteer Samira Bamberger for an introduction to raising chickens, from incubation to egg collection. Reservations preferred. \$6

Rare Breeds Show

May 20 11am-4pm. Breeders from around the Midwest display rare and historic livestock. Individual breeders may offer livestock, poultry, and byproducts for sale. \$6 adults/\$3 children under 13.

Tours

June 3-September 30 1-4pm every Wednesday and Sunday and open year-round by appointment. Tour the historic farmstead, including the barnyard and 1846 brick tavern. Suggested donation of \$4 adults/\$3 children or free for members

Archaeology Field Session I

June 12-16, 19-23 Tue-Sat 8am-4pm. A 2-week session for volunteers to participate in or observe archaeological investigations of the 1830s /1840s log house site. Call or e-mail for registration information.

Prairie Walk

July 4 9am. -Noon. Tour the prairie with museum staff to learn about the native environment and ecosystems of Illinois. Reservations encouraged. \$6

Settler's Eve Dance

July 7 7pm. Celebrate the 1835 arrival of the Culbertsons and the 1841 arrival of the Garfields to the farm with traditional 1840s reels and squares dances in the restored 1842 threshing barn. Live dulcimer and fiddle music with a dance caller and instructor. Reservations \$10. Homemade pies available.

Garfield Farm Camps

July 10-12, 24-26 9am-Noon. Children ages 8-15 will learn about 1840s farm and prairie life. Activities include feeding animals and museum tours. Reservations required. \$75 per week

Borrow a Seed, Return a Seed

July 15 1pm. How do you return a seed from a seed library? Learn how to preserve seeds and to work with seed libraries with Vicki Nowicki \$6 adults/\$3 children under 13.

Antique Tool Show & Sale

Aug 5 9am-1pm. Members of the Midwest Tool Collectors Association and the Early American Industries Association display, trade, and sell antique and collectable tools. \$6 adults/\$3 children under 13.

Heirloom Garden Show

Aug 26 11am-4pm. Rare and specialty fruits, vegetables, flowers, and herbs are displayed and sold by Midwestern growers. \$6 adults/\$3 children under 13.

Prairie Walk

Sept 9 9am. Tour the prairie with museum staff to learn about the native environment and Illinois ecosystems. Reservations encouraged. \$6

Corn 101

Sept 16 2pm. Museum volunteer Chuck Bauer will give a lecture on the history of corn and how farmers manipulated corn to create the variety we have today. Reservations encouraged. \$6

Student Harvest Days

Oct 5 9am-1:30pm. Museum volunteers demonstrate 19th century living to schoolchildren. Limited to 600 students. Reservations required. \$5

Harvest Days

Oct 7 11:30am-4 pm. Join museum volunteers in this celebration of the season. Continuous demonstrations of farm and household skills, 19th century music, and food. \$6 adults/\$3 children under 13.

Blacksmithing 101 & 201

Oct 13 Staff member Joseph Coleman's *Blacksmithing 101* lecture and demonstration at 10am and *Blacksmithing 201* at 1pm will feature hands-on experience. Reservations required. \$8 for **101** and \$40 for **201**

Barns 101 & 201

Oct 20 Staff member Dave Bauer's *Barns 101* lecture at 10 am will provide a general overview and *Barns 201* at 1pm will provide a more detail. Both lectures will include a tour of the museum's barns. Reservations required. \$6 per lecture

Volunteer Party

Nov. 11 3-6 pm. For all those who helped at the farm, a potluck with photos and awards makes for a fun evening.

Candlelight at the Inn

Dec 1 & 2 3-7pm. Experience the tradition of winter visits as practiced by families like the Garfield's in their 1846 brick inn. Hospitality, food, music, and a bake sale. Donations accepted.