



**KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
Immanuel Lutheran Church • 10104 Immanuel Road •
Yorkville, IL • 60560
(630) 553-4141 Fax (630) 553-4179

AGENDA

October 20, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Eric Bernacki, Elizabeth Flowers, Kristine Heiman (Secretary), Marty Shanahan (Vice-Chair), and Jeff Wehrli (Chair)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tour of Immanuel Lutheran Church

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2025, Meeting (Pages 3-8)
Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2025, Gathering (Pages 9-10)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the Re-Appointment of Marty Shanahan as Commission Vice-Chair
2. Approval of the Re-Appointment of Kristine Heiman as Commission Secretary
3. Recommendation on FY25-26 Meeting Calendar (Page 11)
4. Approval of Historic Preservation Award Application and Press Release (Pages 12-16)
5. Discussion of Cemetery Relief Fund Grants; Commission Could Approve Letters of Recommendation Related to Applications for These Grants (Pages 17-20)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on the Application of Landmark Status for the Norway Temperance Hall (Page 21)
2. Discussion of Future Historic Preservation Group Meetings (Page 22)
2. Update on Certified Local Government Grant and Historic Structure Survey
3. Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County; Commission Could Determine Meeting Locations and Times
4. Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County
5. Discussion of 13860 Fox Road (Pages 23-24)

6. Discussion of Amendments to the Kendall County Code Pertaining to Commission Review of Certain Building Permit Applications; Commission Could Recommend Amendments to the Kendall County Code and/or Approve a New Policy for Review of Certain Building Permit Applications (Page 25)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. September 25, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding the Edith Farnsworth House Fall 2025 Newsletter (Pages 26-30)
2. September 25, 2025, Email from Chapel on the Green Regarding the October 24, 2025, Underground Railroad Dedication Ceremony (Pages 31-34)
3. September 29, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding an October 23, 2025, Webinar on Evaluating Chloride Contamination in Reinforced Concrete Structures (Pages 35-36)
4. October 10, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Their Fall Festival (Pages 37-38)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting November 17, 2025

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.

**KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Historic Court House
110 W. Madison Street
Yorkville, IL 60560**

5:30 p.m.

September 15, 2025-Unofficial Until Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki, Marty Shanahan (Vice-Chair), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers and Kristine Heiman (Secretary)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier, Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2025, meeting, June 16, 2025, gathering, and July 21, 2025, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Letter of Support for the Application of Landmark Status for the Norway Temperance Hall

The Norsk Temperance Hall was waiting for the State's approval of application.

Nomination of Officers

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to nominate Member Shanahan to the position of Vice-Chair and Kristine Heiman to the position of Secretary. There were no other nominees. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

Chairman Wehrli asked if there was a term limit. Mr. Asselmeier stated that Chairman Wehrli was appointed by the County Board for a term of five (5) years. The Vice-Chair and the Secretary have a three (3) year term limit.

Conference on Illinois History-October 2nd and October 3rd at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

The Commissioners reviewed information about the conference.

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-Up Discussion of the July 21, 2025, Historic Preservation Group Meeting and Plans for Future Meetings

Chairman Wehrli stated he was impressed with the amount of people that attended the meeting Historic Preservation Group Meeting. Chairman Wehrli stated there were some concerns about Seward Township; unable to regulate the growth in Minooka which is a sensitive area and trying to protect the environment.

Chairman Wehrli spoke about the winter meeting and if there should be one (1) or wait until next summer for the next Historic Preservation Group Meeting. Member Bernacki stated that it might be difficult to find a historic place in the winter months. Mr. Asselmeier stated it might be difficult to find topics or speakers. Chairman Wehrli stated that they will have to see if the budget allows for a winter meeting. Chairman Wehrli stated he would like to have a group meeting at a restaurant or possibly Blackberry Oaks Golf Course, if they are open.

Mr. Asselmeier stated that many of the churches that have held historic preservation meetings for the County and some may be able to accommodate again.

Chairman Wehrli stated that one (1) of the historic schools in the area may have the ability to host a meeting. He also mentioned Chapel on The Green. Mr. Asselmeier stated that one (1) of the meetings was held at Chapel on The Green.

Commissioners will look for other historic locations to have meetings.

Update on Certified Local Government Grant and Historic Structure Survey

Mr. Asselmeier reported that a training for volunteers was scheduled for September 18, 2025, at Ellis House.

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County; Commission Could Determine Meeting Locations and Times

Commissioners discussed having a meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Mr. Asselmeier will contact the Church.

Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County

Commissioners reviewed information regarding events at the Edith Farnsworth House and in Evanston.

Discussion of 13860 Fox Road

The site is still waiting for approval in the State's FY26 budget.

Discussion of Amendments to the Kendall County Code Pertaining to Commission Review of Certain Building Permit Applications; Commission Could Recommend Amendments to the Kendall County Code and/or Approve a New Policy for Review of Certain Building Permit Applications

Chairman Wehrli spoke with Seth Wormley to discuss the policy. Mr. Wormley does not want to hold up the permit process pending review.

Commissioners discussed talking to Planning, Building and Zoning Committee members about the policy.

