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Naper Settlement welcomes Lance Tawzer as Director of Innovation and Experiences

Naperville, IL — Naper Settlement, a nationally-accredited outdoor history museum, is pleased to announce that Lance Tawzer, a specialist in the design and development of museum exhibitions, has been named the museum's first Director of Innovation and Experiences. Working in the museum field since 1998, Tawzer has participated in diverse projects across the United States, including work for the Field Museum, the Falls of Ohio State Park, the Jim Beam Visitor Center, The Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity and The Peggy Notebaert Museum.

"We are thrilled to welcome Lance to Naper Settlement," said Vice President of Community Engagement & Audience, Donna Sack. "Lance has an impressive background in leadership and design, and we are looking forward to him having the opportunity to bring interactive and engaging content and experiences to the museum campus."

In his new role, Tawzer will contribute to the overall vision and direction of exhibit development and implementation by overseeing the creation of inventive, experiential exhibits that are interwoven with the overall museum experience. Tawzer will be responsible for creating innovative experiences that reflect the strategy, mission and values of the organization.

For the past 9 years, Tawzer has served as the Curator of Exhibits at the Elmhurst History Museum where he created compelling and relevant exhibitions that garnered national awards, including a Leadership in History Award from AALSH and a MUSE award from AAM for an interactive multi-user touch table which interpreted the city of Elmhurst's history geographically through time. The patron friendly, pop-culture exhibits that Tawzer created included "Sweet Home Chicago" and "Sox vs. Cubs: The Chicago Civil Wars," to name a few. Many of Tawzer's exhibits found success travelling to other locations as well.

Previous to the Elmhurst History Museum, Tawzer became a Senior Project Manager for a large museum firm in Washington, DC, where he managed multimillion-dollar museum exhibition projects that included new museums for the National Park Service and the Smithsonian. Tawzer also served as the Director of Design for Solid Light, a museum exhibit design and fabrication firm in Louisville, KY.

"After nine years working to change the perception of what a local history museum can be and how it can attract a national and regional community, I look forward to the incredibly varied and vast potential that Naper Settlement provides," said Tawzer. "The only limit to our success here will be our ability to imagine and re-imagine ways to engage our patrons in meaningful ways both short and long term."

About Naper Settlement

Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited, award-winning outdoor museum with the Martin Mitchell Mansion (Pine Craig) on the National Register of Historic places. The museum is 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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