Rosabelle Cronau Research Center

Historical society members and the public can use the Rosabelle Cronau Research Center on the museum's second floor.

In the research center you will find books, magazines, documents and electronically recorded material related to the history of the Cedarville area and the state of Illinois. Included are books written about or by Jane Addams, Cedarville’s most famous citizen.

Persons interested in more than general research about Cedarville should contact the historical society at 815-563-4485 or by e-mail.

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 Edler, Roger Goodspeed and Duane Smith. They portray the village topically rather than chronologically. The gallery also has more than 35 smaller original paintings of local subjects or by local artists. A booklet of the collection is available.

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

Museum Hours

April 27 through October 27
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

Research Center open weekends
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Historical Society
2019 Programs and Special Events

Tuesday, April 2, April 16 — Hour long Cedarville history classes at the museum conducted by Andy Davorak, American history instructor; Highland Community College. First: Early 1800’s to 1917. Second: World War I to end of 1930’s.

Saturday, April 27: Museum opens weekends from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for six months.

Tuesday, April 30: — Professional actress Laura Keyes in dramatic presentation of the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of “Little House on the Prairie.”

Tuesday, May 7 — Guitarist Ted Stavrou and flautist Jacques Saint-Cyr in a tour of Central and South American tangos.

Tuesday, May 14: Round table discussion of museum’s local art collection. Participants will be several local artists and Jim Bade, president of the historical society.

Monday, May 27 — Memorial Day parade at 10 a.m. on Mill Street and continuing to cemetery. Society 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. picnic lunch at museum after cemetery.

Tuesday, May 28 — The local Caswell sisters string quartet returns after last year’s success with a new program.


.Tuesday, July 16 — The museum audience will welcome back two favorites, accordionists Bobbie Edler and John Waeli. Bobbie is from Cedarville; John is a Monroe, Wi., boy.

Tuesday, August 20 — The 2019 museum music season closes with the Inspiration male barbershop quartet. These four local area singers are the same ones who entertained royally at the 2018 historical society Christmas party.

Saturday, October 27 — Museum closes at 4:00 p.m. for the season.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 — Free evening Christmas sing-a-long, entertainment and food at the museum. Starts about 6:00 p.m.

All Tuesday evening programs are in the museum at 7:30 p.m. and are held in the second floor LeRoy Wilson Theater. Refreshments are served by members of the historical society after the programs. A one button elevator to the second floor is available for physically handicapped museum visitors.

A $38 ticket covers all four evening spring history programs. $10 for a single ticket. A $38 ticket covers all four evening summer music programs. $10 for single ticket.

All tickets are transferable without penalty from one person to another. For more information or tickets, call Jim Bade at 815-563-4485 or send an e-mail to bonniebade@comcast.net.

Cedarville Museum
2019 Exhibits
Cedarville-born and Nobel peace prize winner Jane Addams: her family and her work at Chicago’s Hull House and for world peace. This is the second year for the largest collection of Addams family artifacts currently exhibited in the United States. The exhibit includes furniture from the Cedarville homestead and personal items of family members.

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

A late nineteenth century “Friendship Quilt” with 30 embroidered names donated by Cedarville’s LaBorde family

Arrowheads from Cedarville area

Cedarville School memories