Rosabelle Cronau Research Center

Historical society members and the public can use the Rosabelle Cronau Research Center on the museum’s second floor. The late Mrs. Cronau was a strong supporter of the society.

The center is home to the society’s collection of letters, photographs, documents, books and electronically recorded material related to the history of the Cedarville area. In the collection are books written about or by Jane Addams, Cedarville’s most famous citizen.

The collection is stored on shelves contributed by Winifred Macomber in memory of her late husband Vernon.

Museum Art Gallery

The museum’s second floor art gallery in the LeRoy Wilson Theater features four 48 by 68 inch acrylic murals by Cedarville area artists Harlan Corrie, Dan Elder, Roger Goodspeed and Duane Smith. They portray the village topically rather than chronologically. The gallery also has 19 smaller original paintings belonging to the society. A booklet of the collection is available for two dollars.

The second floor rooms can be reached by using the one button elevator on the museum’s first floor.

Museum Hours

May 3 through October 26
Saturday and Sunday
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
or by appointment by calling
815-563-4202 or 815-563-4485

Admission free to members of Cedarville Historical Society
$3 for non-members over 12

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and $25 for a family

The historical society is recognized as a non-profit organization by Illinois and the U.S. government and as such has been designated as eligible to receive tax deductible gifts under the IRS tax code regulation 501(c)(3).
Historical Society
2014 Programs & Events

Saturday, May 3 — Museum opens 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for six month season.

Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. — Edward Finch, former executive director, Stephenson County Historical Society, “Early Stephenson County Industrialists” $7 *

Monday, May 26 — Memorial Day parade 10 a.m. on Mill St. with 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. picnic lunch at museum after Cedarville Cemetery ceremony.


Tuesday, June 17, 7:30 p.m. — Joe Ginger, president, Stephenson County Genealogical Society, “Genealogy for Dummies and More” $7 **

Tuesday, July 15, 7:30 p.m. — Steven Cole, historian and genealogist, “Freeport and Frederick Douglass, Journalist and Abolitionist” $7 **

Tuesday, August 19, 7:30 p.m. — Steve Simpson, earth science instructor, Highland Community College, “The Making of Stephenson County: The Land and Life Before Man” $7 **

Saturday, September 20 — Jane Addams Festival with morning 5K run/walk on Jane Addams Trail. Special events, refreshments at museum starting 11 a.m.

Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 p.m. — Carl Cole, Rockford pianist and entertainer, performing popular songs by American composers on the Cedarville Museum’s 1906 upright piano located on first floor, Part I ***

Tuesday, September 30 7:30 p.m. — Carl Cole performing popular songs by American composers on the 1906 upright piano located on first floor, Part II **

Tuesday, October 14 7:30 p.m. — Carl Cole performing popular songs by American composers on the 1906 upright piano located on first floor, Part III **

Tuesday, Dec. 9 — Evening Christmas sing-a-long, food at museum. Free.

* $24 ticket covers all four programs or $7 for a single ticket

** $22 ticket covers all three programs; no single performance tickets available

A one button elevator to the second floor is available for physically handicapped museum visitors.

Cedarville Museum
2014 Exhibits

Cedarville-born and Nobel peace prize winner Jane Addams: her family and her work at Chicago’s Hull-House and for world peace. Many new artifacts and pictures added this year.

Three dimensional exhibit of 37 persons related to Jane Addams buried in Cedarville Cemetery

Fashions and clothing of Cedarville residents throughout history

Civil War and Stephenson County

The story of the Cedarville Fire Department in photos

The origin of Cedarville settlers

Trivets for pressing irons used in eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries

Arrowheads from Cedarville area

Cedarville School memories