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Naper Settlement September 2022 Events and Programs

NAPERVILLE, IL — Naper Settlement is pleased to present the following events and programs during September 2022. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 AM-4 PM and Sunday from 1-4 PM with general museum admission \$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 receive complimentary admission. For more information about a specific event or program and to purchase museum admission tickets, please visit NaperSettlement.org.

Playscape Readers: Farms

Wednesday, September 7 • 1 PM

Included in general admission

Playscape Readers is a story time for children that follows seasonal themes with a focus on historical themes and pre-reading skills. September's theme is farms.

Unvarnished: Deed Scrubbing Workshop

Thursday, September 8, 15, 22, & 29 • 2-2:30 PM

Included in general admission

On January 1, 2022, a new state law allowing Illinois homeowners to remove racially or religiously restrictive covenants from their property deed for a small fee went into effect. These covenants, made illegal with the 1968 Fair Housing Act, are a legacy of housing discrimination. Join Naper Settlement's curator of research to learn more about the history of racial covenants and the process put in place by the new law to remove them from housing deeds. A person does not need to be a homeowner or a Naperville resident to attend. The workshop will last about 30 minutes.

West Side Downtown Walking Tour

Thursday, September 8 & 29 • 5:30-6:30 PM

\$15/person | [Register](#)

Listen to stories from Naperville's founding to the generosity of Caroline Martin Mitchell on a walking tour of the west side of downtown Naperville. The tour lasts approximately 60 minutes and covers about two miles. Pre-registration is required. Sales end Thursday at 12 PM on each tour date. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Joe Naper's Discovery Play: Color Fun

Tuesday, September 13 • 10:30 AM-12 PM

\$15/children (3-5), \$12/adult, adult members: free | [Register](#)

Children ages 3-5 and their adults are invited to join Naper Settlement for Joe Naper's Discovery Play! This session engages curious pre-school aged children through social engagement and learning. The museum's learning experiences team will guide children and their caregivers through fun activities and explorations. This day's theme is color fun. Pre-registration is required.

3rd Thursday Thinkers: Apples

Thursday, September 15 • 1 PM

Included in general admission

Join Naper Settlement for a special activity while learning about apples. Participants will make a painting using apples as stamps.

Downtown Naperville Architecture Walking Tour

Thursday, September 15 • 5:30-6:30 PM

\$15/person | [Register](#)

Learn about the important and interesting architecture from the 1800s to today that makes downtown Naperville a beautiful place to live, work, and play. The tour lasts approximately 60 minutes and covers about two miles. Pre-registration is required. Sales end Thursday at 12 PM on each tour date. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Homeschool Day: Artifact Encounters

Thursday & Friday, September 15-16 • 10 AM-4 PM

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

Homeschool families and groups are invited to encounter and investigate artifacts while enjoying Naper Settlement's 13-acre outdoor campus. The past will come alive as you learn about the museum's historic houses and discuss their place in Naperville's history. Artifact Encounters is designed to engage homeschool students in inquiry skills and discussion about the people who lived in the area and shaped the community.

Homeschool Homestead Walking Tour

Thursday & Friday, September 15-16 • 10:30 AM-12 PM and 12:30-2 PM

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

Learn about Joseph Naper and early Naperville as you tour the site of his original homestead and study artifacts retrieved from the site during an archaeological dig with Naper Settlement's curatorial team.

History Speaks: The Golden Thirteen

Sunday, September 18 • 4-5 PM

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

In 1944, sixteen African American sailors arrived at the Great Lakes for a groundbreaking officers' training course. Thirteen of those men would become the first African American commissioned officers in Navy history. In this program, we explore the experiences of the Golden Thirteen at Great Lakes, their time in the fleet, and the legacy of these pioneers.

Town and Gown Walking Tour

Thursday, September 22 • 5:30-6:30 PM

\$15/person | [Register](#)

Explore the east side of downtown Naperville and learn about the ways the community developed along with North Central College. The tour lasts approximately 60 minutes and covers about two miles. Pre-registration is required. Sales end Thursday at 12 PM on each tour date. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Game Night at the Settlement

Thursday, September 22 • 6-9 PM

\$20-\$40/adult (21+) | [Register](#)

Ready to roll the dice and battle in years of yore? Join Naper Settlement and the staff from Treasures in downtown Naperville for a fun night of gaming. This event is BYOG (bring your own game). Treasures will also provide games to demo throughout the evening. One beer or glass of wine is included with each ticket. No gambling/betting. Seating locations are available in the Tavern and the Blacksmith Shop. Pre-registration is required.

Weed Ladies Fall Sale

September 22-24 • 10 AM-3 PM and September 25 • 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.

Celebrate Naperville

Sunday, September 25 • 1-4 PM

Included in general admission | [Tickets](#)

Celebrate Naperville showcases the City's vibrant residents in conjunction with a look at how food and harvest shape our cultures and communities. Listen to performers from The People Tree tell stories around a multicultural theme that celebrates Naperville's residential diversity. There will be a blend of stories shared about food, culture, and farming. Watch a cricket match and demonstration with the CM Center of Excellence (CMCE), visit historic buildings, enjoy history demonstrations, and more. This day will also be the launch of the museum's new photography exhibit by local students. Visit NaperSettlement.org/CelebrateNaperville to learn more and purchase tickets.

Joe Naper's Discovery Play: Fruits and Vegetables

Tuesday, September 27 • 10:30 AM-12 PM

\$15/children (3-5), \$12/adult, adult members: free | [Register](#)

Children ages 3-5 and their adults are invited to join Naper Settlement for Joe Naper's Discovery Play! This session engages curious pre-school aged children through social engagement and learning. The museum's learning experiences team will guide children and their caregivers through fun activities and explorations. This day's theme is fruits and vegetables. Pre-registration is required.

Oktoberfest

Friday, September 30 • 5-10 PM & Saturday, October 1 • 3-10 PM

\$20/adult, \$15/youth (4-12) | [Tickets](#)

Under Naper Settlement's large, heated tent, guests will enjoy German cuisine, local and traditional Oktoberfest beer varieties, and a blend of polka and rock music throughout the weekend. On Saturday, test your strength by participating in a stein holding contest. There will also be a variety of lawn games available. For more information and tickets, visit NaperSettlement.org/Oktoberfest.

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.