Discussion of Landmarking Cemeteries and Funding Sources for Cemeteries

Commissioners discussed the possibility of having some of the cemeteries maintained.

CORRESPONDENCE

May 17, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Three Ways You Can Support Farnsworth

Commissioners reviewed the email.

May 20, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding a June 5, 2025, Webinar on An Integrated Approach to Repairs and Maintenance in the Process Industry

Commissioners reviewed the email.

May 31, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Quarterly News and Updates

Commissioners reviewed the email.

June 10, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Roots and Reflections Dinner

Commissioners reviewed the email.

June 27, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Support for the Edith Farnsworth House

Commissioners reviewed the email.

July 1, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding a July 16, 2025, Webinar on Mitigating Problems and Improving Durability in Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Commissioners reviewed the email.

July 8, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Your Summer, Curated at Farnsworth

Commissioners reviewed the email.

July 17, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding a July 30, 2025, Webinar on Keep the Lights On: Managing Large Power Generation Assets

Commissioners reviewed the email.

Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Information

Commissioners reviewed the information.

August 2025 Edition of The Bell Tower

Commissioners reviewed the newsletter.

September 2, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Discover Fall at the Farnsworth House

Commissioners reviewed the email.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on October 20, 2025.

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Director

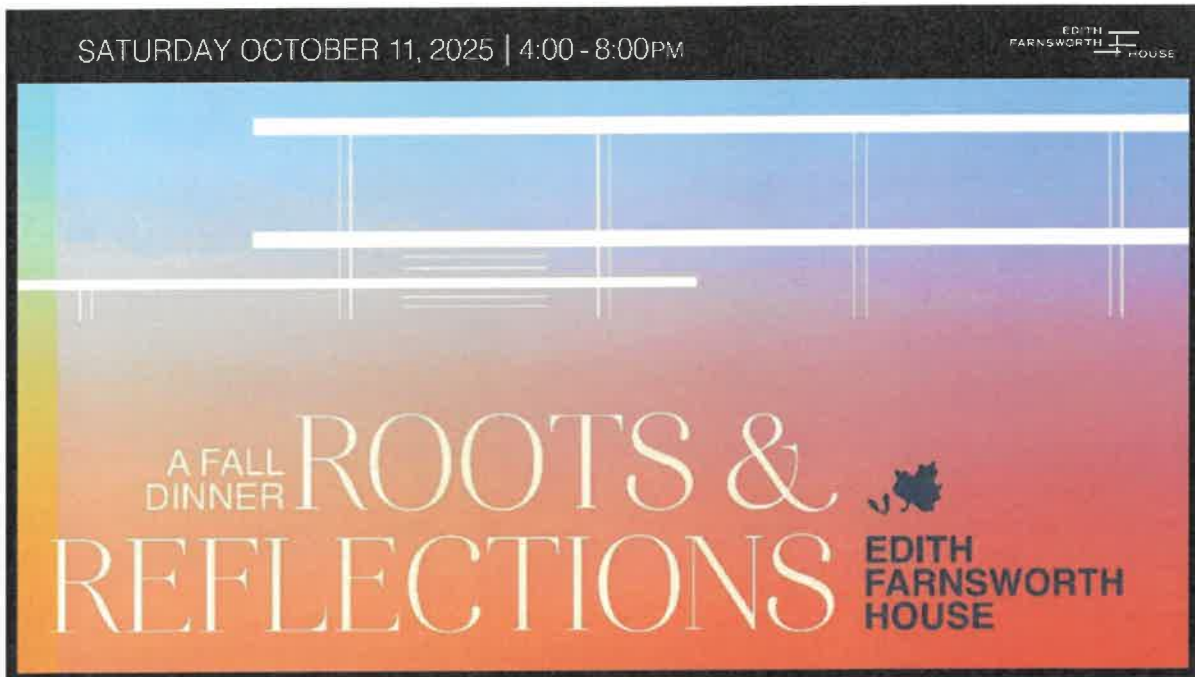
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Matt Asselmeier

From: Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworthhouse@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 3:43 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]Join Us for a Magical Fall Evening!

CAUTION - This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

to attend this year's fundraising event for the
Edith Farnsworth House National Historic Landmark on Saturday, October 11,
from 4-8:00 pm. Join us for a fall dinner featuring local growers and purveyors,
including open bar and a silent auction.

Individual Tickets are \$250 and tables of eight are \$1750.

For more information and tickets:

www.edithfarnsworthhouse.org/rootsreflections/

Or scan below:



Kindly RSVP by September 25

Can't attend? You can still support our mission with a 100% tax-deductible donation.

Individual Tickets

Table for Eight

ROOTS & REFLECTIONS SPONSORS

Travertine - \$5,000

Elizabeth Higgins-Beard and Gregory Beard
The Wadsworth Family



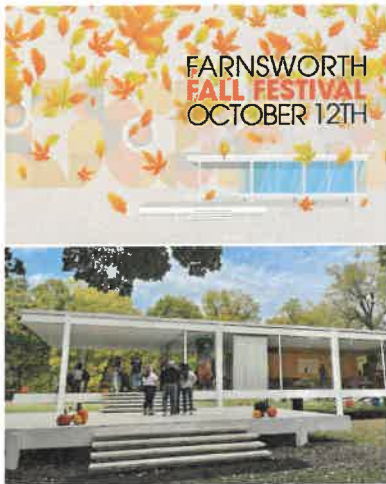
Glass - \$2,500

Berglund Construction
Martin L.J. Newman



In-kind Sponsors
Maker LLC

Quincy Street Distillery
Two Brothers Roundhouse



Make it a Fall Weekend at Farnsworth

After Roots & Reflections, stay the night and return for the **Farnsworth Fall Festival** on Sunday, October 12, from 12–5 PM.

