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CAROL STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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From the President...

Happy 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Carol Stream! The Historical Society has taken time this year to celebrate this milestone in our village's history. In the spring, we provided programming at the farmhouse for the kindergarteners of Carol Stream School and a badge lab for a Junior Girl Scout troop. "Carol Stream Through the Decades" was a panel presentation by four longtime residents held in cooperation with Carol Stream Public Library. Those attending the panel were also able to tour the farmhouse. The farmhouse was open for public viewing of the "1959" and "Past Anniversaries" displays during the May Open House and then again in July with our Garden Walk.

Coming soon on September 14th is our family friendly Country Fair with games, crafts, live music by the 6 String Kings Acoustic Troubadours, apple cider donuts and tours of the farmhouse and garden. October 6th brings the updated Carol Stream Heritage Tour by bus. RSVPs are needed but the hour tour is free. Our final public event of the year is a lecture on "Pre-Civil War Quilts" by Connie Martin, co-sponsored by the Carol Stream Woman's Club on Tuesday, October 15th at St. Luke Church. Tickets are \$15. Please see more details about these future events in this newsletter. For more information on our Facebook page and webpage.

As I am almost to the end of my first year as president, I want to thank all the other board members for their support and assistance. A special thanks goes out to Carole Ellermeier, who held the position of president for the past eight years. I appreciate her mentoring and help to me, as well as her knowledge and talents that she continues to give to the Historical Society.

Please consider joining us at a meeting, program or event if you enjoy local history.

Margaret Leabru

Country Fair at the farmhouse Sat. Sept 14th at 10 am - 2 pm

CSHS General Meeting Tue, September 24th at 7pm

Village Historic Bus Tour Sun, October 6th at 12:30 pm

Pre-Civil War Quilt Lecture Tue. Oct 15th, 7 pm

CSHS Annual meeting Tue, October 22nd at 7pm

No meetings in November or December

Regular Meetings: Farmhouse, the fourth Tuesday unless otherwise noted

For additional information about events, meetings, membership, or historical community research, please contact us.

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PRE-CIVIL WAR QUILTS WITH MESSAGES

BY CONNIE MARTIN

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

7:00 p.m.

St. Luke Church

401 Cochise Ct.

Carol Stream, IL 60188

*Presented by: The Carol Stream Woman's Club and
The Carol Stream Historical Society*

Quilts are generally thought of as warm and comforting. They are by their very nature, a reflection of creativity, as well. To the African-American slaves seeking safe passage to freedom during pre-Civil War times, they meant much more. Connie Martin will share the meaning and messages of the special quilts created during the era on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Her presentation, Pre-Civil War Quilts will be held at St. Luke Church, 401 Cochise Ct. in Carol Stream. She will show how patterns and special stitchery was used to help guide slaves to freedom as they journeyed the underground railroad.

Martin follows in the footsteps of her mother, Dr. Clarice Boswell, who developed the presentation 20 years ago. The stories surrounding the messages and secret codes contained in the quilts were gleaned from family stories and historical research. Though



Presenter, Connie Martin.

the decorative quilt patterns Martin uses are replicas, she has the originals which date to the 1850's. Their secret codes were handed down by oral tradition from one generation to the next. The tradition is also documented in the family's Bible.

Tickets for Pre-Civil War Quilts are \$15. To order tickets, mail checks made to "The Carol Stream Historical Society" to: Quilt Program – CSHS, P.O. Box 88791, Carol Stream, IL 60188-8791. Please include email and/or phone number for order confirmation.

This program is jointly sponsored by The Carol Stream Woman's Club and The Carol Stream Historical Society. For information contact Barb at 630-665-0686.

About the presenter: Connie Martin is a retired middle school language arts teacher and coach. She loves researching history and finds her family history wonderfully fascinating. She is the daughter of Dr. Clarice Boswell, former Pre-Civil War quilt presenter, and author of Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom. Martin is also a nationally and internationally certified group fitness instructor and certified personal trainer. She is the mother of three grown sons and has two grandchildren. She lives in Aurora, Illinois.



Close-up of a pre-Civil War quilt sampler.



Country Fair

Family Day at the Farmhouse

Bring the family to our
Old Time Country Fair –
Saturday, September 14, 2019
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
at the Carol Stream Historic Farmhouse,
301 W. Lies Road, Carol Stream.



- Shop the Mercantile for Vintage Treasures (cash only)
 - Tour the Farmhouse
 - Buy a Gently Used Book or Two
 - Enjoy the music of The 6 String Kings Acoustic Troubadours
- Play Old-Fashioned Games
 - Snack on Apple Cider Donuts from Gourmet Goodies
- Snap a Great Picture at the Photo Ops
- Step Back in Time for Some Old-Fashioned Fun



You can do any or all of these and more at this fun event. Admission is free. Country Fair has something for everyone in the family. Bring your family and friends for a little step back in time and a day of fun. Family Day is provided by the Carol Stream Historical Society. For additional information contact us at 630.473.8308 or find us on Facebook.

60th Anniversary Heritage Tour



From the Way We Were to the Way We Are

Our home town is 60 years old and we're celebrating! How well do you know Carol Stream? If you'd like to know a bit more about how the Village has evolved, join us for a Heritage Bus Tour on October 6 at 12:30 p.m. The narrated tour will point out where it all began and places along the way that tell the story of how we've changed and grown.

The one- hour tour will leave from the Historic Farmhouse, 301 W. Lies Road. Guests may park right next door at Hampe Park. Reservations are required. Space is limited. To reserve your spot, call 630.473.8308 or Email us at carolstreamhistoricalsociety@gmail.com Tell us your name, contact information and the number of attendees. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.**

There is no charge but a \$5 donation is suggested.



Carl Bornholt 1934-2019

Community leader, Carl Salisbury Bornholt passed away at his home at the age of 85 on August 2. Though he was born and raised in Chicago, Mr. Bornholt was a long-time resident of Carol Stream. He helped to form the community and remained committed to community service.

Carl and Jean Bornholt settled in Carol Stream 1960 to raise their three children Karen (Mark) Hahn, Kathryn Buckner, and Stephen Bornholt. Carl spent most of his career in human resources at R.R. Donnelley & Sons.

Mr. Bornholt was an early leader in Carol Stream, serving as the sixth Village President from 1967-69, a trustee and Village Clerk. He also served on the Carol Stream Park District Board, Library Board, and District 93 School Board. Carl Bornholt was named Carol Stream's first Citizen of the Year in 1965 for his volunteer service to the community. He was a founding member of Lutheran Church of the Master.

Our condolences to the Bornholt family.