Dear Friends,

What a year! No doubt we are living a moment in history. Times like these force us to stretch far beyond our comfort levels, bend past what we thought was possible, and push forward with the hope for a better tomorrow. The decisions we make today will not only impact but will dictate the present in which our children's children will live 50 years from now. Understanding how we arrived at each turning point and fork in the road will bring clarity about who we are as a community and how we evolve as a human family.

Naper Settlement, like all history museums, has an important role. We have an obligation to tell a truthful, inclusive and complete history. We do so, in part, by capturing the moments on video, print and photographs, as well as through first-hand accounts (oral histories) of those who lived them and persevered. These are the building blocks that will help scholars, researchers and the public interpret and understand our world. We then use them to tell a story, educate and provide avenues for deep reflection—the impetus for change. We are an important part in the building block of humanity's DNA and help answer not only the “when” and “how,” but also the “why.”

Naper Settlement’s staff understands this. They have done an amazing job ensuring we have the entire story, while themselves pivoting in this time of crisis. They adapted all operations, educational programs and exhibits for the safety of our guests during the pandemic making sure that once museums were given the green light to reopen, we would be ready — all while leading the region in Rapid Response Collecting. The team added hundreds of items to our archives that exemplify how Naperville is coping with the current global pandemic, social unrest and a contentious presidential election. Naperville was at the center of several peaceful protests and made national news after one turned to looting. Our team witnessed how boarded up businesses became opportunities for artistic expression with community murals and thousands of paper hearts. Our curatorial team worked with Hearts for Peace, the City of Naperville and the Downtown Naperville Alliance to preserve several murals and many hearts for the Naper Settlement Collection. On the next page, you will explore a few of the many artifacts and stories that were donated this year.

2020 was also full of important historical milestones, including a key anniversary in our nation’s history – the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. We know national narratives have local roots, and we spent the year commemorating women’s history and highlighting yesterday’s and today’s amazing local women with the HERstory celebration. From the thought-provoking HERstory Speaks lecture series to the opening of the Women: Waves of Change exhibit, Naper Settlement spent 2020 exploring the important roles women play throughout history. We asked the community to nominate Naperville women that inspire them; the response was overwhelming. Women of all ages, professions and backgrounds were featured and celebrated in our exhibit, website, social media, and banners along Aurora Ave. As our HERstory celebration nears its end, we reflect on the over 400 women’s histories we told in 2020. It invigorates us to continue to bring women’s history to the forefront and inspire today’s girls to keep breaking down barriers and be the leaders they want to see in their communities.

Again, thank you for your support this year. It is members, like you, who make Naper Settlement the thriving institution it is. We invite you to return in 2021 for more programs, exhibits and events — we have amazing things planned!

Macarena Tamayo-Calabrese
President & CEO
2020 will forever be an important part of our history. We have seen our community come together in extraordinary circumstances due to COVID-19 — creating masks, delivering groceries to the elderly, supporting local businesses, and so much more. The year has also witnessed a public outcry for injustice and has sparked many conversations on how historical practices have impacted today’s equity in America. Through two important rapid-response collecting initiatives, our curatorial team led the region in preserving this moment in history for future generations. These items are just a small sample of the thousands added to the collection at Naper Settlement.

Community members painting boarded windows of Dean’s Clothing on Main Street in Downtown Naperville.

Board that covered the windows of Bluemercury on Jefferson Avenue in Downtown Naperville.

An example of the thousands of hearts in support of Black Lives Matter that covered Downtown Naperville. The Hearts for Peace initiative was started in response to the protests by several Naperville North High School 2020 graduates, headed by Alyssa Helm and Rachel Hale, who felt compelled to help in some way. They made hundreds of paper hearts and placed them on many Downtown Naperville businesses. Many others also came and added hearts of their own.

Face mask made by members of the Islamic Center of Naperville.

Face mask made by Loraine Nemo, member of the Riverwalk Quilters Guild in Naperville.

This artificial daffodil was placed in the flower beds in front of the entrance to Edward Hospital. These artificial daffodils were added to the entrance each time a patient in the hospital with COVID-19 recovered and was released to go home in spring/summer 2020.
MEMBERS HEAR IT FIRST!
As a Naper Settlement member, you are the first to hear about these exciting new initiatives coming to the museum in 2021.