Enjoy artisan vendors, local food and drink, family-friendly activities, and access to the historic house and grounds—all in peak fall color.

Click **HERE** for area hotels offering Farnsworth guests a discount.

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Edith Farnsworth House | 14520 River Rd | Plano, IL 60545 US

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KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Office Building
Ellis House and Equestrian Center
13986 McKanna Road, Minooka, Illinois

9:30 a.m.

September 18, 2025-Unofficial Until Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Vice-Chair) and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers, Kristine Heiman (Secretary), and Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Ken Itle

No quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No vote on the agenda occurred.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Historic Structure Survey Training-Overview of the Project Scope and Field Survey Process

Ken Itle, of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE), explained the deliverables. The deliverables are the narrative report and survey forms. Mr. Itle explained the research methodology using plat maps and atlases. He explained the importance of visiting each site, noting existing buildings, and noting building materials. He provided a sample form for a site visit; the information is for the exterior only. Foundations should be noted; every structure should be documented, if visible, including dog houses and swimming pools.

Discussion occurred regarding pre-visit communication; a postcard could be mailed to property owners.

Discussion occurred regarding steps for visiting a property, including knocking on the door and explaining the process. If a property owner does not want you on the property, leave the property. If the property has no trespassing signs and looks unfriendly, don't go on the property. Brochures will also be handed out onsite.

Twelve (12) to fifteen (15) properties can be visited during one (1) day. A site visit lasts between fifteen (15) and thirty (30) minutes, starting around 9:00 a.m. There would be sixteen (16) total days to survey both townships. Volunteers would be asked to help between three (3) and five (5) days. Discussion occurred regarding how volunteers and WJE staff coordinate visits. The hope is to have the field work completed by Christmas.

Mr. Itle explained which properties were identified for surveying, including churches, cemeteries, and small bridges.

Discussion occurred regarding why Seward and Na-Au-Say Townships were selected and the plans to do the other townships. Discussion occurred regarding WJE's surveys in Will County.

Attendees reviewed Mr. Itle's planning map.

Discussion occurred regarding how to handle dogs when visiting a property.

The group left at 10:30 a.m. for 3230 Van Dyke Road, Minooka.

Site Visits at the Following Properties

3230 Van Dyke Road

16191 Hare Road

The group surveyed 3230 Van Dyke Road.

Mr. Itle discussed techniques for taking pictures.

Mr. Itle explained what to note when examining a structure, including roof, siding, and foundation.

The group surveyed 16191 Hare Road.

Mr. Itle discussed techniques for taking pictures.

The group returned to the Ellis House at Noon.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Attendees completed the practice at Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Director

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
KENDALL COUNTY
KENDALL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission shall hold their regularly scheduled meetings for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 on the following dates at 5:30 p.m.

December 15, 2025
January 21, 2026 (Wednesday)
February 18, 2026 (Wednesday)
March 16, 2026
April 20, 2026
May 18, 2026
June 15, 2026
July 20, 2026
August 17, 2026
September 21, 2026
October 19, 2026
November 16, 2026

Questions can be directed to the same department, telephone (630) 553-4139. Fax (630) 553-4179. All interested persons may attend and be heard.

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend these County meetings, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.

**JEFF WEHRLI, CHAIRMAN
KENDALL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Annual Kendall County Historic Preservation Awards

A recognition of properties that have undergone recent exterior and/or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use, or sympathetic additions as well as for people or groups that exhibit dedication to the field of historic preservation or for sites that possess importance to the history of Kendall County, State of Illinois, or the United States.

MAIL NOMINATION FORM TO:
Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission
504 S. Main Street
Yorkville, IL 60560

EMAIL NOMINATION FORM TO:
Matt Asselmeier,
masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov

DEADLINE: March 2, 2026-4:00 pm

Street address: _____

Current property owner: _____

Historic name and/or original owner (if known): _____

Current use: _____

Historic use: _____

Year built (if known): _____

Year rehabilitated, renovated, restored (if known): _____

Architectural style / form (if known): _____

Reason for nomination: *Please provide a short description, between 50 and 500 words, explaining the project or person being nominated. The statement should clearly identify the purpose and scope of work, unusual challenges or innovative approaches, sensitive treatment of historic fabric, long-term impact and any other information that supports the nomination as being exceptional.*

Images: *Please provide a minimum of five photographs or quality digital photographs in .jpg format on a CD ROM, flash drive, or by email highlighting the project. Before and after pictures are encouraged.*

Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____

Annual Historic Preservation Award

Application for Award Nomination Announcement:	January 13 and February 13
Deadline for nomination:	March 2 by 4:00 pm
Date of HPC Review:	March and April HPC Meetings. <i>HPC shall be provided with applications prior to the March meeting for their review</i>
Date of final selection:	April HPC meeting
Award given:	Second May County Board meeting

How the final selection will occur. The HPC will review the nominations at their March and April meetings and make a final selection at their April meeting. The Secretary of the HPC will notify award recipient(s) by May 1. The Kendall County Board will bestow the award at their second May meeting, which typically occurs the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am.

