

Miss Morron's World Travels

An exhibition celebrating the world travels of Miss Jean Morron will open on April 7 at the Pettengill-Morrone House, 1212 W. Moss Avenue.

The display will feature hundreds of items, from Miss Morron's vast collection of Louis Vuitton luggage (prominently displaying baggage stickers from Cunard and White Star Line) to souvenirs, first edition books, and trinkets she picked up from around the world.

In 1912, Jean Morron embarked upon her first world tour with her father via steamship, sparking a lifelong passion for travel. Visitors will be able to view Miss Morron's wardrobe, custom dinnerware and fine china, as well as pieces of art she purchased on her trips abroad.

The exhibition will highlight Miss Morron's favorite cities, including Paris and London, as well as U.S. destinations such as Boston and New York City.

The exhibit opens Sunday, April 7, and will be open from 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. the first Sunday of every month through August. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Private tours are available as well. For more information, visit peoriahistoricalsociety.org or call 309-674-1921. You can also follow the adventures of Miss Jean Morron on *facebook*!



Miss Morron is on *facebook*!

Ever the adventuress, Miss Jean Morron is embracing the information age with her very own *facebook* account. "Like" Miss Morron at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/MissJeanMorron> to learn more about her travels, see highlights from the tour, and receive updates about the exhibit from the inspirational lady herself.

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Tours by appointment. Cost: Adults \$7, Children 12 and under \$3. \$20 minimum for tours.

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

This has been an exciting spring at the Peoria Historical Society! Both our historic homes underwent much-needed repairs. Flanagan House expanded the tool room and repairs to the brickwork on the back porch were completed. The kitchen at Pettengill-Morrison House received a fresh coat of paint and the roofing work was completed on the garage and car port. We appreciate the efforts of our dedicated volunteers who managed to complete these updates in time for the opening of our two outstanding new exhibits.

Flanagan House will feature "A Century of Beautiful Brides," celebrating the blushing brides and dashing grooms of bygone eras. Featured in the Peoria Journal Star print on online editions, this exhibit features wedding attire and memorabilia from 1870-1970. Pettengill-Morrison House is proud to present "Miss Morrion's World Travels," a can't miss event highlighting the adventures of educator and philanthropist Jean Morrion. The display features Miss Morrion's trunks, travel garment, tickets, and maps and showcases many of the treasures she found along the way. As we were preparing for this event, our volunteers discovered many of the trunks had not been touched since Miss Morrion's last voyage. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain insight into one of the Peoria Historical Society's premier benefactors.

Our trolley tour schedule has been finalized, and we're pleased to offer a diverse catalog that should prove to be both entertaining and educational. Whether you prefer the elegant beauty of Grandview Drive or delight in the macabre mysteries of the unexplained, our trolley tours offer something for everyone. We hope you will join us. Remember to reserve your seats early!

Although summer is not yet upon us, we are already looking toward autumn and our annual Henri de Tonti dinner. Make plans to join us Saturday, September 21 at the newly remodeled Marriott Pere Marquette as we honor this year's award recipient, Senator Dave Koehler. The Pere Marquette has undergone a \$10 million renovation effort, and PHS is proud to support the restoration of one of Peoria's grandest landmarks.

We encourage all members to attend the annual meeting Wednesday, May 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Professor Ann Durkin Keating will discuss Peoria Indian agent Thomas Forsythe and Potawatomi Indian Chief Black Partridge and their roles in the Battle of Fort Dearborn. Be sure to mark your calendars for our quarterly meeting on August 15 as we set sail for a river-boat adventure on board the *Spirit of Peoria* with author Ken Zurski.

This summer is certainly shaping up to be a season of adventure. We hope you will join us on one of our many educational opportunities. We are grateful for the continued support of our membership that allows us to offer a wide variety of programming in furtherance of our mission to preserve, celebrate, and share the stories of the Peoria area.

Walter C. Ruppman, Executive Director

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A Century of Beautiful Brides

What better way to usher in the season of renewed hope and life than with a celebration of joy and romance? Flanagan House will present "A Century of Beautiful Brides" during April, May, and June. The display features striking bridal fashions representing over one hundred years of romantic fashions, including Gibson Girl elegance and Titanic-era silhouettes, flapper styles from the Roaring 20's, Silver Screen glamour, all the way through mod 1960's minis and the natural lines of the 1970's.