INTRODUCING: HOWLIN’ AT THE MOON
Get ready for a howlin’ good time at Naper Settlement’s all new Halloween event for adults (21+) on October 22 and October 23, 2021. Howl along with live music by some of the area’s best cover and regional rock bands. Feast your fangs into local cuisine from our Food Truck Grave Yard. Quench your undying thirst with local beer, wine, and cider at our BOOOOze Bar. Let your curiosity take hold with special performances by contortionists, illusionists, sword swallowers, fire dancers, and more! Naper Settlement members ages 21+ will receive complimentary admission to this new, not to be missed event!

More information will be released in January on NaperSettlement.org

ONCE UPON A PLAYGROUND

January 28 – March 16

The classic metal and wood structures that have populated playgrounds for most of the twentieth century—towering metal slides, giant jungle gyms, whirling merry-go-rounds, bouncing seesaws—have become beloved artifacts of childhood. They are part of the personal histories of most Americans over the age of 30 as well as a tangible piece of the country’s cultural and industrial design heritage. In celebration of this heritage, Once Upon a Playground opens January 28 at Naper Settlement.

Once Upon a Playground offers a visual tribute to these vanishing playgrounds of our past celebrating their place in American culture and the collective memories of generations. The exhibition combines contemporary photographs of classic equipment, vintage images of playground scenes from the Library of Congress’ collections, and images from period playground catalogs and other ephemera. By bringing together these diverse sources, the exhibition highlights a playground vernacular that developed over decades while providing historical context and cultural insight.

For more information visit: NaperSettlement.org/Exhibits

WEDDING SHOWCASE
If you are planning a wedding, do not let it overwhelm you! The Wedding Showcase is a great opportunity for brides and grooms to meet with the best in the bridal business and plan their wedding in a one-stop shop, stress-free. In the historic setting of the Pre-Emption House, Meeting House, and Century Memorial Chapel, brides and grooms will have one-on-one personal consultations with photographers, florists, ministers, musicians, bakers, caterers, and more. A 90-minute timed entry ticket is required for all guests. Tickets are available at 10-11:50AM, 12:10-1:50PM, and 2:10-4PM.

For more information and to register for your timed entry ticket, visit NaperSettlement.org/WeddingShowcase.
Naper Settlement is always at the forefront in its mission to provide immersive, innovative learning experiences to all. Throughout the 13-acre museum campus, visitors experience exploratory learning that incorporates museum educator led tours and programs, 31 historic buildings, exhibits, and artifacts from the museum’s extensive 3-dimensional and archival collections.

In 2019, we had around 35,000 schoolchildren and their teachers from 390 schools from across 80+ school districts in Northern Illinois. In March 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on-site school programs were halted in compliance with State of Illinois mandates and CDC guidelines. Health and safety restrictions resulted in school field trips being curtailed across Illinois, and they are not anticipated to resume for quite some time.

As an important provider of informal learning, our educational programs are designed to augment classroom learning and tie directly to Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Learning Standards. Museum education trends and conversations with local teachers made it obvious that we needed to pivot our school tours and programs to reach the students and teachers where they are right now whether it is in the classroom or at home.

According to ISBE’s “Starting the 2020-21 School Year,” recommendations on field trips include “pursuing virtual activities and events in lieu of field trips” until field trips are safe to resume.

The museum’s Learning Experiences team selected two of its existing popular field trips to modify into an interactive virtual learning platform, as well as developing a “born digital” new program, based on ISBE Social-Emotional Learning Standards that will feature historic narratives about how communities practice resiliency in challenging times.

In August 2020, Naper Settlement solicited proposals from experienced and qualified vendors to develop, design, test, and launch a digital platform to meet the need for a distance learning program that offers students and teachers a remote field trip experience. The programs will incorporate both asynchronous (AR & VR, filmed and photographed) and synchronous (real time) experiences for students in grades 4 through 12.

By using both asynchronous and synchronous methods, students and teachers will be able to experience living history demonstrations (filmed) and history theatre while talking and engaging live with museum educators. This project allows the museum to pivot its delivery of revenue generating, mission-driven, educational programs to remote learning via multiple channels including public and private schools, home schools, organized groups, along with students in-school, home, or hybrid learning environments. The new programs are set to launch in January 2021.