Physical Description of Award: At a minimum, the recipient will receive a certificate, which will be bestowed at the County Board meeting. The HPC also aspires to provide award recipients with a small sign that they could place on their property. County staff is still researching whether the HPC has funds to purchase signs annually for this program. If the County does not have funding for this, donations may be sought.

Aluminum garden flags



Wooden garden flags



Nomination Procedure: Each nomination must include a completed application form and a minimum of five photographs or quality digital photographs. Applications will be available on the County's website as well as in hard copy form at Planning, Building and Zoning Department at 807 W. John Street in Yorkville.

Award categories and number of awards to be given: Nominations may be for a structure (residential or commercial) that has undergone exterior or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, landscape restoration or sympathetic additions OR for a person or group that exhibits dedication to the field of historic preservation OR for a site that possesses importance to the history of Kendall County, State of Illinois, or the United States.

The HPC reserves the right to offer one or more awards based on the quality of submitted nominations. The HPC also reserves the right to offer zero awards.

Award designation may simply be: “2026 Historic Preservation Award (s),” “Person of the Year,” or “Project of the Year.”

Examples

- “2026 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the restoration of the home at _____*
- “2026 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the adaptive reuse of the building at _____*
- “2026 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the sympathetic building addition at _____*

Award Review and Selection Criteria:

Preservation/Restoration

- Only completed projects shall be considered.
- Historic character and features of the property shall be retained and preserved.
- Features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property shall be retained.
- Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.
- Original materials shall be retained (example: slate roof repair/replacement, removal of artificial siding, repair/restoration of wood siding).
- Historic materials and features shall be repaired rather than replaced.
- When material is replaced, the new shall match the old in composition, design, color and texture.
- Landscape and site features original to the site shall be preserved.

Architecturally Compatible New Addition:

- Only completed projects shall be considered.
- New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property.
- The new work shall be differentiated from the old but shall be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

HPC Commissioner Award Selection Procedure

- **Meeting:** Each Commissioner secretly ranks applications by number of applications. For example, if there are 7 applications then you they are ranked 1-7 with #1 being the highest ranking.
- Rankings are discussed.
- Recommendation made on number of awards to be bestowed followed by a recommendation and formal vote on awardees.
- A tie may result in a second vote for one.



KENDALL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

807 West John Street • Yorkville, IL • 60560
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
January 13, 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Chairman Jeff Wehrli, (630) 553-4139

Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission Announces Historic
Preservation Awards Application

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission invites applications for recognition of historic preservation in Kendall County. Awards will be given for structures that have undergone exterior or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, landscape restoration or sympathetic additions. Awards will also be given to a person or group that exhibits dedication to the field of historic preservation or for a site that possesses importance to the history of Kendall County, State of Illinois, or the United States. The County Historic Preservation Commission reserves the right to grant multiple awards in the same category or zero awards within a category.

Applications may be found on the Kendall County website at: <https://www.kendallcountyil.gov/departments/planning-building-zoning/historic-preservation>. Completed applications are due by March 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., and can be submitted by mail to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission, 504 S. Main Street, Yorkville, IL 60560 or by email at masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov.

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission shall review applications at their April meeting and the awards will be distributed at a County Board meeting in May as part of Kendall County's celebration of Historic Preservation Month.

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission was established to influence comprehensive historic preservation planning within the County and to recognize, support and protect the quality of life enjoyed by the residents. The Historic Preservation Commission uses the technical standards issued by the Department of the Interior which produces reliable, understandable, and up-to-date information for decision-making related to the identification, evaluation, and protection/treatment of historic resources. The Historic Preservation Commission is composed of 5 volunteers appointed by the County Board Chairman with the approval of the County Board and normally meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Kendall County Office Building on Main Street in Yorkville. Our meetings are open to the public and we invite anyone interested in Kendall County history to attend our meetings. More information can be found at <https://www.kendallcountyil.gov/departments/planning-building-zoning/historic-preservation>.

FY26 Cemetery Relief Grant

Opportunity Information

CSFA Number 440-00-3400

CSFA Popular Name Cemetery Relief Fund

Title FY26 Cemetery Relief Grant

Description Allows not-for-profit organizations, including, but not limited to not-for-profit cemetery authorities and units of local government access to grant funds to clean up cemeteries that have been abandoned, neglected, or are otherwise in need of additional care.

