



**WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019**

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Josh Bill

It is safe to say that a fitting theme for our 2019 fiscal year can be captured in one word: unbelievable. We are thrilled to announce that we will be working alongside the Waukegan Park District for the restoration and adaptive reuse of the historic Carnegie Library. Many people in the city are looking forward to seeing this wonderful building come back to life as the future home of the Waukegan Historical Society's museum exhibits and archival collections. While some might find it hard to believe, the dedicated staff and volunteers of the Park District and Historical Society have made this dream possible. We will continue to keep you posted on the developments of this exceptional project.

This fiscal year also came with profound loss for the society. The Waukegan Historical Society was deeply saddened at the passing of Ellen Frew. Ellen had been a past president of the board of directors. She dedicated countless hours of her time volunteering at society events and acting as a beloved booster for our work. The Historical Society will miss Ellen dearly.

In happier news, our longtime head research librarian, Beverly Mallard, was honored by the Waukegan Park District with the Jack Benny Arts and Humanities Award in recognition of her more than 30,000 hours of volunteerism. For all those who know Beverly, she is so modest she would never seek out an award. We are all so proud of her work.

We look forward to the upcoming year and our continued work with the Waukegan Park District in restoring a treasure to the city in the Carnegie Building. We hope we can count on your help and support along the way. You, our members, have always done so much to help us to achieve our goals. We wouldn't be here without you!

## **PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

**January 6, 2019** – Lecture by local lawyer, Doug Stiles, on his family's connection to one of Abraham Lincoln's personal watches.

**February 12, 2019** – Birthday bash and trivia night celebrating Abraham Lincoln.

**February 22, 2019** – In honor of Black History Month, the Waukegan Historical Society brought their pop-up exhibit on African American history in Waukegan. Bryan Escobar, our Arts and History Specialist presented at Waukegan Public School's event: Black History Experience.

**February 28, 2019** – Beverly Mallard, longtime voluntary head research librarian for the historical society was awarded the Jack Benny Arts and Humanities Award from the Waukegan Park District in recognition of her tireless dedication and more than 30,000 hours she has given to society researchers.

**March 13, 2019** – Ty Rohrer delivers a presentation entitled: “Influential Women of Waukegan’s Past” to the Zion Genealogical Society.

**March 16, 2019** – Waukegan Historical Society participates in the Illinois Reads Book Festival and later helps to dedicate Ray Bradbury Park as a National Literary Landmark.

**April 26, 2019** – The Illinois State Historical Society awards the Waukegan Historical Society with superior recognition for outstanding local history honoring the Top Fifty Events in Waukegan’s History.

**May 19, 2019** – Chandra Sefton, a lifetime member of the society and exceptional volunteer presented a program to our members on her family connection to the Legacy of the Simpson Brothers.

**June 1, 2019** – Waukegan Park District’s 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Ray Bradbury’s *Dandelion Wine* Fine Arts Festival. The Waukegan Historical Society was proud to sponsor a stage, create an exhibit, and sell memberships and historical photographs at the festival.

**June 15, 2019** – The Waukegan Historical Society was a proud sponsor of the Juneteenth Celebration. The Society had their African American History Exhibit on Display at the Festival.

**June 29, 2019** – A free tour of Waukegan Harbor was provided by the Waukegan Historical Society.

**July 12, 2019** – The history hidden in several of Waukegan’s parking lots was unveiled during this free walking tour provided by the Waukegan Historical Society.

**August 8, 2019** – Lunch and Learn on Finding Waukegan in Ray Bradbury’s *Dandelion Wine*.

**September 14, 2019** – In partnership with the Waukegan Park District and the City of Waukegan, the Waukegan Historical Society led our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Oakwood Cemetery Walk, where we relived some of our “greatest hits” from past walks. Actors, in period attire, told the stories of one of the first African American families, a mayor who brought industries to Waukegan, a noted Waukegan actress, and several more.

**October 6, 2019** – The Historical Society's biggest fundraising event was a huge success. 491 people attended the tour, which featured Tudor-style homes never before open to the public in the fifty-one year history of the tour.



