



251 North Wolf Road • Wheeling, Illinois 60090

# WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY 2011

## Celebrating the Month of May

You may remember making “*May Baskets*” years ago: school-children made paper baskets, filled them with flowers, left them at someone’s door, rang the bell, and ran to hide. Some kids celebrated the day by dancing around a *Maypole* with streamers. These are leftovers of old European traditions.

The idea of a *Mother’s Day* was created by Anna Jarvis of West Virginia in 1908, to honor mothers. The day became a national holiday in 1914. This postcard below, from the museum’s collection, was sent to Mrs. Balling in 1906.



Girl Scout Troop No. 1 of Wheeling was started by Lucille Schneider in the 1920s. The Girl Scout troop used to carry flags in the Memorial Day parade down Milwaukee Avenue every year.

And most importantly, *Memorial Day* is set aside in May to honor those who have defended the United States and paid the ultimate price for our freedom. ☺



A school book illustration of children dancing around the Maypole.



Girl Scouts Troop 1 of Wheeling Illinois in the 1920s



Board meeting  
**Thursday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.**

## Calendar of Events

Annual Installation Dinner  
**Wednesday, May 25, 6:00 p.m.**  
at Chevy Chase Country Club  
Raffle and Silent Auction  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. \$33 per person  
RSVP Bill Simpson 847-541-8692

## Special Program

**Wheeling “Boys in Blue”**  
Civil War  
**Saturday, May 28, 2011**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Community Center in Chamber Park

“The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the Community of Wheeling.”

**WHEELING  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

Located in the  
Wheeling Park District's  
Chamber Park  
251 Wolf Road  
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

**Museum Hours**

April through October  
Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**2010–2011  
OFFICERS**

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published monthly as a  
benefit of membership



**Wheeling Park District**

**Liaison**

Cheri Klumpp  
Commissioner



**Message from the President**

**Dear Members and Friends,**

Just a brief note this month. Weather is finally warming up. Spring is finally here—just in time for summer.

We have enjoyed having Evie and her sister to tell us about the trip they took on the east coast. They are amazing women.

This month is the installation of officers dinner, and I would like as many as possible to attend. The date is Wednesday, May 25, at 6:00 p.m., at Chevy Chase Country Club. Please sign up and bring a friend.

I was in Winona, Minnesota, for a couple of days attending a family graduation. I saw some beautiful old buildings that had been recently renovated without destroying the old look on the outside. What a fantastic job was done.

Remember these events that are coming up and put them on your calendar of events:

The Farmers Stand Market opens on May 17th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Chamber Park, and will be held every Tuesday and Saturday until October 11th.

The Garden Club Plant Sale is held at Village Hall on Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Strawberry Fest at the Farmers Market on Saturday, May 28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Civil War recognition of 150 years: Saturday, May 28th at the Old Church in Chamber Park, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The museum is open on Sundays from 2–4 p.m., and also on Saturday, May 28th from 10:30 to 12:30. Volunteers are needed. Please contact us if you can spare the time.

Hope to see you at the Installation Dinner.

**Historically Yours,  
Joan Wiener, President**



***Time Marches On!***

**Just a reminder that dues for 2011–2012 are due in May**

You can pay at the Installation Dinner or mail your dues with this renewal application

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family Membership \$15.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Individual membership \$10.00**

Checks are made payable to: Wheeling Historical Society  
P.O. Box 3, Wheeling, IL 60090

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

## Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day, 1983

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

Each year, for more than 100 years, we have gathered on Memorial Day to pay tribute to those men and women who have fallen in battle, sacrificing their lives to preserve our freedom and world peace. In doing this, we are reminded that neither peace nor liberty is guaranteed, and that our national ideals remain threatened by global conflict, economic crises, violence, and aggression.

Throughout our history, America has been a symbol of hope for all people. We must always accept the many responsibilities that this requires. Thus, we are prepared to assist other nations in their struggle for economic progress; to help those in other lands who suffer from political repression and injustice; to deter aggression by strengthening democracy around the globe; and to work tirelessly toward a world without war.

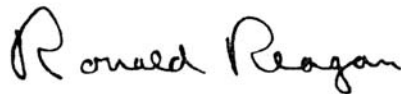
Those who have sacrificed their lives for our country serve as a reminder that our work is unfinished. With vision and purpose and a prayer in our hearts, let us dedicate ourselves to their memory.

In recognition of those Americans to whom we pay tribute today, the Congress, by joint resolution of May 11, 1950 (64 Stat. 158), has requested the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 1983, as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I designate the hour beginning in each locality at 11 o'clock in the morning of that day as a time to unite in prayer. I urge the press, radio, television, and all other information media to cooperate in this observance.