Awarding Agency Name Financial And Prof Reg

Agency Contact Name Denise Bullocks

Agency Contact Phone 312-814-6187

Agency Contact Email FPR.COAreReliefGeneralQuestions@Illinois.gov

Opportunity Manager Denise Bullocks

Posted Date 8/29/2025

Announcement Type Initial Announcement

Public Link <https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/65750544-360e-4881-8d54-328d83cd659b>

Is Published Yes

Funding Information

Opportunity Funding \$1,461,254.61

Funding Sources State

Award Information

Award Ceiling \$20,000.00

Award Type Competitive

Capital Grant No

Expected Number of Awards 10

Indirect Costs Allowed No

Matching Requirement Yes

Cash Match Requirement 0.00%

In-Kind Match Requirement 0.00%

Other Funding Requirement 0.00%

Submission Information

Submission Timeline Type One Time

Submission Open Date 8/29/2025 12:00 PM (CDT)

Submission Close Date 10/24/2025 12:00 PM (CDT)

Question Submission Information

Question Submission Email Address
FPR.COAreReliefGeneralQuestions@Illinois.gov

Question Submission Additional Information
 Questions received will be responded to in the order they are received.

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Type	Public
Eligible Applicants	Others, Nonprofit Organizations
Applicant Eligibility Information	Applicants, in addition to being an eligible entity under the Cemetery Oversight Act, must be: (1) registered in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act Grantee Portal; (2) have a valid FEIN number; (3) have a current SAM.gov registration; (4) have a valid UEI number; (5) not be on the Federal Excluded Parties list; (6) be in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State; (7) not be on the Illinois Stop Payment List; (8) not be on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions list.
Beneficiary Eligibility Information	Units of local governments and not for profit organizations, including, but not limited to not-for-profit cemetery authorities to clean up cemeteries that are abandoned, neglected, or are otherwise in need of additional care.
Credentials Documentation Eligibility Information	Units of local government will need to submit proof that the individual submitting the application has the authority to do so. Not-for-profits will need to submit proof of their not-for-profit status. Those cemeteries seeking to obtain a grant for purposes other than cleaning up abandoned cemeteries must submit a memo outlining the need for the funds and pictures as proof of purpose, which shall include, but is not

limited to (1) unavailability of funds, (2) an inability to complete the work on their own without the funds, (3) an explanation of the problem or problems the funds will fix, (4) the scope of work to be completed with the proposed funds, (5) the benefits of the proposed project and funds.

Additional Eligibility Information

For purposes of this grant, cemeteries in Illinois are considered abandoned when there have been no interments for 5 to 10 years and the cemetery has been exempt from property taxes during that period or when there is no cemetery authority to care for the land.

Additional Information

Additional Information URL <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/cemetery/il-cemetery-relief-fund-grant.html>

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Matt Asselmeier

From: Dave Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 12:20 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Cc: Jeff Wehrli
Subject: Re: [External]Re: Norsk Temperance Hall Question

We're going down to Springfield October 24th for the presentation.

Sent from my iPhone

Med vennlig hilsen,
(With friendly greetings,)

David Johnson
Norsk Museum
Board President
Slooper Historian

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
www.NorskMuseum.org

On Oct 9, 2025, at 11:50 AM, Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov> wrote:

David:

Have you heard anything from the State?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Director
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning
807 West John Street
Yorkville, IL 60560-9249
PH: 630-553-4139
Fax: 630-553-4179

Matt Asselmeier

From: Brian Holdiman
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 11:28 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: Re: Historic Restaurant

These are my guesses without performing research:

Newark Country Kitchen
Oswego Inn
Oswego Family Restaurant
Suzy's
Yorkville American Legion Post 489
Oswego American Legion
Bristol Tap

Brian Holdiman
Kendall County Code Official

From: Brian Holdiman <BHoldiman@kendallcountyil.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 11:19:31 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: Re: Historic Restaurant

I'm sure they could accommodate

Brian Holdiman
Kendall County Code Official

From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 11:18:54 AM
To: Brian Holdiman <BHoldiman@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: RE: Historic Restaurant

Do they have a meeting space?

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Director
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning
807 West John Street
Yorkville, IL 60560-9249
PH: 630-553-4139
Fax: 630-553-4179

Matt Asselmeier

From: Solberg, Derek <Derek.Solberg@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 4:03 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Cc: Jeff Wehrli
Subject: RE: [External]Millhurst Rd. item

Matt,

The current structure is not safe for entry. I will need some time to begin addressing access and cleaning up the building prior to a tour. Hopefully, this winter will provide an opportunity for some of this work to be started.

Thank you,
Derek

Derek Solberg
Site Superintendent
Shabbona Lake State Park
Silver Springs State Park
4201 Shabbona Grove Road
Shabbona, IL 60550
815.824.2106



From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 1:03 PM
To: Solberg, Derek <Derek.Solberg@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [External]Millhurst Rd. item

After the roof is complete, would the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission be able to tour the building?

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Director
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning
807 West John Street
Yorkville, IL 60560-9249
PH: 630-553-4139
Fax: 630-553-4179

From: Solberg, Derek <Derek.Solberg@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 1:01 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>

Cc: Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: [External]Millhurst Rd. item

Matt,

The structure is approved for a new roof which will be completed asap. No other changes currently.

Thank you,

Derek

Derek Solberg
Site Superintendent
Shabbona Lake State Park
Silver Springs State Park
4201 Shabbona Grove Road
Shabbona, IL 60550
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Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 10:51 AM

To: Solberg, Derek <Derek.Solberg@Illinois.gov>

Cc: Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: [External]Millhurst Rd. item

Derek:

Any update on the roof replacement and general structural situation for the former caretakers residence at Silver Springs?