**For more information, please visit NaperSettlement.org/FieldTrips**

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### Digital Field Trips Coming to Naper Settlement

1. **Living History**
   Students will be guided through an interactive exploration of commerce, trades, and technology in Naperville’s interdependent, 19th-century culture and economy in order to develop geographic, economic, and historical literacy and civic awareness.

2. **Voice of the Past: The Underground Railroad in Northern Illinois**
   Students will explore a pivotal historical period through personalized accounts, immersing students in an investigation of the multiple perspectives on enslavement found in Illinois during the period leading up to the Civil War.

3. **Building Resilience During Hard Times**
   Students will hear the stories and strategies from history that illuminate the ways Illinoisans have endured hardship, solved problems, and envisioned strong community futures. Exploring these historical events will build student’s capacity to respond creatively to today’s challenges, and prioritize social-emotional learning skills.
In commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment’s passage, Naper Settlement asked the community to submit stories of the Naperville women who inspire them. Learn more about the Naperville women doing great things for their community.
To read their full stories, please visit NaperSettlement.org/HERstory

**Jacqueline Ruiz**
“Jacqueline is a visionary social entrepreneur that has created an enterprise of inspiration. Her strategies have supported thousands of women, authors, and young ladies to live a life of significance.”

**Carolyn Finzer**
“Carolyn, a teacher, is a fourth generation Napervillian who shows leadership in the community through education.”

**Jeanette L. Collazo**
“Jeannette’s business, Lurdez Consulting Group, works to employ young women into the IT field. She inspires young women everyday.”

**Joyce Wehrli**
“Joyce encourages the youth of Naperville to write about their family history, create stories to share, and be great storytellers.”

**Lauren McLaughlin**
“Lauren is an entrepreneur and humanitarian who volunteers and sits on the board of a number of philanthropic and community organizations.”

**Liliana Jones-Munoz**
“Liliana is an immigrant from Colombia who has over 20 years of professional experience as a lawyer. She empowers others to push for their goals and assists them in reaching their American Dreams.”

**Lisa Averill-Latimer**
“Lisa is a shining example of a hard-working and driven woman. She has gotten involved in several government and not-for-profit organizations to provide for those who are less fortunate.”

**Ruth Dow**
“Ruth is a registered dietitian with a nutrition education doctorate, and has taught foods, nutrition, and education for 30 years.”

**Shalini Dixit**
“Shalini is an amazing person with a flair for music and dance that transcends regions, countries, and continents.”

**Shannon Simonovich**
“Shannon is a health disparities researcher, food systems advocate, and local mom. She is committed to eliminating nutrition disparities experienced by local families.”

**Tanesha Lambert**
“Tanesha brings a spirit of entrepreneurship, a lifetime of learning, and a heart to serve others in everything she does.”

**Toni Baumgartner**
“Toni owns Baumgartner Construction Inc. and has built and fixed many pieces of Naperville and surrounding towns. I have never met someone more brave, strong, or full of life than Toni!”

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**Samantha Evans**
“Samantha’s writings convey the truth with humor, transparency, and love in the midst of her grief and loss, expressing the most important message of all: you are worthy, so, so worthy of God’s love.”

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**Karyn Ross**
“Karyn was an at-home mom until she was in her 40s. Since then, she’s published 5 books and started her own global coaching and consulting business with the purpose of helping people improve the world.”

**Kelly Sherwood**
“Kelly is a hard-working, friendly, and quiet person who does things because they are right and because they will help others.”

**Sakina Fakhruddin**
“Sakina is paving the path for children to understand and appreciate the fascinating world of technology so they can better prepare for their future.”

**Lourdes Chew**
“Lourdes is a community contributor of Naperville for over 20 years from the Philippines.”

**Anne Cottez-Jones**
“Anne’s woman-run business, NaperFrench, and ability to raise three daughters on her own while building it speak to the amazing things that Naperville women can do.”

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Ellie Martin
“Ellie started the Facebook group, Neighborly Naperville in 2015. She is helping to build a strong community with her inspiration to share.”