The collection also includes wedding photos, jewelry, cake toppers and other bridal memorabilia.

The exhibit opens April 7, and will be available for viewing May 5 and June 2 from 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Weekday tours by appointment. Call the Society's office at 309-674-1921.



River Boat Cruise August 15

Grab your deck shoes and get ready for an adventure on the Illinois River. Join the Peoria Historical Society at our quarterly membership meeting on August 15 for a steamboat cruise aboard the *Spirit of Peoria*. The cruise departs at 5:30 p.m. from 100 N.E. Water Street. Tickets are \$35 per person and include both dinner and the cruise ticket. A cash bar will also be available.

Ken Zurski, author of *The Wreck of the Columbia: A Broken Boat, a Town's Sorrow, & the End of the Steamboat Era on the Illinois River*, will be on hand to discuss his book. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

For more information, or to reserve your tickets for this unforgettable evening, please contact the Peoria Historical Society office at 309-674-1921.

Bradley History Students Collaborate with PHS

Recognizing Peoria's rich history of brewing and distilling, Peoria Historical Society is working with Bradley history professor Dr. Aurea Toxqui and her Research Methodology students to help develop an exciting trolley tour for next year.

Board member Chuck Frey and Linda Aylward of his staff at Bradley Library's Special Collections are helping guide the project. To meet curricular goals and generate a product with practical applications, the students began with assigned readings and then researched such topics as corn and grain production, cattle feeding, railroads, steamboats, Prohibition, taxes, temperance, vaudeville, speakeasies, taverns and breweries. The students recently presented their results to the librarians and several PHS staff and board members and received suggestions for further research. A class this fall will continue this creative collaboration.

PHS Annual Meeting to be held Wednesday, May 8th



The 2013 Annual Meeting for the Society will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:70 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8th in the McKenzie Room of the North Branch of the Peoria Public Library at 3001 West Grand Parkway (behind Menards at the intersection of Allen Road and Route 6 in North Peoria).

The guest speaker will be Ann Durkin Keating. Professor Keating holds the C. Frederick Toenniges Professorship at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, and is also the chair of the History Department. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Illinois, and master of arts and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago. She has taught at North Central College since 1991 and spearheaded publication of the book, *Encyclopedia of Chicago*. Her most recent book, *Rising Up from Indian Country – The Battle of Fort Dearborn and the Birth of Chicago* was the PHS Book Club's premier selection. Professor Keating's address at the annual meeting will specifically focus on two subjects from the Peoria area, Potawatomi Chief Black Partridge and the trader and Indian agent, Thomas Forsyth.

In addition to the address by Professor Keating, the annual meeting will include a summary of the past year's events by President Russ Crawford and Executive Director Walter Ruppman, and a brief financial summary by Treasurer Jim Carballido. An election of both new officers as well as new Trustees will also occur at the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend what will certainly prove to be an interesting and enlightening annual meeting.

PHS Book Club Moves to London during WWII

The PHS Book Club held the second meeting of the year on Wednesday, March 20 to discuss Ann Durkin Keating's book on Fort Dearborn during the War of 1812 and the birth of Chicago.

The Book Club is now reading *Citizens of London* by Lynne Olson, the story of three Americans who stood with Britain during its darkest, finest hour in the early days of World War II. According to Tom Brokaw, "*Citizens of London* is a great read about the small band of Americans and their courageous role in helping Britain through the darkest days of early World War II. I thought I knew a lot about this dangerous period, but Lynne Olson has taught me so much more."

Even if you did not attend the March meeting of the Book Club, please read this engaging book about the activities of John Gilbert Winant, the U.S. ambassador to Britain who replaced Joe Kennedy, Averell Harriman, who ran the Lend-Lease program in London, and Edward R. Murrow, the head of CBS News in Europe. The next book club meeting will be on Wednesday, May 29th at 4:00 pm in the Lakeview Room of the Lakeview Branch of the Peoria Public Library. Please bring a friend. For further information about the PHS Book Club, please contact Mark Johnson (264-3156 or johnsm2@comcast.net) or Deborah Dougherty (212-8175 or deborah.dougherty@icc.edu).

