

## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2023

Bid farewell to Old Man Winter and say welcome to spring, the season of planting and spring house cleaning (do the good wives still do that?), the season of renewal, new beginnings and longer days!! Blossom by blossom, spring begins (at least we hope so)!

The birthday of spring historically is March 20<sup>th</sup>, the vernal (Latin for spring) equinox (Latin for equal night) when daylight and darkness are close to being equal. The vernal and autumnal equinoxes are the only two times per year that the sun rises and sets due east and due west.

So enjoy the forthcoming longer sunlight hours and may the warmth of these days put a spring in your step and a song in your heart.

We are all probably anxious to return to our monthly meetings so we can renew our acquaintances and look forward to learning new things. Our seasonal line-up follows but please remember, these may be subject to change. Check our website ([www.markesanhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.markesanhistoricalsociety.org)) for updated information as the dates approach.

APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> – City Hall, 7pm

Care-4-U, a medical clinic out of Dalton, is a faith-based non-profit facility that offers basic medical services at a reasonable cost. It is an affordable answer to those with high deductible insurance or no insurance at all.

MAY 10<sup>th</sup> – The Barn, 7pm

Claudia Tibbits and William Gorr have agreed to share the parts they played in Princeton's Cemetery Walking Tour. Both are top notch!

JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> – The Barn, 7pm

Vickie Wielgosh said she'd enjoy coming to explain the development of Princeton's Folklore Museum since our attendance was down due to Covid the last time she was here. Let's support her with a full house.

JULY 12<sup>th</sup> – Museum Grounds, 5:30pm

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Membership Picnic will include traditional picnic fare as well as games and prizes. Price - \$10 per person. Please sign up and pay at the monthly meetings or contact any board member. It promises to be a fun time and we won't have to worry about snow!

AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> – The Barn, 7pm

Dr. Al Lippart, venerated DMV of Markesan, is looking forward to speaking to us about the history of veterinary medicine and sharing some of his own experiences gleaned from his practice here in our community.

SEPT 13<sup>th</sup> - The Barn, 7pm

Officer Ben Gorr, from Marquette County, is willing to share stories from his experience patrolling in Chicago's west side. It all depends on his schedule. Fingers crossed that this happens.

OCT 11<sup>th</sup> - City Hall, 7pm

The grand finale – Congressman Glen Grothmann will be here to share his interest in representing us, to give us a bit of background to his life and what factors played into directing him into politics. Let's make his visit here memorable.

Opening Day at the museum for 2023 is on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month May through September. Please consider helping show visitors all our museum complex has to offer.

The Cemetery Walk on May 29th will be at the Markesan Memorial Cemetery old section – on the south side of Hwy 44. It will begin after the program at the cemetery (or school if the weather is inclement). Rain or shine.

Heritage Day is Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> from 1p to 4p. Its always a fun time. Come on out and enjoy pie and ice cream and popcorn! Its also a good time to see the changes that have taken place at the complex since the last time you came out for a 'Blast from the Past'!

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