**December 3, 2019** – Waukegan Historical Society’s Holiday Open House at the Waukegan History Museum.

## WAUKEGAN HISTORY MUSEUM EXHIBITS

**Waukegan History Museum FREE Pop-Up Exhibit**

# ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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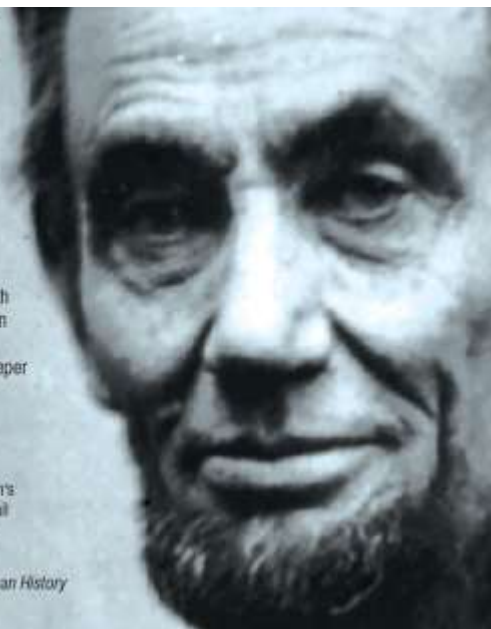
## A MAN OF HIS TIME, A MAN FOR ALL TIMES

This exhibition traces Lincoln's path from a self-educated, rough-hewn lawyer with virtually no administrative experience, to the president who guided a divided nation through the crises of slavery, secession and Civil War. We hope that presenting Lincoln's own words in speeches, letters, and proclamations will encourage a deeper understanding of our 16th president's life, accomplishments and legacy.

**On Display at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts Theatre**  
November 26, 2018 through February 28, 2019

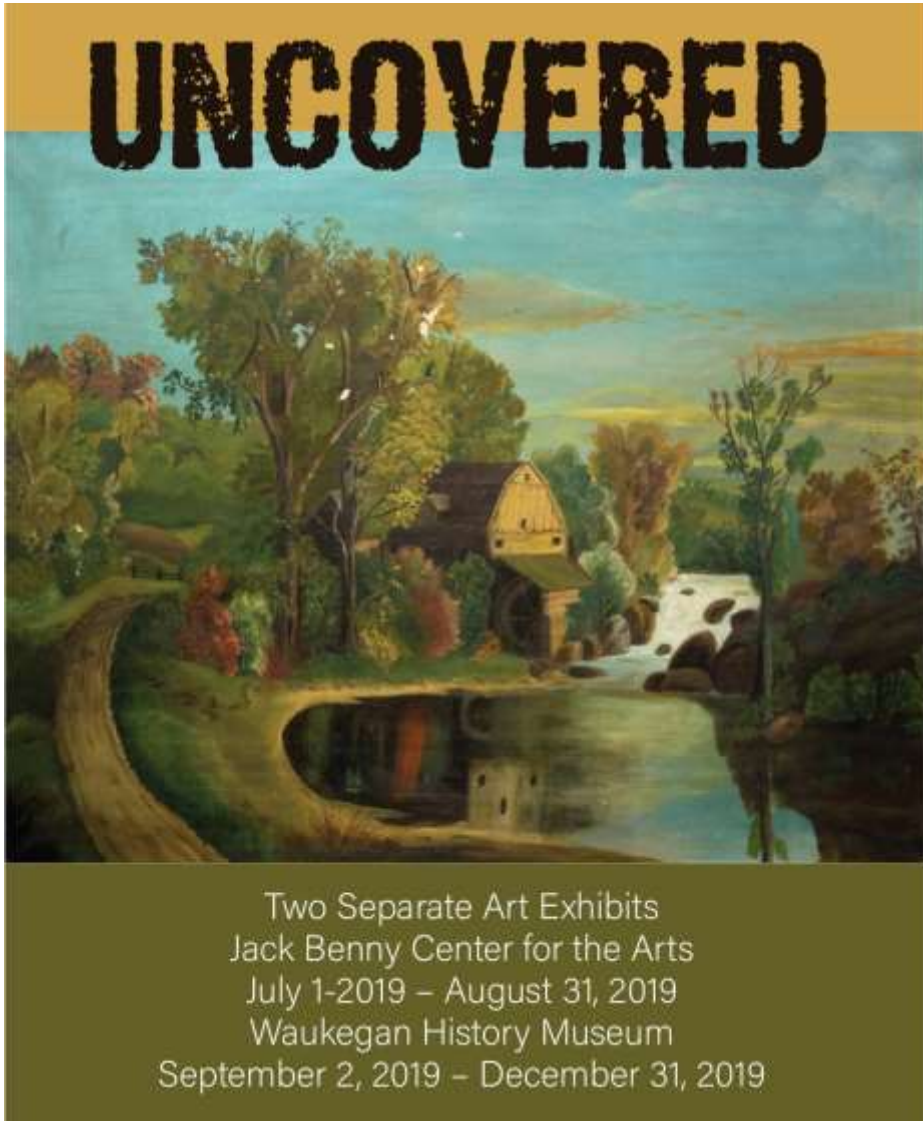
Appropriate for All Ages. Also featuring the story of Lincoln's visit to Waukegan and Waukegan's efforts during the Civil War. For classrooms and large groups, please call 847-360-4744 or email [museum@waukeganhistorical.org](mailto:museum@waukeganhistorical.org) to schedule a time to visit. Supplementary materials and an educator's guide will be available for teachers.

