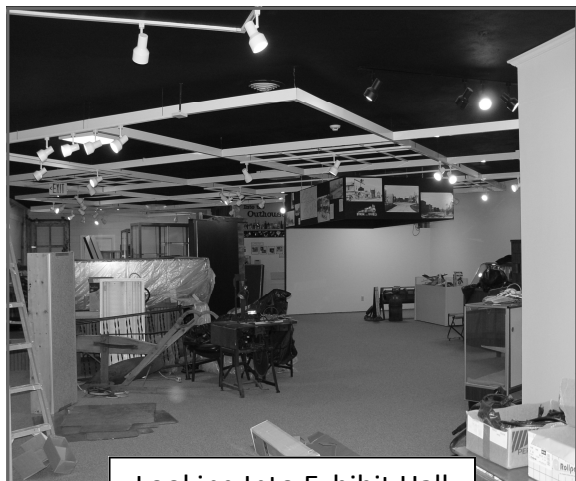


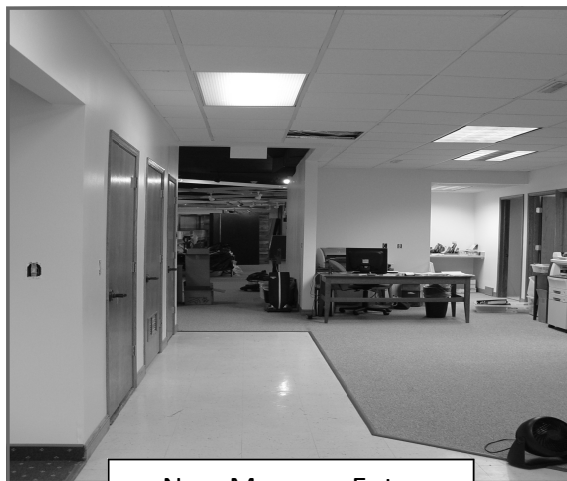


BYRON HISTORY EXPRESS

MUSEUM REMODELING PROJECT COMPLETE



Looking Into Exhibit Hall



New Museum Entry

If you have visited the museum during the past month, you cannot help but witness some of the physical changes happening here. While most the remodeling has been completed, at this point, some flooring and painting are still on the docket. The west and north walls of the library were taken down and the space will be used for a revamped version of the railroad exhibit. This has opened the exhibit hall with spectacular results. The exhibit hall is now 80 feet in length. The photo to the left was taken in the former library looking back into the exhibit hall. The photo on the right shows what was once the Byron Chamber of Commerce, and is now the Byron Museum's offices. This scene was once a hallway with a wall in the middle of this room and now it is our entrance foyer: wall-free.

VOLUNTEER POTLUCK OCTOBER 18TH



The Byron Museum of History will hold its 1st annual volunteer potluck on Saturday, October 18th at the Museum from 12:00-2:00pm in recognition of all the hard work volunteers have done throughout the year. Come out to mix and mingle with other volunteers and learn about some of the exciting events and activities associated with the

upcoming *Between Fences* exhibit. Volunteers will also have a chance to preview the renovation changes before the museum's Grand Re-Opening to the public immediately following the potluck from 2:00-5:00pm. The museum will be supplying hot sandwiches, refreshments, and desert and is asking volunteers to bring a side dish to pass. We hope to see you there!

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INTRODUCING KIRA HALVEY

The Museum is happy to introduce Kira Halvey, who started as our Volunteer Coordinator in July. She jumped right into working on our Quilt Show and has been a huge asset to our team.

Kira is a Masters graduate of Northern Illinois University majoring in anthropology and museum studies. She grew up in Woodstock, Illinois and spent her first two college years at McHenry County College. It was there that she developed her passion for ancient history and anthropology. This interest took her to Knoxville, Tennessee where she continued to study anthropology, but also developed an interest in Ancient Greek history.

