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**Naper Settlement January and February 2022 Events and Programs**

**NAPERVILLE, IL** — Naper Settlement is pleased to present the following events and programs during January and February 2022. The museum is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 AM-4 PM. General museum admission is \$6 for adults (13+), \$5 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 or program or to purchase museum admission tickets, please visit our website at [www.NaperSettlement.org](http://www.NaperSettlement.org).

**History Speaks:**

**How Corn Changed Itself & Then Changed Everything Else**

Sunday, January 9 • 4-5 PM

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

About 10,000 years ago, a weedy grass growing in Mexico, possessed of a strange trait known as a “jumping gene,” transformed itself into a larger and more useful grass—the cereal grass that we would come to know as maize and then corn. Nurtured by Native Americans, this grain would transform the Americas even before first contact. After first contact, it spanned the globe, but it also drove westward expansion in North America, building cities and inspiring innovators and entrepreneurs. However, vampires, whiskey, Henry Ford, time zones, Fritos, and the Chicago Bears are also part of this remarkable story. This program will be led by writer and food historian Cynthia Clampitt.

**Wedding Showcase**

Saturday, January 15 • 10 AM-4 PM

*Tickets are free, but pre-registration is required to attend | [Register](#)*

Planning a wedding? Don't let it overwhelm you! The Wedding Showcase is a great place for busy couples to find out how to make their special day one to remember. In the historic setting of the Pre-Emption House, Meeting House, and Century Memorial Chapel, couples will have one-on-one personal consultations with the best in the wedding business including photographers, florists, ministers, musicians, bakers, caterers, and more. There will also be a raffle for guests to enter, which will include prizes from various Wedding Showcase vendors. Raffle prizes include overnight hotel room stay certificates, a gift bag of hair care products, a free bridal bouquet, gift cards, and more. To view the full list of Wedding Showcase vendors and to register, visit [NaperSettlement.org/WeddingShowcase](http://NaperSettlement.org/WeddingShowcase).

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Pop-Up:**

**Paint by Numbers (Beer)**

Thursday, January 27 • 7-9 PM

*\$20/person (must be 21+) | [Register](#)*

Relive your childhood with Paint by Numbers, only this time enjoy a drink as you fill in the canvas. Learn about the history of Paint by Numbers, get inspired by vintage examples, and take home your own painting. You must be at least 21 years of age to participate. A valid ID is required at entry. Registration is required.

### **History Speaks:**

#### **Dolley Madison**

Sunday, February 13 • 4-5 PM

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

Jessica Michna, recipient of the Presidential Service Center's Distinguished Service Award, is widely known for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies. Join us as she portrays Dolley Madison. Charming, flamboyant, and strong-willed, Dolley was tested in the calamity of the War of 1812. Born into a Quaker family, she was raised to be obedient and well-behaved. Early in her life, she married a man selected by her father. Dolley would soon be strengthened by adversity. Widowed at an early age, she would soon be courted by Congressman James Madison. As First Lady, Dolley would become the Grand Dame of Washington. Her strength of character would be tested to the utmost by the War of 1812.

### **School's Out! - Presenting The Presidents**

Monday, February 21 • 9 AM-3 PM

*\$45/youth | [Register](#)*

Don't let these winter days get you down! Create, collaborate, and connect with Naper Settlement for a one-day camp filled with making crafts, learning about history, and exploring Naper Settlement's connection to 2 U.S. presidents. Do you have what it takes to lead from the Oval Office? This program is for those in grades 1-6.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Pop-Up:**

#### **Tavern Trivia**

Thursday, February 24 • 7-8 PM

*\$20/person (must be 21+) | [Register](#)*

Enjoy a fun night of trivia at Naper Settlement! This program's theme is Mid-Century. From sports and art to music and politics, Naper Settlement's Learning Experiences Team will test your knowledge of the 1940s-60s. Trivia teams are limited to four people. Participants can join as a team or as individuals. You must be at least 21 years of age to participate. A valid ID is required at entry. 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](http://www.napersettlement.org) or call (630) 420-6010.