The book group is scheduled to meet May 29, July 31, Sept. 18, and Nov. 20.

Rennick Juried Art Show Opens May 1

The 49th Annual Rennick Juried Art Show opens May 1 at the Peoria Public Library Main Branch, 107 N.E. Monroe. Artwork will be available for viewing between the hours 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. until May 31. Admission is free. An artists' reception will be held May 11 from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.peoriahistoricalsociety.org, www.peoriapubliclibrary.org, or contact Marjorie Schwebel at 309-672-2363.



PHS Soliciting Merchandise for Yard Sale during Moss Avenue Sale

Looking to do a bit of spring cleaning? Got a collection of stuff down in the basement that you'd like to get rid of but don't have the energy to organize your own garage sale? PHS is asking for your donations of "good quality merchandise!" The basement of the Pettengill-Morrison is filling up with items for the PHS Yard Sale on June 8th during the Moss Avenue Sale. All donations are tax-deductible and PHS has forms available when you give to this worthwhile cause. We will accept any items except electronics (anything with an electrical plug attached) or clothing. Items may be dropped off at the PM House on the following dates:

Friday, April 5th (noon until 3pm)

Sunday, April 7th (1pm until 3pm)

Friday, May 3rd (noon until 3pm)

Sunday, May 5th (1pm until 3pm)

Friday, June 7th (noon until 3pm)

Sunday, June 2nd (1pm until 3pm)

Folding tables and volunteers will be needed on the day of the sale. Please call event co-ordinator Beth Johnson (264-6119) or the PHS office (674-1882) for additional information.

Other Notables

- * On May 15, Guy C. Fraker, author of "Lincoln's Ladder," will discuss how Lincoln's twenty-three years traveling the Eighth Judicial Circuit in central Illinois, including his Peoria ties, built the political base for his climb to the presidency. Sponsored by the Friends of Cullom-Davis Library, Fraker's talk will begin at 7 p.m. in the library's first-floor Wyckoff Room on the Bradley campus. It is free and open to the public. Fraker will have books on hand for sale and signing.
- * The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Bradley University and the Peoria Historical Society are proud to present *Fredericksburg: In the Heart of the Civil War*. Join veteran travelers Bernie Drake and Sue Manley September 3 - 11, 2013 as they tour National Museum of the United States Air Force and William Tecumseh Sherman's birthplace in Ohio; the Woodrow Wilson Presidential birthplace and library in West Virginia; and other historic sites along the route. Visit <http://www.bradley.edu/academic/continue/public/fredericksburg/> or contact Debbie Devine or Sue Manley at 309-677-2820 for more information.

Home Repairs Underway at Flanagan and Pettengill-Morrison Houses



Volunteer Mary Hamm brightens the P-M windows with a fresh coat of paint.

Both Flanagan and Pettengill-Morrison received much needed repairs this spring. The tool room at Flanagan House was enlarged to allow for the display of even more antique tools and the kitchen updates were completed. Kastriot Maloku also finished the reconstruction of the brick foundation at the corner of the back porch. Last fall, several grocery sacks of bulbs from the public tulip beds were donated and planted in front of Flanagan House. We are looking forward to seeing them bloom in vibrant color this spring.

At P-M House, John Haverhals and Mary Hamm gave the kitchen a new coat of paint and a group of dedicated students from ICC's PCCEO class worked tirelessly to remove and replace the deteriorating shingles on the garage canopy and carport. The repairs were made possible through a \$1000 opportunity grant awarded to PHS from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois. We are grateful to the many donors and volunteers who provided gifts of their time and talents to maintain our historic homes for future generations.



John Haverhals works to repair the P-M House roof with a student from ICC's PCCEO class.



PHS board member John Haverhals (center) poses with (left to right): Montelle Talley, Sheronica Allen, Thaddeus Lampkin, and Lerone Allen.

