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Naper Settlement September 2021 Events and Programs

NAPERVILLE, IL — Naper Settlement is pleased to present the following events and programs during September 2021. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 AM-4 PM and Sunday from 1-4 PM. General museum admission is \$12 for adults (13+), \$10 for seniors (62+), and \$8 for youth (4-12). Naperville residents with proof of residency, children under 4, and members are free. For more information about a specific event or program or to purchase museum admission tickets, please visit NaperSettlement.org.

Victory Garden Thursdays

Thursday, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 • 1-3 PM

Included in general admission

Visit Naper Settlement every Thursday in September for programs on gardening, food preservation, and open-hearth cooking demonstrations located in the Victory Garden.

History Speaks:

The Essential Great Chicago Fire

Sunday, September 5 • 4-5 PM

\$10/person | [Purchase Tickets](#)

2021 marks the 150th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire. It started in a barn and, two days of flaming hell later, nearly destroyed a city. In this lecture, William Pack, a magician, storyteller, and author, weaves together technical details of the fire with vivid firsthand accounts from those who lived through the conflagration of 1871. Pack brings alive all the excitement and terror in a multi-media storytelling event. This lecture will be held in Naper Settlement's Century Memorial Chapel.

Labor Day on the Home Front

Sunday, September 5 • 1-4 PM

Included in general admission

Spend your Labor Day weekend learning about Naperville's World War II work force! Naper Settlement invites you to visit the WWII exhibit, *Answering the Call: Naperville at War*, and attend this 1940s Home Front event. There will also be military vehicles on display.

- 1-4 PM - Kroehler Reunion Story Time: Did your parents work at Kroehler Manufacturing Company? Come share your story! Naper Settlement will video record stories on site, or you can contact the Curator of Research at fielda@naperville.il.us to share your story.

- 2 PM - Join historical dramatist Lynn Rymarz as she portrays Rosie the Riveter and shares the story of women in the factories during WWII. Seating is limited.
- 3:15 PM - Rosie the Riveter Group Photo: Come dressed as Rosie the Riveter (denim shirt and red headband) for a group photo. Let's see how many Rosies we can get in one picture!

Playscape Readers

Wednesday, September 8 • 1 PM

Included in general admission

Join the Learning Experiences Team at the Harvard Early Learning Playscape for a fun story time that is sure to capture your child's imagination!

Third Thursday Thinkers:

Paw Paw Fruit Day

Thursday, September 16 • 1 PM

Included in general admission

It's National Paw Paw Fruit Day! Join Naper Settlement at Third Thursday Thinkers to learn interesting facts about this North American plant.

Home School Day: Artifact Encounters

Thursday, September 16 • 10 AM-4 PM

\$6/student, \$8/adult | [Register](#)

Encounter and investigate artifacts while enjoying Naper Settlement's spacious 13-acre outdoor campus. The past will come alive as you learn about historic houses and discuss their place in Naperville's history. There will be artifact encounters to engage inquiry skills and discussion about the people who lived in this area and shaped our community. While at Naper Settlement, feel free to enjoy a picnic lunch on the grounds. No food storage or indoor dining space is available.

Weed Ladies Fall Sale

September 16 – 18 • 10 AM-3 PM and September 19 • 1-3 PM

Free to attend the sale

The Weed Ladies Fall Sale features creative seasonal floral arrangements. Each one-of-a-kind silk or dried floral creation has been designed by the Weed Ladies of the Naperville Heritage Society volunteer group. Please enter Naper Settlement at the Pre-Emption House main entrance and inform the Guest Services Team that you are attending the sale. Proceeds benefit the Naperville Heritage Society.

Naper Nights: Summer Concert Series

Friday, September 17 & Saturday, September 18 • 5-10 PM

Spend your weekend listening to the best tribute bands around! September 17 will feature a Rolling Stones tribute by Rocks Off and a The Doors tribute by Of Perception. September 18 will include tributes to Phish by Runaway Gin and a Grateful Dead tribute by Paradise Waits. Enjoy a beloved Naperville tradition with great music for all generations, delicious food, and cold drinks while surrounded by Naper Settlement's beautiful museum grounds.

No outside food or beverages are allowed. Gates are open 5-10 PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth (ages 4-12). Members and children under 4 receive free admission. Tickets are available at NaperNights.org

Blacksmithing 101

Tuesday, September 21 & 28 • 9 AM-12 PM

\$150/person includes both sessions / [Register](#)

Learn the art of blacksmithing with an introduction to safety, tools, and the forge in this two-session class. Participants will learn hammer techniques and make something to take home. Must be 18 or older to participate. Registration is required. Only 6 spots available per class.

Swinging at the Settlement

Tuesday, September 21 • 1:30-2:30 PM

\$10/person | [Register](#)

Join Naper Settlement for a 1940s swing dance lesson featuring instruction from Arthur Murray Dance Studio of Naperville. Feel lighter than air during this dance class that is sure to sweep you off your feet! 1940s era clothing is encouraged.

4th Thursday Pop-Up:

Arti-Fact or Fiction: Art Edition

Thursday, September 23 • 7 PM

Free virtual program on [Naper Settlement's Facebook](#)

Join the Learning Experiences Team and DePaul University's Dr. Mark Pohlad on Naper Settlement's Facebook Live as they frame the facts and fiction about the museum's collection of fine art. Will they paint you into a corner or will you uncover a masterpiece?

Gold Star Mother's Day

Sunday, September 26 • 11 AM-12 PM

Free to attend | [Register](#)

Join Naper Settlement and the Obama Legacy Initiative to honor the memory of Naperville's heroes. There will be a special ceremony to dedicate Naper Settlement's Gold Star Victory Garden beds to the families of the fallen. Activities will include guest speakers and an honor guard. A reception for attending Gold Star Families will follow the dedication ceremony. This event is free to attend, but registration is required.

About Naper Settlement

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