



Linda Herron, an active community volunteer, is the John C. Flanagan House Museum site director for the Peoria Historical Society. Her other positions include the Central Illinois Landmarks Foundation Board, Chillicothe Historical Society past president and Relay for Life chair, and Altrusa International.

Linda is a self-employed bridal gown and costume designer/dressmaker and alterations specialist. Her interests include: history, travel, horticulture, vintage clothing and retro decor, and art and design. Linda has lived in rural Chillicothe in the home she and her late husband designed and built (the 3rd such house!) She has two fantastic accomplished kids married to great spouses, an adorable and talented granddaughter, and a super-intelligent grandson.

Linda was born and raised in Minnesota on her family's 1860's era farm where her Norwegian pioneer ancestors first lived in a sod house. Her great-grandfather wrote that he "got along well with his native neighbors, and always tried to quiet his dogs so as not to frighten their ponies." She came to visit relatives in Peoria in the late 60's, fell in love with Central Illinois, met her late hubby, and stayed! In 2007 Linda received the 25 Women in Leadership Award given by WEEK TV and The Marketeer magazine.