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 12:30 PM

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Subject: RE: [External]Millhurst Rd. item

Matt,



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**POLICY FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERATIONS AND DEMOLITIONS
ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES**

1. Whenever a party applies for a permit for exterior alterations or demolition on properties identified as Contributing, Local Landmark Potential, or National Register Potential in an historic structure survey undertaken under the authority of Kendall County, the Planning, Building and Zoning Department shall notify the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission of said application prior to the issuance of the applicable permit.
2. In notifying the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning, Building and Zoning Department shall supply the Historic Preservation Commission with a description of the proposed alteration or demolition as supplied by the applicant and the contact information for the applicant.
3. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as requiring the Historic Preservation Commission to comment on the application.
4. This policy shall not supersede or amend any review requirements or procedures outlined in the Historical Preservation Chapter of the Kendall County Code.
5. Except as required by the Historical Preservation Chapter of the Kendall County Code, nothing in this policy shall be construed as requiring the Planning, Building and Zoning Department to delay the issuance of a permit due to lack of comment or requests to the applicant by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Approved by majority vote of the Planning Building and Zoning Committee on February 10, 2025.

Matt Asselmeier

From: Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworthhouse@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 10:11 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]Limited Seats! Reserve for Roots & Reflections

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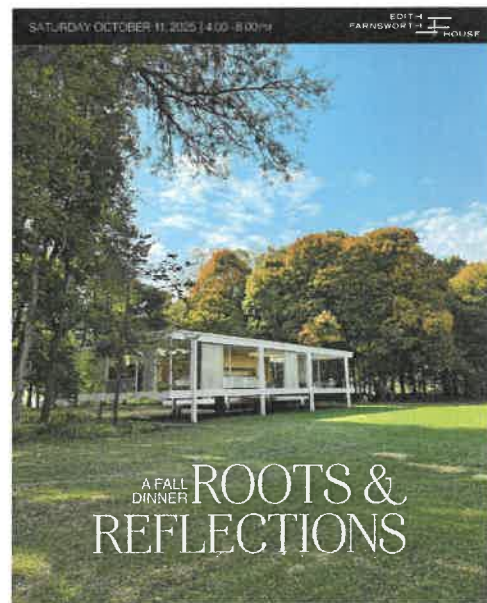


A Fall Weekend at Farnsworth House

Two Days, Two Events— One Unforgettable Experience

Autumn shines at the Edith Farnsworth House, and this October the historic site invites the public to celebrate the season with a can't-miss weekend of food, community, and creativity. Join us for Roots & Reflections: A Fall Dinner on Saturday, October 11, and the Farnsworth Fall Festival on Sunday, October 12, 2025.

On Saturday evening (4:00–8:00 PM), the site hosts its signature fundraiser, Roots & Reflections. Guests will gather for a farm-to-table dinner prepared by [The Traveling Chef](#) of Sandwich, IL, paired with regional beverages, cozy fire pits, and a silent auction. This special twilight event not only



offers a rare opportunity to experience the glass house at dusk, but also directly supports the preservation and interpretation of this modernist landmark.

The celebration continues Sunday afternoon (12:00–5:00 PM) with the Farnsworth Fall Festival—a lively, family-friendly event featuring art activities, artisan and food vendors, and the chance to enjoy the house and grounds in peak seasonal color. It’s a casual and creative way to spend the day while supporting local makers and connecting with neighbors.

Together, the weekend offers the perfect autumn getaway—just an hour from Chicago yet worlds away in atmosphere. Visitors can pair the events with a scenic drive along the Fox River, an overnight stay in the area, or time exploring the region’s cultural and natural attractions.

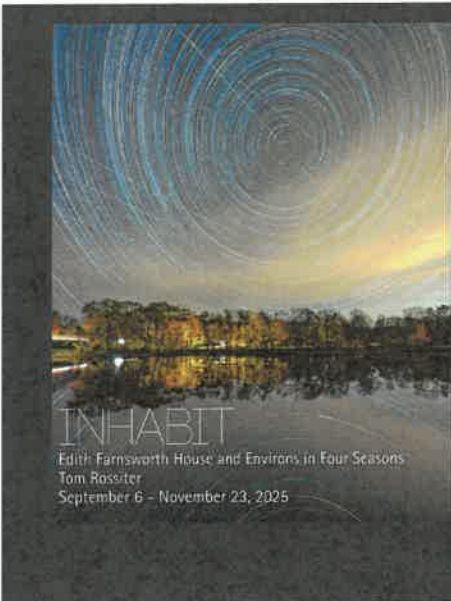
“Spending a fall weekend at the Edith Farnsworth House is the perfect way to celebrate the season,” said Scott Mehaffey, Executive Director of Edith Farnsworth House. “Roots & Reflections and the Fall Festival highlight the many ways this site connects people to history, architecture, and nature. By joining us, guests are directly contributing to the care and future of one of the world’s most significant modernist houses, right here in Illinois.”

