



History Matters!

**Newsletter of the Effingham County Cultural Center
and Museum**

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A New Look on the South Lawn



Two red granite pillars were recently installed at the juncture of the Jefferson Avenue sidewalk and the sidewalk leading up to the south entrance of the Effingham County Museum.

The pillars originally stood at the corner of Wabash Avenue and Fifth Street. The City of Effingham removed them because they interfered with visibility at the intersection. When they were created many decades ago, the pillars marked the entryway to a new subdivision with many brick houses.

The city's Tourism fund covered the cost of the process of deconstructing the pillars, moving the stones, and then reassembling them in their new home.

Each pillar is over six feet tall, and they create an impressive frame around the County Museum entrance.

ECCCMA MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Museum is to establish, maintain, and operate a museum for the general public, and to collect, research, care for and interpret materials and artifacts of cultural and historical interest to the residents of, and visitors to, Effingham County, Illinois. Our vision is that the 1872 Effingham County Courthouse remains as an architectural gem that instills a sense of community pride and provides a venue to educate and showcase the history, art, and transportation of Effingham County. The Museum is a 501(c) 3 organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Hours

Usual hours March-December: Tuesday & Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM
Other hours by special arrangement
Closed to the general public January-February, except for special programming
or by appointment

Accessibility

The museum is wheelchair accessible from the east side entrance just off the parking lot. Toilet facilities that are wheelchair accessible can be found in the west exhibit room.

Collection Building

The scope of the Museum's collection is directed by its Mission Statement. Donations are accepted of objects that relate directly to the Museum's mission of collecting materials and artifacts of cultural and/or historical interest.

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Conservation Assessment for Preservation

The Effingham County Museum recently hosted a Conservation Assessment for Preservation (CAP) visit. The CAP event was funded by a \$7,800 allotment from the Institute of Museums and Libraries in Washington, DC. Only 3 other museums in Illinois had CAP visits this year, and they were all near Chicago. The Museum expects a written assessment report in the near future.



Collections assessor SHELLEY PAINE (center) inspected the museum's exhibits, collections and storage on first, second and third floor on August 15 & 16, 2018.

Shelley is a collection conservator from Nashville, Tennessee.



Building assessor ANNE MCGUIRE (right) explored the interior and exterior of the museum's 1872 structure during the August 15-16 CAP visit. She was escorted by Allen Westendorf and LoElla Baker.

Anne is an architect from Evanston, Illinois.

A Report on the Ladies Tea Party - July 14, 2018

Table top decor (created by Susan Hoelscher and Marilyn Heuerman)



Some of the guests



The lovely young ladies who modeled (recruited by Jane Ries)



Isabel Dabier



Sophia Martin



Cailin Gilpin



Avery Rogers



Olivia Spraul



Leah Griffith



Carly Spraul



Kiara Hemrich



Hanna DiBenendetto



Katie Rogers



Sidney Donaldson



Malia Sweeney



Grace Rogers



Cailey Dasenbrock

The wait staff



Mark Ries and Chuck Hoelscher



Megan Hoelscher



Bill Granse

[More photos on page 6](#)



Sidebar decor around the room



Sandi Donaldson, Sandi Wernsing, Sue Hoelscher (Ladies Tea Committee Members). Sandi Wernsing prepared the gourmet food.



Jane Ries narrated the fashion show and provided context for the 1940s-50s-60s&70s era



After the break, Linda Ruholl gave a power point review of the changes in bridal fashions between 1940 and 1979. Cailey Dasenbrock displayed fabric samples, from the heaviest bridal satin to the sheerest chiffon

Looking ahead to December!

Mark your calendar for the Annual Museum

Christmas Season Open House

Friday, November 30 - 6 to 8 PM

Sunday, December 2 - 2 to 4 PM

Treat yourself to a view of this year's
Veterans' Tree



Christmas cookies and other treats of the season
will be served to our visitors. Be sure and come!

Now Available for Sale at the Museum (Items make wonderful Christmas gifts)

All items pictured to the right are available for sale when the museum is open for regular hours. Regular hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM every Tuesday and Saturday from the beginning of March through the end of December.

Items can also be ordered using the blank below.

Mail to: Effingham County Courthouse Museum

Box 324

Effingham, IL 62467

ATTN: Delaine Donaldson

Number	Price	Item
_____	\$10 ea	Book 1: Delaine Donaldson <i>Effingham County</i>
_____	\$10 ea	Book 2: Delaine Donaldson <i>Maggie's Boys</i>
_____	\$10 ea	Ornament 1: Courthouse Museum
_____	\$10 ea	Ornament 2: Railroad Depot
_____	\$10 ea	Ornament 3: T.E.A.M
_____	\$10 ea	Ornament 4: Bliss Park
_____	\$10 ea	Book 3: Dorothy Brumleve, <i>A Family Abroad</i>
_____	\$10 ea	Book 4: Dorothy Brumleve, <i>Teutopolis News</i>
_____	\$10 ea	Book 5: Dorothy Brumleve, <i>Effingham News</i>

Merchandise

TOTAL \$_____

Postage +\$_____

First class postage \$4.00 per item x ____ items

TOTAL

Enclosed \$_____

Check # _____

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City/Town _____

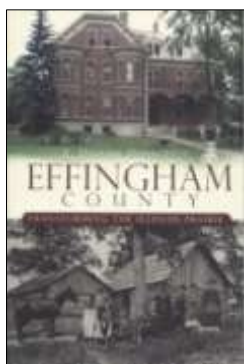
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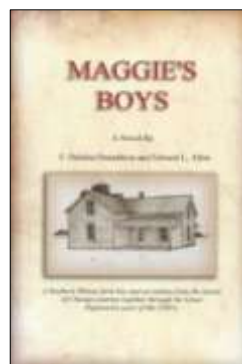
Expect delivery within 2 weeks from receipt of order

All gift/souvenir items \$10.00 each!

Books by local historian Delaine Donaldson



Book 1



Book 2

Christmas Ornaments (individually gift boxed)



Ornament 1



Ornament 2



Ornament 3



Ornament 4

Books by Dorothy Brumleve



Book 3



Book 4



Book 5

Celebrate With Us

Questions?
Call DEAN MANUEL
618-267-7914

3rd Annual 1872 Celebration & Civil War Era GRAND BALL Saturday, October 13, 2018



Effingham County
Courthouse Museum
110 East Jefferson, Effingham

Proceeds benefit the Museum

Only 50 tickets to be sold!

October 13, 2018 EVENTS OF THE DAY

10:00 AM Museum open

1:00-2:30PM Historic Presentation by Mr. Fred Johnson:
Battle Hymn of the Republic and
Period Music by the Annable Sisters
2nd level Courtroom (free & open to public)

EVENING ACTIVITIES—\$30/ticket

6:15 PM Doors open to Second Floor Courtroom

6:30-7:00 PM MUSIC by the FACE ORCHESTRA

7:00-7:05 PM Vocal solo "Hail Columbia" Larry Lappin, accompanied by FACE

7:05-7:15 PM President U. S. Grant—*Remarks Suitable for the Occasion*

7:30-10:00 PM Costumed GRAND BALL with MUSIC by the
SALT CREEK STRING BAND

Period dress is welcome (1860-1872)—US Union or civilian attire appropriate.

Dancers in period costume will participate in several rounds.

Afterwards, spectators will be invited to join them.

Period Refreshments will be served.

Reserve now. Mail to **ECCCMA Treasurer, Box 324, Effingham, IL 62401**

Number of reservations _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Check # _____ for \$ _____ enclosed

Your name _____ Cell # _____

Street _____

Town/state/zip _____