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THE VOLUNTEER

BOBBIN LACE WORKSHOP PLANNED

Learn the basics of creating beautiful bobbin lace at a one-day workshop February 23 at the 1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House. Instructor, Mark Myers teaches the century's old techniques used to create handwoven lace with traditional materials. The workshop is from 9 am-4 pm with a one-hour lunch from 12-1 pm.

Mark Myers has been making lace for over thirty years. He first learned the art of tating in 1986 but a few years later developed an avid interest in Bobbin Lace. Since then, he has mastered the skill needed to create the tools necessary for his craft; which is an art unto itself. He has taught tating and bobbin lace classes all over the United States and enjoys sharing the art with others.

The workshop fee is \$75 per student (does not include kit). All equipment will be provided for use during this workshop and may be purchased separately for students wishing to continue with the art. Kits will be available for purchase after the workshop for \$50. Space is limited to six students. Pre-registration is required and may be

completed in our online store (www.stephensonhouse.org) or by calling 618-692-1818.





FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! We are quickly moving into 2019 here at Stephenson House. Jeffrey and I have been busy with many projects already: launching a new website, writing a grant for a new video focused on the slaves at the house, heading up plans for Trivia Night, developing some exciting new workshops and events (not just the ones listed on pages 4 and 5), and organizing the new Mrs. Lucy Secondary Academy—just to name a few. It's going to be a busy year.

On January 16, we are going to be putting a new coat (or two) of paint in the orientation room. If you want to lend a hand (or brush), we'll be starting around 10 am Wednesday. Please let us know if you plan to help. Our supplies are limited so extra rollers, drop cloths and brushes are appreciated.

We are in need of some additional men's

shortcoats for the wardrobe. Currently, we have four young men vying for use of the same shortcoat (pictured below). Dottie Vaughn donated the coveted coat a few years ago, and it's seen a lot of use. This type of coat is fairly simple to sew and doesn't need to be fitted. We will provide the pattern and fabric to anyone willing to sew a new one for the wardrobe. We could use some new vests in smaller sizes and a new tailcoat or two.

Area school have begun scheduling their spring tours. We'll need lots of help again this year. Our volunteers make our school tour program successful; without adequate volunteer staff, school tours are not possible. All tours are posted on the volunteer website, in the newsletter, and in the office at the house. If you can help, please let us know.

SEEKING A WEEKEND COMPANION!

Single, stone hearth seeks weekend companion(s) to enjoy days filled with gastronomy interludes. Hearth feels neglected. Needs the fire of life once again. Likes hot coals, warm bread, savory stews, and hand-dipped candle demonstrations on wintery days. Only individuals interested in getting away from the hectic life of the 21st century need apply. Call 618-692-1818 to arrange for a date.



House shortcoat currently being shared by four of our volunteer staff.



- **1920s Speakeasy Decor**
- **Cash Prizes for 1st & 2nd Places, Best Decorated Table, & Best Costume**
- **Decade Costumes Encouraged but Not Required**
- **50/50 Raffle, Audience Participation Games & Silent Auction**
- **FREE MULLIGANS for Teams Reserved and Paid by April 20**
- **FREE soda, water, and beer (while the beer lasts). NO Outside Beverages Allowed.**



THE 1820 COL. BENJAMIN STEPHENSON HOUSE PRESENTS

Trivia Through The Decades

**\$200/8 PERSON
TABLE
OR \$25 PER PERSON**

EVENT VENUE
Edwardsville Moose Lodge
(7371 Marine Rd., Edwardsville, IL)

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Call 618-692-1818

Tables available online at www.stephensonhouse.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

TRIVIA BEGINS AT 7 PM

2019 SPECIAL EVENTS

January 22, Annual Meeting, 7 pm. This meeting is open to all members of the Friends of the 1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House and current board members.

February 23, Bobbin Lace Workshop, 9 am-4 pm. Learn the basics of creating beautiful bobbin lace during this one-day workshop. Instructor, Mark Myers teaches participants centuries-old techniques using traditional materials. All equipment will be provided for use during the class and may be purchased separately for students wishing to continue with the art. Kits will be available for purchase after the workshop for \$50. The workshop is from 9 am-4 pm with a one-hour lunch from 12-1 pm. Workshop fee is \$75 per student (does not include kit). Space is limited to six students. Pre-registration is required and may be completed online or by calling 618-692-1818.

April 14, Easter Egg Hunt, Details to be determined.

April 27, Trivia Through the Decades, This event is a fun night where teams compete to answer trivia questions in a wide range of categories spanning the 1920s through present day. Teams are encouraged (but not required) to come dressed in costume from their favorite decade or join the event volunteers in the 1920s. The event theme this year is a 1920s Speakeasy. Doors open at 6:30 pm. \$200/8 person table or \$25 per person. Call 618-692-1818 to reserve a table. Teams can also pay for their table online at www.stephensonhouse.org

June 12-14, Digging in the Dirt, 9 am-2 pm, \$85 (*due at registration*). Learn about life of an archeologist and participate in an archeological dig. Students will excavate in grid units and stratigraphic levels, measure and record artifacts, accessioning techniques then analyze the excavation with a written report. Open to children grades 3-

5. Preregistration required. Limited to 12 students. Participants should bring a sack lunch. A mid-morning snack and drinks are provided. Call 618-692-1818 to register a camper or download our registration form at stephensonhouse.org.