*Exhibit Donated to the Waukegan Historical Society by The Gelder Lehman Institute of American History*



February 2019 – Pop-Up Exhibit – Waukegan’s African American History @ Waukegan History Museum, City Hall, Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan Public School District 60 Black History Month Event

June 1, 2019 – *LIVE FOREVER: Celebrating Ray Bradbury* (on display at the Ray Bradbury’s *Dandelion Wine* Fine Arts Festival)



July 20, 2019 – Pop-up “Pieces of the Past” Exhibit at the July ArtWauk.

September 15, 2019 – October 15, 2019 – Pop-up Exhibit on early Latinx immigration to Waukegan.

## **Congratulations Ann Darrow**

Ann Darrow, Life Member of the Society, long-time volunteer for both the Research Library and Museum, and founding member of the Oakwood Cemetery Walk, was recently recognized for her dedication to Waukegan's history by both the Illinois State Historical Society and the Waukegan Park District.

Ann received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois State Historical Society, which is given to an individual for sustained and varied contributions to state and local history. The Waukegan Park District recognized Ann with the Jack Benny Arts & Humanities Award. Ann is definitely deserving of both of these prestigious distinctions.

Ann has volunteered in numerous roles for the Historical Society for over 30 years. She is an integral part of the Research Library and is our resident genealogical specialist.

Most importantly for the community, Ann Darrow has dedicated over twenty-five years of her life to the research of Waukegan's Oakwood Cemetery. She found that the City of Waukegan records on the cemetery were lacking. She took it upon herself to create a master database of records, and she has graciously shared this database with the City of Waukegan. Ann is the driving force for collecting and maintaining accurate records pertaining to Oakwood Cemetery and she is the primary contact for the City of Waukegan and for the public on all matters relating to the cemetery.

Ann is a pillar in the successes of the Waukegan Historical Society and Oakwood Cemetery Walk. Her dedication to the preservation as well as showcasing of Waukegan's history is truly amazing. Congratulations Ann!



**WAUKEGAN HISTORY MUSEUM**

**1,452** Total Visitors  
**838** Pop-Up Exhibit Visitors  
**64** Total Guided Tours

**RESEARCH LIBRARY**

**226** Total Visitors

**OUTREACH PROGRAMMING**

21 Total Community Programs Presented  
128 Total School Outreach Programs Presented  
2 Community Walking Guided Tours  
7 Guided School Walking Tours

(575 Adults/ 3,216 Students)

**3,791 TOTAL IN-PERSON  
PARTICIPANTS**

**54,942 REACHED VIRTUALLY DURING  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

For more than a decade, the Waukegan Historical Society has been planning an addition to our current museum space. This year our plans changed from an addition to the restoration of the Carnegie Library. As we move forward with this project, fundraising continues to be a major focus of the Society.

Donors this fiscal year to the building fund as well as general support of the Society are as follows.