After graduation, she decided to pursue her education closer to home and began a Masters program at Northern Illinois University. Her thesis research took her all the way to Sicily where she participated in an archaeological field school. Kira was really thrilled to learn about all the outhouse archaeology that has been done around Byron, and is really excited to be a part of all the new improvements that will be going on at the museum in the next few months.

There will be a number of projects especially for *Between Fences* and we could always use some extra help. If anyone is interested in volunteering or just stopping in to say hello please feel free to contact her at kira@byronmuseum.com or call the office at 815-231-5031.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Would you like to play a special role in the *Between Fences* exhibition? Docents receive special training and several resources to assist them in leading group tours. Being a docent is a fun way to get involved and meet people.

Other jobs are available, whether you only have a couple of hours, or are available for longer projects. These jobs include:

- Designing & building our local companion exhibit
- Light carpentry & woodworking
- Helping with the kids craft series
- Decorating for Festival of Trees
- Serving as Museum Ambassador

Please call us to volunteer, or with any questions!

INQUIRIES

As you can tell by the post-remodel pictures at the front of this newsletter, much needs to be done before our October 18th re-opening. We are especially looking for help with finding information for our upcoming re-vamp of our Railroad and Farming Exhibits. If you have any knowledge on:

The Milwaukee Road in Byron

Photos, objects, histories of railroad employees, specifically those employed in Byron and its close environs.

Any local stories about the railroad in Byron. Do you remember an incident, accident, humorous story of what it was like to have these railroads in town?

Photos of Local Farmers, especially of farmers working in the Byron area.

First person Byron– area histories, stories, accounts of what farming was like in the “olden days”.

Festival of Trees

Festival of Trees is coming up November 14th! Many of you will be happy to know that our *Between Fences* exhibit will overlap with the Festival of Trees display time, giving the trees an even larger audience this year. However, due to the amount of space we will need for *Between Fences*, we will be accepting a limited number of trees this year. Festival of Trees begins on November 14th, and the trees will continue to be displayed until the 19th of December.



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BETWEEN FENCES SCHEDULE

Mystery Fences of Ogle County

Begins 3 Weeks Before Between Fences

Each week for 6-9 weeks, the local newspapers will feature a different "mystery fence" from different towns around Ogle County. Participants try to identify the fence based on the picture and clues. They take their answer to the local library of the town, or the Byron Museum, and in return they receive a fact sheet giving them the correct answer. Prizes will be awarded.

Art & Photography Contest

Submission Deadline is October 15th

Submissions of original art and photography dealing with the theme of fences or boundaries. A panel of judges will select winners in multiple categories, and those will receive prizes and be displayed prominently during the run of Between Fences.

Art & Photography Show

Show Runs Concurrently with Between Fences

Entries from the Art & Photography Contest will be displayed throughout the Museum to complement Between Fences, and to showcase this area's talented residents.

Kids Craft Series

Saturday, December 6 at 10:00am
Make a Snowman Picket Fence for the holidays!

Saturday, December 13 at 10:00am
Make a Picket Fence Photo Holder or a Garden & Fence Pencil Holder.

Lecture & Presentation Series

Life on the Farm: Untold Stories

Thursday, December 4 at 6:00pm

Round table/panel discussion with farmers talking about life on the farm. Selected farmers will represent farming times, and will also discuss how farming has changed through the years.

Fencing Frontiers: The Barbed Wire Story

Thursday, December 11 at 6:00pm

This informative and entertaining slide-illustrated program is presented by Gerald J. Brauer, Executive Director of the Ellwood House Museum.

Life on the Farm: Her Story

Thursday, December 18 at 6:00pm

Farm wives will talk about life on the farm through the years. What barriers did these women encounter in their lives? How did changes in farming effect their lives? This round-table style discussion will entertain and enrich your understanding of the lives these women have led.

Great Women of Illinois

Sunday, January 4th at 1:00pm

Educator and scholar Leslie Goddard presents a lively and dynamic look at the lives of some of Illinois most famous suffragists, including Byron's own Ruth Hanna McCormick.