Carrie Noe
“Carrie is a woman of character, substance, and action. She is a fierce advocate for young people, especially those who are at risk.”

Saily Joshi
“Saily is the embodiment of an active citizen, working daily to advocate for children and parents in our community.”

Shobha Sankar
“Shobha is diligent, passionate, and confident. She teaches students, especially girls, across Naperville to strive their hardest in STEM.”

Bettye Weber-Wehrli
“Bettye has served on many boards, Sister Cities, Exchange Club, has been a tutor in District 204 schools for 30 years, was employed at Neuqua Valley High School as a community liaison, and much more.”

Diane Coppe
“Diane is an unsung hero who gifts the community with her infectious smile and delicious food.”

Mary Ann Bobosky
“Mary Ann has spent most of her married life and professional career dedicated to the best in Naperville and its possibilities. She is an extraordinary community contributor.”

Jane Temple
“Jane spent her ‘lock-down summer’ making fairy garden planters, selling them locally, and donating the proceeds to local businesses that are struggling due to the pandemic and protests.”

Cathy Subber
“Cathy not only runs a very successful chiropractic practice in town, Advanced Health of Naperville, and parents two teenage boys, but she is also somewhat of a ‘mother hen’ in Naperville and surrounding communities.”

Osie Davenport
“Osie is a former Naperville District 203 school board president. Now retired, she continues to attend school board meetings and speak as a community advocate for the benefits of diversity.”

Kimberly White
“Kimberly embodies what it means to be a successful, empowering, and influential leader. She passionately gives back to her community.”

Marita Valdizan
“Marita is a loving Naperville mother of two and an award-winning artist from Peru who shares the unique art form known as Peruvian wire crochet stitch technique with our community.”

Marge Lyse
“Marge’s weight-loss journey has been a complete lifestyle change and one that she wouldn’t ever change again. Her future journey is one of health and activity.”

Megan Androwski
“Megan is a college nursing student raised in Naperville who exemplifies the qualities of an ethical and devoted leader. She is someone who deeply cares about family and community.”

Kim Henderson
“Kim has generously devoted countless hours and great leadership skills in influencing her children’s lives and benefitting the Naperville community.”

Deborah Venezia
“Deborah is the director of Arts DuPage. She supports, promotes, and advocates for the arts by building connections within the arts and culture sector, stimulating community engagement, and providing capacity-building workshops to artists and arts leaders.”

Erica Katz
“As an ER nurse, Erica treats the whole community. She provides the most effective medicine in the form of a calming smile and a warm hug.”

June Sochen
“June is a professor emeritus of history at Northeastern Illinois University who specializes in American women’s history and American Jewish history. She is considered a pioneer of teaching and writing about women in history.”

Silvia Vega
“Silvia is an admirable mom, friend, and community service role model. Those who know Silvia have the privilege to say they know someone with an immense heart. Her priority is to help others in every aspect of her life.”

Andrea Beaty
“Andrea is a strong promoter of literacy worldwide by supporting public libraries, book stores, and education. She is a huge advocate for empowering girls and young women.”

Mary Ann Bobosky
“Mary Ann has spent most of her married life and professional career dedicated to the best in Naperville and its possibilities. She is an extraordinary community contributor.”

Patty Gustin
“Patty always fights the good fight against alcoholism, abuse, cancer, Alzheimer’s, drugs, and the discrimination that she and her very diverse family still know too well.”

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Nominations showcased are from November 2019 to October 12, 2020. More can be found at NaperSettlement.org/HERstory
From Caroline Martin Mitchell’s desire to turn her family home into a museum to Jane Sindt’s efforts to save St. John’s Episcopal Church, Naper Settlement has always been a site of women’s history. Gender is such a natural part of our lives that we seldom stop to think about how ideas about women have shaped the lives of real women throughout history.

On the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, Naper Settlement opened *Women: Waves of Change*, an exhibit that reconsiders how the actions of women, past and present, shape your life today. Women are a diverse group (we are half the world’s population, after all) with varied ambitions and desires. Women often disagree with one another about what progress means—where some see oppression, others see valuable protections.