- 🍷 Tickets for Roots & Reflections are limited—reserve your [seat](#) or [table](#) today.
- 🍁 Fall Festival entry available [HERE](#) or at the door—don’t miss this community celebration.





Save Your Seat!



On View Now

INHABIT: Edith Farnsworth House and Environs in Four Seasons

Now on view at Farnsworth House and the Barnsworth Gallery, *INHABIT* is a multimedia installation by 2025 Artist-in-Residence Tom Rossiter. Through time-lapse photography and soundscape, Rossiter captures the house and its natural surroundings across all four seasons, offering a meditative experience of architecture, culture, and place.

[More Information](#)

An Evening with Robin Givhan: Exploring the Legacy of Virgil Abloh

The Edith Farnsworth House is honored to welcome Pulitzer Prize-winning fashion critic Robin Givhan for an intimate evening program on her new book, *Make It Ours: Crushing the Gates of Culture with Virgil Abloh*.

Abloh—best known as the groundbreaking artistic director of Louis Vuitton menswear and founder of Off-White—transcended fashion to become a cultural force. Through his collaborations, architectural inspirations, and fearless boundary-crossing, he redefined who gets to shape culture and how.

Against the backdrop of Mies van der Rohe's Farnsworth House, Givhan will explore Abloh's life, work, and enduring impact. The evening concludes with a reception featuring light bites and drinks.

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Matt Asselmeier

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Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 11:46 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]Underground Railroad Dedication Ceremony
Attachments: frequently asked questions-rev. 8_22_25.pdf; intro letter marker packet.pdf; Final version Marker Announcement_Invitation.pdf

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Attached please find information regarding the upcoming unveiling and dedication of our Illinois state historical marker "Bristol Churches and the Underground Railroad".

Please mark your calendars for this important event. We look forward to your attendance. To help us finalize details for this event please respond with your RSVP to this email or to yorkvillechapelonthegreen@gmail.com no later than October 10, 2025.

Chapel on the Green
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Frequently Asked Questions about the October 24, 2025 Illinois State Historical Marker Unveiling Event at the Chapel on the Green, Yorkville, IL:

Where is the Chapel on the Green located?

The historical **1855 Chapel on the Green** is located at 107 W. Center Street in Yorkville. Center Street is located 3 blocks north of the Fox River and the Chapel is 1 block west of IL Rt. 47 (North-South) at the corner of Center and Church Streets. (IL Rt. 47 intersects with US Route 34 on the north side of Yorkville, and with IL Rt. 126 and IL Rt. 71 on the south side of town).

What time is the event scheduled to take place?

The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. - with a dedication program indoors, followed by the marker unveiling outdoors at the front of the building. Guests will return indoors to enjoy the public reception/open house.

When will the event end?

We expect the event to conclude between 2:30 and 3:00. Those guests wishing to avoid school pickup traffic at the nearby schools should plan to depart by 2:30 p.m. or wait until traffic has cleared.

Will the event take place outdoors?

This event will begin with a presentation of the colors by B.S.A. Troop 40 and a welcome by the Chapel on the Green, followed by brief comments from local and State government officials and historians, with U.S. Representative, Lauren Underwood scheduled to serve as keynote speaker. This initial portion of the marker dedication will take place indoors in the Chapel on the Green's sanctuary, with a seating capacity of 200. Weather permitting, the ceremony will conclude outdoors where the actual unveiling of the marker will occur - along with photo opportunities at the site of the marker installation. The public reception/open house to follow will return indoors to the Chapel's Heritage Hall annex.

Where is parking available?

While the Chapel on the Green does not have dedicated parking, neighborhood street parking is available nearby, including 2 small lots on Church Street - one along the west side of the Chapel, and one just to the south along Church Street, west of Town Square. Carpooling and ride-sharing is recommended!

Please **DO NOT PARK** on the west side of Church Street along Parkview Christian School or on the north side of Center Street in front of Parkview Christian School as these areas are used for their after-school bus and pick up line.

Is the Chapel on the Green handicap accessible?

Yes, the facility is accessible to those with special needs, however our restroom facilities are not fully wheelchair accessible at this time.

Will refreshments be served at the Public Reception/Open House?

The public reception will offer guests an opportunity to socialize with event speakers and others in attendance, tour the historical Chapel facility, and enjoy refreshments. A selection of light appetizers and desserts, along with hot and cold beverages, will be served.



Dear Friends of the Chapel, Community Members,
Government Representatives, and Historians,

September 23, 2025

This note brings exciting news from the *Chapel on the Green Historical Society, NFP* in Yorkville, Illinois about an upcoming event at the Chapel that you won't want to miss! We are pleased to announce the unveiling and dedication of our new Illinois State Historical Marker, "**Bristol Churches and the Underground Railroad**," on Friday, October 24, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. A public reception/open house will follow the ceremony and refreshments will be served.

Originally built in 1855 as the "First Congregational Church of Bristol," the Chapel on the Green is the oldest non-residential building in the United City of Yorkville, and the oldest church building in all of Kendall County to remain in continuous use. In light of its historical significance, the Chapel on the Green was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2016.

Over the past several years, research into the early church members' involvement in the UGRR opened up a fascinating window to the past. This research revealed an active network of support for freedom seekers passing through our our county and community during the antebellum years. Based on this extensive research, the Chapel on the Green (original Bristol Congregational Church) was added to the National Park Service's "National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom" as a new Site in 2023.

