

## ***Annual Meeting and Program Sunday April 16***

The Annual Meeting and Program will be Sunday April 16 at the Meeting House, 403 Old Hwy 26, in Hennepin at 7:00 pm. There will not be a dinner this year. Following a short meeting to elect four directors to the Society Board, Brian “Fox” Ellis will present “Exploring Two Faces of Illinois’ History: A Conversation with Territorial Governor Ninian Edwards and Pottawatomie Chief Gomo”.

Hear Edwards as he speaks on his role in The War of 1812, the burning of the French and Native American Village of Peoria, the Fort Dearborn Massacre in Chicago, the creation of our state constitution, and the Cahokia Council with the Indians. Then hear Pottawatomie Chief Gomo (whose brother was Chief Senachwine), as he shares his side of the story in the rescue of the French women and children of Peoria, and his relationships with the other principal chiefs of this region, in his speech responding to the Governor.

Many of the words for this program are taken directly from the speeches these two leaders delivered to each other at Cahokia as they squared off to determine the future of this region. Storyteller Brian “Fox” Ellis brings to life a controversial story in this vital moment in the birthing of Illinois as a State!

Everyone is welcome to this free program. The Meeting House is handicapped accessible and masks will be available for those who want them.

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## ***Pulsifer House Reopens For Year***

Pulsifer House reopened for the year on Wednesday March 16 when the normal hours of Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm resumed.

Masks are available for those who want them. We are sorry that Pulsifer House is not handicapped accessible.

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## ***Ag Museum Open First Saturday of Month***

The Agricultural Museum will be open the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. again this year.

Masks are available for those who need them. The ground floor of the Ag Museum is handicapped accessible but not the upper level balcony.



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## *Sharon Clausen 1930 – 2023*

Sharon Clausen joined Eva Morine as Curator for the Putnam County Historical Society in 1978 and replaced Eva when she died in 1984. She served as Curator for another 35 years until retiring in 2019. As Curator, she was instrumental in the development of the Agricultural Museum. She was one of the best known representatives of the Society for forty years, the face of the Society for many and beloved by all who knew her.



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### *In Memoriam*

We mourn the loss of the following Putnam County Historical Society members and friends. Over the years all have supported the Society's goals and programs. All will be sadly missed.

Francis Aimone	Sharon Clausen (Golden)	Doris Gimbal	Ron Toedter
Donald Brandstatter	Ruth Colby	William Lemke	John Urnikis
Diane Chiado	Rose Donini	Raymond Opper (Life)	

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### *Memorials & Tributes*

The following Memorials honor the lives of members and friends of the Society:

**Sharon Clausen** – Karen & Paul Bailey, Maxine Bassi, Bruch Farms, Ron & Sue Bruch, Barbara Brusseau, Jean & Jim Burger, Sue Campbell, Ronald & Betty Dean, Philip & Mary Edgerley, Candace Haar, Luke & Megan Holly, Phil & Nancy Hopkins, Terry & Barbara Judd, Randall & Lane Keller, Eugene Kunkel, Lonna Nauman, Barbara Paxson, Joseph & Patricia Piccinelli, Sidney Whitaker, Dorothy Wilson.

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### *Recent Donations*

We thank the following donors for recent gifts to the Historical Society:

**Alice Bohlen** – Corn memorabilia (glass ear, pitcher, vase, bottle, iron sculpture).

**Mike & Marilyn Frazier** – Two photos of Undercliff Hotel and Lake Senachwine.

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### *2022 Year-end Fund Drive*

We depend on the generosity of our members and friends during fund drives to cover the annual cost of maintaining Pulsifer House, the Agricultural Museum, the Meeting House and carrying on our mission of keeping the history of Putnam County alive through education, restoration and genealogy.

Brenda & William Bickerman	Nathaniel McCauley	Faye P Whitaker
Jean Hamill	Katherine Richmond	Sidney H Whitaker

The Putnam County Historical Society thanks all those who have given so far during the year-end Fund Drive.