I also request the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the appropriate officials of all local units of government to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff during this Memorial Day on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels throughout the United States and in all areas under its jurisdiction and control, and I request the people of the United States to display the flag at half-staff from their homes for the customary forenoon period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.



## Curator's Report

The museum volunteers are working on the files in the basement and getting ready for the Civil War presentation on May 28, 2011. The museum and carriage house will be open that Saturday, and we will be closed on Sunday due to the Memorial Day holiday.

We thank all the helpers we have on Thursday mornings, and all those people who volunteer their time when we need their assistance.

Next time you're in the museum, be sure to take a look at our Civil War display.

**Patti Steilen**  
Curator

## Things to do and Places to go

**May 26-30**  
Field of Honor  
Northbrook Historical Society  
847-498-3404

**June 1**  
125th Anniversary Kick-Off Event  
Glessner House Museum  
312-326-1480

**June 12**  
House Walk and Tea  
Arlington Heights Hist. Society  
847-255-1225

**June 12**  
A Walk Through Time:  
Annual Prairie Avenue Tour  
Glessner House Museum  
312-326-1480

**June 12**  
Cemetery Walk  
Northbrook Hist. Society  
847-498-3404

### CIVIL WAR ANNIVERSARY- 150 YEARS

The Illinois Preservation Agency has launched a new website that lists events from 2011 to 2015 in the state of Illinois, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War: [www.illinoiscivilwar150.org](http://www.illinoiscivilwar150.org). This site includes resource materials and a month/year timeline. ★

Lake County Discovery Museum  
The **Civil War High Tech** exhibit runs through August 2011. Learn about the new technology implemented during the Civil War: submarines, reconnaissance balloons, ironclads, and railroads. ★

*Wheeling*  
**FARM STAND  
MARKET**



**The Farmers Market opens  
Tuesday, May 17, 2011**

**Volunteers are needed for  
both Tuesdays from 9–3  
and Saturdays from 9–1.**

**Contact Bill Hein or Joan  
Wiener at 847-229-0151.**

**The 1940 US Census**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS	
SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940	
POPULATION SCHEDULE	
U. S. 1940	
PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER	
<p><b>DATE OF APRIL 1, 1940</b> Name shown as at present, unless it cannot be so in the same city or part of block, in both languages.</p>	<p><b>1</b> If colored work not engaged in public employ- ment, state occupation, trade, profession, or service.</p>
<p><b>2</b> If at home, state relationship to household head, and if married, state marital status.</p>	<p><b>3</b> If seeking work or re- signed in public emergency work, state reason.</p>
<p><b>4</b> For a person of 18, 19, or 20 years of age, state whether enrolled in school, and if so, state grade or course.</p>	<p><b>5</b> For a person of 18, 19, or 20 years of age, state whether enrolled in school, and if so, state grade or course.</p>

In less than a year, the 1940 census will be available for public use. The census day was April 1, 1940. This census will be released digitally on April 2, 2012.

The 1940 and later censuses aren't available for public use because of a statutory 72-year restriction of access for privacy reasons.

The digital images will be accessible at NARA (The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration) facilities nationwide through their public access computers and on personal computers via the internet. ★

**Cook's Kitchen**



**Chicken Blackhawk**

2 whole chickens, quartered

**MARINADE:**

3 T. oregano, dried

3 T. thyme, dried

1 T. crushed red chilies

2 t. ground black pepper

2 T. salt

1-1/2 oz. fresh chopped garlic

1 C. olive oil

**GARNISH:**

1 each: red, green, yellow peppers, julienne cut

12 pepperoncinis (imported mild green peppers)

This recipe is found in "From Restaurants to Recipes," Wheeling's 1994 Centennial Celebration recipe book, and was donated by Don Roth's restaurant when it was located 61 N. Milwaukee in Wheeling.

Combine 7 marinade ingredients in a large bowl. Add chicken to marinade and toss to coat evenly. Refrigerate a minimum of 2 hours or overnight. Brown chicken on both sides until golden; do not overcrowd chicken. When browned, transfer to baking pan (repeat until all chicken is browned). Place pan in preheated 350° oven for 20 minutes. During the last 5 minutes of cooking, spread the julienne peppers and pepperoncinis on top of the chicken to heat through. ♻️



**Congratulations to  
Haley Reinhart,  
American Idol Finalist**

Wheeling proudly welcomes Haley Reinhart home on Saturday, May 14, 2011, for a visit and celebration.



The celebration begins at 4:30 p.m. with a motorcade to Wheeling Village Hall, where President Abruscato will proclaim May 14, 2011, to be "Haley Reinhart Day."

Haley's visit will conclude with a performance at Arlington Park Racetrack. *American Idol* is a reality television singing competition. The program aims to discover the best singer in the country where the winner is determined by the viewers. ★