Our desire to commemorate and preserve this important history led us to apply for an Illinois State Historical Marker in 2024, and in January 2025 we received approval for a 250-word marker. Thanks to matching-grant funds provided by the National Park Service's *National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom/ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History)* Partnership, our marker was purchased, and production was completed in early June.

Please mark your calendars and join us on October 24th as we present this marker to the public! We have enclosed/attached an event flyer/invitation, and a FAQ sheet for your review. We invite you to share this information with others whom you feel may be interested in attending. To help us finalize details for this event, we respectfully request your R.S.V.P. (to this letter OR email) at yorkvillechapelonthegreen@gmail.com by October 10, 2025.

Respectfully,

Chapel on the Green
Historical Society, NFP



YORKVILLE CHAPEL ON THE GREEN INTRODUCES NEW ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL MARKER



Chapel on the Green Historical Society NFP

*cordially requests your presence
at the unveiling of our new*

Illinois State Historical Marker:

“Bristol Churches and the Underground Railroad”

Friday, October 24, 2025 - 1 PM

Public Reception to follow

**Chapel on the Green
107 W. Center Street, Yorkville, IL**

*kindly reply by 10/10 to confirm your attendance at
yorkvillechapelonthegreen@gmail.com*

visit our website for more info: yorkvillechapelonthegreen.org

In the villages of Bristol and Yorkville, early Congregational and Baptist Church members arrived from the East with strong convictions against slavery. Long before their church edifices were built in 1855 and 1857, these congregations worked together as one body to assist and support freedom seekers passing through Kendall County. Today's Chapel on the Green stands as a legacy to those early pastors and members who risked their own safety to champion human rights and personal freedom for all.

“That we testify against the whole system of Human Slavery - as practiced in these United States. That we consider the Chattel principle, or holding property in Man as a most heaven daring & God provoking sin - and the Sum of all Villanies as it effects those enslaved. That we cannot hold fellowship with voluntary slaveholders or their abettors. We cannot permit their preachers to occupy our pulpit - or their members or those who justify them in Slaveholding to sit at our communion.”

*- from Resolutions on Moral Subjects
Bristol Congregational Church, Jan. 3, 1846*

Matt Asselmeier

From: Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. <webinars@wje.com>
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YOU'RE INVITED

Evaluating Chloride Contamination in Reinforced Concrete Structures



Corrosion from chloride contamination in reinforced concrete is a major concern in construction. Chloride testing, often seen as routine, is complicated by factors such as multiple testing methods and variability introduced during sampling, including age, composition, and sample size. Not all chloride contamination is equal; sources differ, and concrete and reinforcement properties influence durability and corrosion risk. Better understanding of testing processes and corrosion mechanics can improve sampling, set realistic lab expectations, and aid in interpreting data.

In this complimentary one-hour webinar, materials engineer **Stephen Garrett** and chemist **Tonya Werner** will help material suppliers, investigating engineers, and everyone in between get the most out of chloride testing. They will provide a brief introduction to the various standard methods available, along with a technical overview of the mechanics of chloride evaluation techniques from a chemistry perspective. Through recent case studies, best practices for field sampling and data interpretation will be discussed.

By the end of the webinar, you will be able to:

- Describe how chloride ions can become present in concrete
- Compare sampling techniques and test methods for evaluating chloride contamination

- Explain thresholds for corrosion risk due to chloride ion exposure
- Identify emerging technologies for performing chloride concentration testing

There will be plenty of time for your questions during the presentation. Attendees are eligible for one American Institute of Architects (AIA) Learning Unit.

DETAILS

Thursday, October 23, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Eastern Time

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Matt Asselmeier

From: Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworthhouse@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 12:49 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]Fall Festivities Await You This Sunday!

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EDITH
FARNSWORTH  HOUSE

Join Us This Sunday for the Farnsworth Fall Festival!



Sunday, Oct. 12 | 12 PM to 5 PM
Edith Farnsworth House
14520 River Road, Plano IL

Soak up the beautiful fall weather at the Farnsworth Fall Festival, a day to relax, explore, and celebrate the season on the scenic grounds of the Farnsworth House.

Enjoy an afternoon of:

- Artisan vendors offering crafts, art, and seasonal goods
- Food & drink available for purchase from Two Partners Café & Two Brothers Brewing (*starting at 1 pm*)

- Self-guided access to the Farnsworth House
- Scenic walks through our riverside grounds

No guided tours will be offered during the festival, but the house will be open for self-guided exploration throughout the afternoon.

Participating Vendors:

- Adrienne Smith Fine Art
- Artistic Creations by Agnes
- Everybody's Busy
- House Logos
- Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
- Noel Mercado
- RUIZ Atelier
- Semillas Chicago
- Shugastone African Boutique
- Tracy's Pecans and Pebbles
- Wilder Farmers Market

Bring your friends, family, and love of fall—it's the perfect way to experience this National Historic Landmark in a new light.

Edith Farnsworth House Historic Site
14520 River Road, Plano, Illinois
Sunday, October 12 | 12–5 PM

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