Movements for women’s rights were never smooth, and next steps were not always clear. With this exhibit, we hope to introduce you to historical figures you have not met before and show you different ways to look at familiar landscapes that reveal untold stories. *Women: Waves of Change* puts women in the center of history as it traces how ideas about women and women’s activism have led to major changes in Naperville and the nation.

*Women: Waves of Change Opened August 26*

Pamphlet, *Mother’s Little Helper*, 1945
*On loan from Jeffrey Ross*

J. Crew Italian Stadium-cloth Wool Cocoon coat, Ocean Moss color, worn by Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, 2017
*On loan from Congresswoman Lauren Underwood*

Leather Salvatore Ferragamo purse, used by Pamela Meyer Davis, Edward Hospital President and CEO, when she wore a wire, assisting the FBI in Operation Board Games, a federal fraud investigation, resulting in the conviction of Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, 2011

*From the collection of the Naperville Heritage Society*

Gavel used by two-term Naperville mayor Margaret (Peg) Price, 1983 – 1991
*From the collection of the Naperville Heritage Society*
A board member since 2015, Erik Long is a proud Naperville resident of 12 years and a local business owner. As an avid history buff, serving on the Naperville Heritage Society Board is a way for Long to combine his interest in history with giving back to the community. He is the owner and president of Walsh, Long & Company, representing manufacturers in the petroleum, automotive, and lighting industries, as well as the owner of Illumination Technology Group, serving the commercial lighting industry.

In his spare time, Long enjoys bike riding and watching sports. He also loves spending time with his wife, who works at Naperville Community Unit School District 203, and his two children.

Long is looking forward to Naper Settlement’s future, including the museum’s new programming and developments. “The museum is a great welcoming place to all in the community. Over the past few years, Naper Settlement has shifted from an ordinary history museum to a place where the community can come together to see live historical reenactments and view a wide range of diverse stories,” said Long. “I am particularly excited for the Innovation Gateway because Naperville is growing into a more diverse community. The Innovation Gateway will reflect the unique voices and faces of Naperville’s future.”

Al Zucco joined the Naperville Heritage Society Board in 2013 to help shape the future of Naper Settlement. He recognizes the importance of collecting, documenting, and preserving the history of Naperville for the future of the city and community. For the past 32 years, he has worked for USG Corporation, a leading manufacturer of high-performance building products, systems, and technologies. He is currently the vice president of sustainable supply chain. He is also on the board and actively participates in the Gypsum Association, a not-for-profit association that actively promotes the use of gypsum while advancing the growth and general welfare of the gypsum industry.

Zucco describes himself as a lifelong learner who enjoys reading, playing guitar, hiking, bicycling, and spending time with family. He and his wife love traveling and experiencing the community and cultures of the places they visit.

As a board member, Zucco helps Naper Settlement’s mission of connecting visitors to Naperville’s history through engaging and unique experiences. “I enjoy the beautiful grounds, the gathering of the community at the museum’s special events, and the experiences that visitors of all ages have when they visit the museum,” said Zucco. “One of the things that I enjoy most about Naper Settlement is learning more about history and seeing how it applies to the present day.”
DAVE NORDIN

Dave Nordin has volunteered as a Building Interpreter at Naper Settlement since 2016. He currently interprets the Blacksmith Shop, Print Shop, Log House, Copenhagen Schoolhouse, Murray Building, and the Martin Mitchell Mansion. Volunteering at charitable and cultural organizations has been an important part of Nordin’s life since elementary school. Throughout his 35-year professional career as a local attorney, he volunteered at various organizations. After he retired from law practice, he started volunteering at historical sites that tell stories of people from America’s past who were the historical counterparts to those he had represented as clients, such as people navigating life’s challenges and pursuing opportunities to better their lives.

As a Building Interpreter, Nordin’s interpretation of a building from one visitor group to the next is never the same. He enjoys creating connections between visitors and the building he is interpreting so they leave feeling excited, inspired, and renewed. He is honored to be a Naper Settlement volunteer to help support the museum’s mission. “Naper Settlement continually reviews its presentations and programming to create clever, relevant, entertaining, and inspiring new exhibits and activities,” said Nordin. “It is all really impressive to me, and it makes it rewarding to be a part of it all.”

To volunteer or for more information: www.NaperSettlement.org/volunteer
email nsvolunteer@naperville.il.us or call 630.305.5256

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