June 26-28, Mrs. Lucy's Academy for Young Ladies, 9 am-2 pm, \$85 (*due at registration*). Young ladies attending this summer camp will discover what it was like to be a real American girl in 1820. Participants dress in reproduction clothing similar to styles worn in the early 1800s. At the end of the camp, a tea will be hosted by participants for their mother (or father) showcasing the skills learned during the three-day camp. Dress size is needed for each participant. Pre-registration is required. Grades 3-5. Participants should bring a sack lunch; mid-morning snack and drinks are provided. Space is limit to 12 participants. Call 618-692-1818 to register a camper or download our registration form at stephensonhouse.org.



July 17-19, Mrs. Lucy's Academy of Secondary Learning, 9 am-3 pm, \$95 (*due at registration*). This hands-on history camp is designed for older girls in grades 6 through 12 who have attended Mrs. Lucy's Academy for Young Ladies in previous years. The three-day camp focuses on in-depth exploration of activities such as hand sewing, needle work, hearth cooking, etc. Participants will work on more advanced projects than those presented during previous summer camps. Participants may dress in reproduction clothing (please provide dress size at registration). Pre-registration is required. Open to young ladies in grades 6-12. Limit to 12 participants. Participants

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should bring a sack lunch and any sewing items obtained at previous Mrs. Lucy's summer camps. A mid-morning snack and drinks are provided. Call 618-692-1818 to register a camper or download our registration form at stephensonhouse.org.

October 6, 50/50 Antique Auction, 9 am. Come find an antique treasure at the annual 50/50 Antique Auction. A variety of collectibles are offered including ceramics, crocks and jugs, Native American artifacts, old pocket knives, fishing equipment, holiday decor, costume jewelry, toys, and furniture. Auction takes place on the grounds of the historic home. For more information: 618-692-1818. *House tours will not be available during this event.*

October 3-27, Special Exhibit: Mourning Col. Stephenson, Join us as we explore the macabre side of the Stephenson House history. Col. Stephenson died in the house on October 10, 1822, and visitors will get a glimpse of the mourning customs practiced by the family almost two hundred years ago.

October 27, A Gothic Evening with Edgar Allan Poe, \$18. Back by popular demand, Anne Williams returns to perform a selection of dramatic readings of Poe's famous poems and short stories. Step into our mourning draped parlor as the macabre scene is set for an evening of spine-tingling chills complete with coffin, candlelight, and a widow dressed in black. **Please Note:** This event is for persons 17 years or older. Seating is limited for this program and tickets must be purchased in advance. Three performances are available for this popular program 4-5:30 pm, 6-7:30 pm, and 8-9:30 pm. Tickets are \$18 an available online at www.stephensonhouse.org or by calling the historic site at 618-692-1818.

November 29 & 30, Christmas Candlelight Tours, 6-9 pm (*closed during the day*), \$10 Adult, \$5 child (6-12 years), children five years and under admitted free. Experience an 1820s Christmas during this candlelight event. Historically garbed docents discuss the rich history of the house as guests take a self-guided tour through the festively adorned rooms. Enjoy a cup of hot wassail, a sweet treat, a story or two, and a warm

fire as Stephenson House ushers in the holiday season. *Stephenson House will not be open during the day on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.* #1820christmas

December 8, A Christmas Carol, \$10 (appropriate for teens and adults). Experience scenes from *A Christmas Carol* listening to Dickens' own words, as performed by historic interpreter Anne Williams. Step beyond the too familiar dialog heard in plays and films, hear the narration, the descriptions, the message, and let Dickens' words create the images. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. Three performances are available: 5:00-6:00 pm, 6:30-7:30 pm, and 8:00-9:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at ww.stephensonhouse.org or by calling the historic site at 618-692-1818.



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JANUARY SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

January 13, **Sewing Circle**, 1pm

January 20, **Fundraising Committee Meeting**, House, 3 pm

January 22, **Annual Meeting**, 7 pm. This meeting is open to all members of the Friends of the 1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House and current board members.

January 27, **Sewing Circle**, 1pm

- January 25, **PEO LS Chapter Tour**, 10 am– 12 pm, 10 ± Adults
- February 2, **Playing the Past**, 10 am-12 pm, 15 ± Girl Scouts
- February 28, **Lewis & Clark College Honors Class**, 6 pm-7 pm
- March 2, **Playing the Past**, 10 am-12 pm, 15 ± Girl Scouts
- April 16, **Trunk Delivery-Trinity Lutheran** (one-5th grade trunk), 10 am to the Office.
- May 2, **Trinity Lutheran School**, 10 am-12 pm, 20± 5th grade
- May 2, **Columbus Elementary**, 12:45 pm-2:45 pm, 60± 3rd grade
- May 10, **Columbus Elementary**, 12:45 pm-2:45 pm, 60± 3rd grade
- May 18, **Connect Group**, 10 am-12 pm, 12± Adults
- October 29, **Badger Bus Line**, 12:45 pm-2:30 pm, 35-48 Adults
- November 2, **Playing the Past**, 10 am-12 pm, 15 ± Girl Scouts

UPCOMING TOURS & TRUNK DELIVERIES



January

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| 13 Sewing Circle 1 pm  | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Fundraising Committee Meeting 3 pm | 21 | 22 Annual Meeting/ Board Meeting 7 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Tour 10 am-12 pm | 26 |
| 27 Sewing Circle 1 pm  | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Winter House Hours: Saturdays 10 am-4 pm Sundays, 12-4 pm | |



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NEWS & NEEDS

Needs...

- volunteers to help with spring school tours
 - volunteers to sew short-coats and vests for the wardrobe (we'll provide the patterns and fabric)
 - day caps for the interpretive wardrobe
 - a Saturday afternoon gift shop docent
 - a Sunday afternoon gift shop docent
 - flour for use in the kitchen
- with upcoming school tours
- firewood
 - bolt of 100% cotton bap-tiste