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Naper Settlement January and February 2019 events and programs

NAPERVILLE, IL — Naper Settlement is pleased to present the following events and programs during January and February 2019. General museum admission is at a reduced winter rate of \$5.25 for adults, \$4.75 for seniors (62+) and \$4 for youth (4-12). Naperville residents with proof of residency, children under 4, and members are free. For more information about a specific event, please visit our website at www.NaperSettlement.org.

Naperville Plays!

Sunday, January 12, 9AM-1PM

\$12/adult and youth, \$10/senior (60+), Naper Settlement and DuPage Children's Museum members are free

Visitors will quadruple their fun in this partnership of programming with themed "Community Cares" hands-on craft activities along with storytelling provided by the DuPage Children's Museum, Naper Settlement, Knoch Knolls Nature Center and the Naperville Public Library. Held offsite at the DuPage Children's Museum, 301 N. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540.

Century Memorial Chapel Open House

Sunday, January 13, 11 AM–2 PM

Free admission, reservations recommended

Contact weddings@naperville.il.us to reserve

Planning a wedding or renewal of vows? Meet our rental attendants and tour our stunning Gothic Revival chapel during these special open house dates. Have all your questions about a Naper Settlement wedding answered!

History Speaks Lecture Series: "The Journey to Mollie's War: WACs and World War II"

Sunday, January 13, 4–5 PM

Non-Members: \$10/adult, \$9/youth (4-12) and students

Members: \$8/adult, \$7/ youth (4-12)

Held in the Century Memorial Chapel

Members of the Women's Army Corps – WACs – were the first women other than nurses to serve overseas in World War II. Author Cyndee Schaffer's mother, Mollie Weinstein Schaffer, was one of them. Drawing upon excerpts from Mollie's wartime letters, this presentation

provides a romantic, yet frightful, glimpse into the life of a woman in uniform during this crucial time in history. It traces the footsteps of the women who served in Europe, following Mollie and her fellow WACs who were stationed in London, England, before D-Day and during the post-D-Day German buzz bomb attacks. It will invite contemplation of the vital and varied roles that women have fulfilled in the American military and as citizens of Illinois.

School's Out Day Camp – 1960s Throwback

Monday, January 21, 9 AM- 3PM

Drop off begins at 8:30 AM

\$160/camper for four School's Out Days (1/21, 2/18, 3/1 3/25) or \$45/camper/day; registration required

Travel back to the 1960s for a day of far-out fun! Decode groovy slang, watch *The Brady Bunch* clips and early superhero cartoons, make love beads, and build a space ship. Play with '60s toys and games, then complete the day by learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and why school's out today.

History Connectors and Building Interpreters

Informational Meetings (Mandatory)

Thursday, January 24, 7–8:15 PM or Saturday, January 26, 10–11:15 AM

Held in Meeting House

Resolve to get involved in the New Year! Teens in grades 8 to 12 and adults can volunteer as History Connectors and work with our visitors at hands-on activity stations, summer camp, special 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 optional. Training takes place throughout the winter to prepare for the summer season beginning on April 1 and is mandatory for new volunteers and History Connector fly-ups. Visit our website or contact Guest & Volunteer Services at 630.420.6104 or email nsvolunteer@naperville.il.us today to join in a fun, rewarding, and interactive adventure!

Junior Volunteers Informational Meetings (Mandatory)

Tuesday, January 22, 7–8:30 PM or Saturday, January 26, 1–2:30 PM

Held in Meeting House

Young people currently in grades 4-7 in the month of January are eligible to become Junior Volunteers at Naper Settlement. 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 volunteer team, attend one of our informational meetings. Training will then take place throughout the winter to prepare for the summer season beginning on April 1. Mandatory for new Junior parents and new JIT parents. Visit our website or contact Guest & Volunteer Services at 630.420.6104

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History Speaks Lecture Series: “Stumbling on History: How Nations Atone for Past Wrongs”

Sunday, February 3, 4–5 PM

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Members: \$8/adult, \$7/ youth (4-12)

Held in the Century Memorial Chapel

How do countries recognize, accept responsibility, and atone for historical crimes? From Australia to the United States, nations have wrestled with this serious ethical dilemma. Edith Westerfeld, an 89-year-old Holocaust refugee who has lived in Chicago since arriving in the United States in 1938, wondered if the memory of the Nazis murdering her parents, along with millions of other victims, will outlive the survivors. Seventy-six years after Edith’s parents saved their daughter’s life by sending her, alone and terrified, to America, she returned to the small German town where her family had lived for hundreds of years. Invited to witness the installation of an artistic memorial to her family entitled Stolpersteine (“Stumbling Stones”) – part of an effort throughout Europe to confront the genocide of World War II – she experienced how art is helping today’s generation face and atone for crimes of the past. Presented by author Fern Schumer Chapman.

School’s Out Day Camp – Invention Dimension

Monday, February 18, 9 AM–3 PM

Drop off begins at 8:30 AM

\$40/camper/day when all three School’s Out Days are booked at the same time (2/18, 3/1, 3/25) or \$45/camper/day; registration required

Explore inventions through time! Try out some inventions from the past: dial a rotary phone, type on an electric typewriter, listen to vinyl records, and hear stories about early TV. Design your own invention and “apply” for a patent. Learn about famous inventors’ trials and errors. Compare modern inventions with those from the 1800s in our historic buildings.

Wedding Showcase

Saturday, February 23, 10 AM–3 PM

Free admission

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.

About Naper Settlement

Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited, award-winning outdoor museum set on 13 magnificent acres in the heart of Naperville. Located 30 miles from Chicago, the museum is home to 21 historical structures dating back as early as the 1830s. Featuring exhibits, special events, educational programming and more, Naper Settlement is where history comes to play and the community comes to connect. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.org or call (630) 420-6010.