**\$2500**

Anne & Craig Linn

**\$1000**

Dourelle Kweder  
Wayne & Ann Taylor  
Charlotte Callahan Wozniak

**\$500 up to \$999**

Harry Came  
Hochberg Family Foundation (in honor of David Brown & Maury Fertig)  
Lake County Civil War Roundtable  
Dennis Moisio  
Network For Good  
Susan Pantoja (in memory/honor of Angel Pantoja)

**\$100 up to \$499**

Joan Alders  
Gregory Alloian  
Daniel Anders & Lauren Sczygielski-Anders  
John Bairstow (in memory of Brett L. C. Bairstow)  
Randolph Bowcott (in memory/honor of MacGillicuddy)  
Monica Burmeister  
Sharon Came  
Patrick Cosgrove  
William Coulson (in memory/honor of Ruth Coulson – librarian there)  
Robert & Michelle Crombie  
Helen Darsnek  
Patricia Foley  
Charlotte Gissel  
Emily Heslinga (in honor of Steve & Patricia Ludwig, John & Ellen Montgomery, Ray & Karen Papp)  
Historical Society Board (in memory of Ellen Frew)  
Scott Hoffert



Mary Clare Jakes  
Janet Kilkelly  
Sarah & Travis Miller (in honor of Douglas Stiles)  
Lori Mivshek  
Katherine Oldham  
Sandra Petroshius  
Bonnie Jean Ray  
Mae & Glenn Smith  
Adena Staben  
Stiles/Haas (in honor of Douglas Stiles  
– for the fireplace in the children’s reading room in the Carnegie Library)  
Elizabeth & Douglas Stiles (in honor of Douglas Stiles)  
Mary Rose Strubbe & Kevin Kane  
Ethel Tsausis (in memory of Bessie Tsausis)  
Thomas & Eleanor Vick

**\$50 up to \$99**

Anonymous (2)  
Donna Clark (in memory/honor of Alfred Clark Sr.)  
Marciann Galazkiewicz  
Ruth Anne Hickman  
Michael Labellart & Christine Kiel  
Lake County Federation of Teachers  
Peter Lee & Jennifer White Lee (in honor of Dorothy M. White)  
Jane Leonowitz (in memory/honor of Otis & Margery Clothier)  
Laurie Marston  
Rita & Michael Melius  
Janet Young  
June Zaragoza

**Up to \$49**

Anonymous (1)  
Karla Wool Bukstein (in memory of parents Millie & Buddy Wool)  
Faith Clark (in memory of Henry I. Clark III)  
Patricia Cornell  
Linda Ehgartner & Bogdan Czeszejko  
Lunette Eichler (in memory of Howard & Cleone Petersen)  
Dorothy Evenhouse  
Ann Richter

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2019 Fiscal Year

### INCOME

#### *UNRESTRICTED*

Membership Dues	\$ 1,230.00
Contributions	\$ 1,451.00
Community Programs	\$ 10,898.01
Sales	\$ 740.00
Royalties	\$ 0
Museum Donation Box	\$ 86.00
Library (Research)	\$ 115.00
Interest (First Midwest Money Market)	\$ 2.58
<b>Total Unrestricted Income</b>	<b>\$ 14,522.59</b>

#### *RESTRICTED*

Carnegie Project Contributions	\$ 4,255.50
Endowment Contributions	\$ 210.00
<b>Total Restricted Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,465.50</b>

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$ 18,988.09**

## EXPENSES

### ***UNRESTRICTED***

Museum Cleaning Service	\$ 935.00
Programs	\$ 655.42
Mailings	\$ 2,385.48
Online Stripe & Square Fees	\$ 15.32
Donations/Sponsorships	\$ 200.00
Memberships/Subscriptions/Gifts	\$ 392.00
Printer Maintenance	\$ 150.00
Museum Expansion Advertising	\$ 375.00
Park District Museum/Library Rent	\$ 0
Insurance	\$ 1,909.00
Squarespace Website (billed early 2020)	\$ 0
Library	\$ 1,075.51
State of Illinois Annual Report	\$ 10.00
Exhibits	\$ 307.04
<b>Total Unrestricted Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,409.77</b>

### ***RESTRICTED***

<b>Total Restricted Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 8,409.77</b>
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## CASH ASSETS

	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>12/31/2018</b>	<b>\$ 158,131.10</b>	<b>\$ 19,437.52</b>	<b>\$ 177,568.62</b>
Income	\$ 4,465.50	\$ 14,522.59	\$ 18,988.09
Expense	\$ 0	\$ 8,409.77	\$ 8,409.77
<b>12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$ 162,596.60</b>	<b>\$ 25,550.34</b>	<b>\$ 188,146.94</b>

## IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

Chris Lanning	500.00
Margaret Martin	1725.00
Waukegan Park District	65,000.00