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Naper Settlement 2017 January Events and Programs

Wedding Showcase

Recently engaged and planning your special day? The Wedding Showcase is a great opportunity for busy couples to plan their dream wedding. In the historic setting of the Pre-Emption House and Century Memorial Chapel, enjoy one-on-one consultations with the best in the bridal business including photographers, florists, DJs, musicians, bakers, caterers, ministers and more. The Wedding Showcase will take place Saturday, Jan. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Visit www.napersettlement.org or call (630) 420-6010.

History Speaks Lecture Series: Bartholdi and His Lady of Copper

French sculptor, Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, wanted to produce a work of colossal proportions to express his love of liberty – a statue that would be a gift from the French people to America. The statue of Liberty was Bartholdi's greatest achievement, a 20-year adventure of devotion and labor involving the finest engineers, architects and craftsmen. This stunning presentation features the illustrations of award winning Artist/Presenter, Jim Weren. The History Speaks Lecture Series: Bartholdi and His Lady of Copper will take place on Sunday, Jan. 8 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$9 for youth (ages 4-12) and students. Admission for members is \$8 for adults and \$7 for youth. Visit www.napersettlement.org or call (630) 420-6010.

Naperville Plays!

Warm up into a world of art and innovation through play and discovery featuring “Dream with DaVinci” a new traveling exhibit at DuPage Children’s Museum. Visitors will triple their fun with hands-on art and activities provided by the DuPage Children’s Museum, Naper Settlement and the Naperville Public Library. This program will take place Saturday, Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is presented in partnership with DuPage Children’s Museum, Naper Settlement and Naperville Public Library. Naperville Plays will be held offsite at the DuPage Children’s Museum, 301 N. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540. Admission is \$12 for adults and youth and \$10 for seniors (60+). Naper Settlement and DuPage Children’s Museum members are free. For more information, visit www.dupagechildrens.org/learning-experiences/naperville-plays/.

History Connectors and Building Interpreters Informational Meetings

Resolve to get involved in the New Year! Teens in grades 9 to 12 and adults can volunteer as History Connectors and work with our visitors at special hands-on activity stations, Settlement Sundays, summer camp, Girl Scout programs and more. No costumes are required.

Adults ages 18 and older can volunteer as Building Interpreters to tell the stories of the past and how they relate to the present inside the historic museum buildings. Through their interpretation

or demonstrations of special skills, such as Blacksmithing, these volunteers provide an exciting and engaging experience that stimulates conversation and promotes an appreciation of Naperville's history. Period clothing is an option.

There are two opportunities to attend the mandatory History Connectors and Building Interpreters Informational Meeting. The first option is Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the second option is Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Training takes place throughout the winter to prepare for the summer season which begins on April 1. Visit our website or contact the Director of Guests & Volunteer Services at 630.305.5256 or email nsvolunteer@naperville.il.us to join in a fun, rewarding and interactive adventure!

Juniors Volunteers Parent Informational Meetings

Calling all children in grades 4 through 7 for the Juniors Volunteer program. From April through October, the Juniors, dressed in period clothing like overalls and dresses with petticoats, play typical games and do chores and activities of the past. What a great way for your kids to give back to the community, make new friends, "play" while volunteering, build self-esteem and so much more! To be a part of our 2017 volunteer team, attend one of our informational meetings held in the Meeting House. There are two opportunities to attend the mandatory Juniors Volunteers Parent Informational Meeting. The first option is Thursday, Jan. 26 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the other option is Saturday, Jan. 28 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Training will then take place throughout the winter to prepare for the summer season which begins on April 1. Visit our website or contact the Director of Organizational Resources at 630.305.5256 or email nsvolunteer@naperville.il.us to join in a fun, rewarding, and interactive adventure!

About Naper Settlement

Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited, award-winning outdoor museum set on 12 magnificent acres in the heart of Naperville, where history comes to play and community comes to connect. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.org or call (630) 420-6010.

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