PHS Receives Remainder of IHC Technology Grant

Last year, the Peoria Historical Society was awarded a technology grant from the Illinois Humanities Council. We are pleased to report PHS has received the remaining \$2,750 from that grant. The money has allowed us to purchase software and work on digitizing our collection, enabling web users to access photographs and link stories to artifacts and images. The grant also helps support our *facebook* page, further connecting PHS to the world. We are grateful for the opportunity to enhance our Internet presence and spread the stories of Peoria to our membership and beyond.

2013 Trolley Tours

Our 1 1/2 hour tours depart from either Kelleher's Irish Pub or Harp & Thistle. Tickets are \$11.00 per person. With all tour tickets, passengers pay \$1.00 upon entering the trolley or bus for each tour. Seniors 65 or older ride the trolley free with proof of age and a regular ticket purchase. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Advanced payment is required for groups of 10 or more. Call the PHS office at 309-674-1921, Kelleher's at 673-6000, or Harp & Thistle at 688-5668 to book your tour!

Old Peoria and the Judge Tour-Travel through the earliest sections of downtown and on to Peoria's Northside. Discover facts about Peoria's founding father, French explorer Henri de Tonti. During this tour you will see a unique sculptor's bungalow and hear the story of Peoria's Joe Kennedy connection. Also included is a short tour of the 1837 Flanagan House Museum, the former home of Judge John C. Flanagan.

Naughty to Nice Tour-Follow Peoria's history from the naughty—the 20's, the gambling, the gangsters—to the nice—Peoria's three All-American City Awards. This trolley tour traces triumphs through time from the 1920's to the present; stories of the city's gangster era, including the site of Peoria's most notorious crime scene — The Bernie Shelton murder. Also, discover why Peoria has been honored three times with the prestigious "All-American City" Award.

River City Tour-The Native Americans, the French, the whiskey and earthmoving capital of the world, the grand mansions and Grandview Drive – The River City Tour has it all. Beginning in Peoria Heights, the tour proceeds down Grandview Drive, through the Averyville area to downtown Peoria, then on to High Street and Moss Avenue, before circling back down to Glen Oak Avenue on the return to the Heights. Admire stately homes and enjoy the renowned grand view of the Illinois River.

Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery Tour-View the elegant homes of past and present prosperous merchants, landowners, and professionals. See the Illinois River from the best vantage point in Peoria. Then tour Springdale Cemetery, the oldest chartered cemetery in the state of Illinois. Hervey Lightner designed this 270-acre tree-studded cemetery with miles of twisting roads in 1855. You will appreciate the serene park-like setting and hear about Peoria's founding fathers and mothers. A must see!

Abraham Lincoln & the Civil War Tour-Follow Lincoln in Peoria and learn about Camp Peoria and Camp Lyon. This tour tells the story of Lincoln's visits to Peoria, the Civil War troops, and the camps where they trained. See the markers where the camps once stood. Visit Springdale Cemetery and see the final resting place of many of the Civil War veterans. The tour will pass the GAR Hall, built in 1909, and hear the story of Joseph Greenhut, a Whiskey Baron who provided much of the Hall's funding.

Haunted Peoria Tour-Explore the dark site of Peoria as we venture where strange sightings and events have been reported. Discover the stories behind the ghostly appearances that have startled and puzzled Peorians through the years. Learn about the Lady in White, the Legend of Nee-Nee-Wah, the Curse of Old Lady Gray, and more. What will you see in Haunted Peoria?

2013 Peoria History Tour Schedule

Tour Information	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Thursday 10:30am Harp & Thistle	River City	Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery	River City	Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery	River City
Friday 10:30am Kelleher's Irish Pub	Old Peoria & Judge	Naughty to Nice	Abraham Lincoln & The Civil War	Naughty to Nice	Abraham Lincoln & The Civil War
Saturday 10:30am Harp & Thistle	Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery	River City	Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery	River City	Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery
Saturday 1:00pm Kelleher's Irish Pub	Naughty to Nice	Haunted Peoria	Haunted Peoria	Haunted Peoria	Haunted Peoria

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This vintage Louis Vuitton trunk is one of the many artifacts on display during *Miss Morron's World Travels*.

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