



**MARCH 2025**

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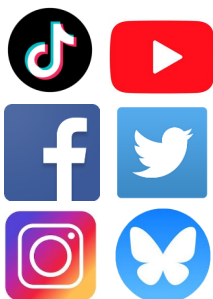
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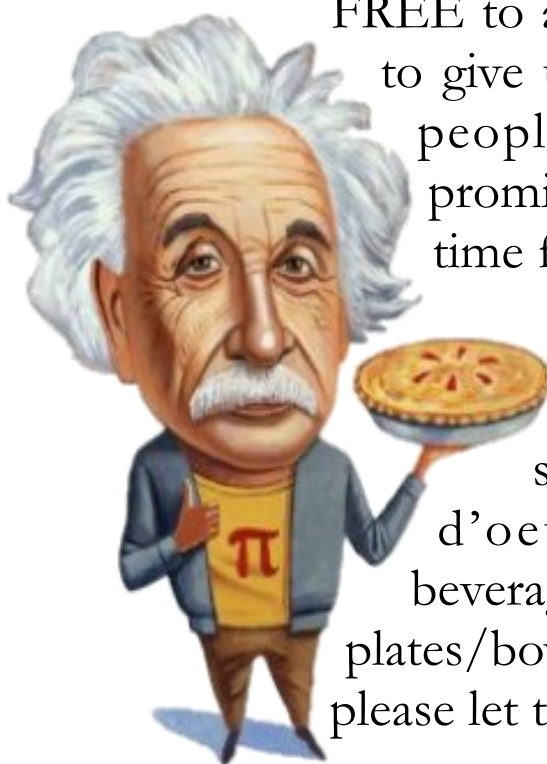


## Join Us for Pi Day!

All Stephenson House volunteers and their families are invited to join us at the house on  
Friday, **March 14, 2025 at 7 pm** for

### ***PI DAY TRIVIA AND DESSERT!***

Trivia will be Pi and pie themed. This event is  
FREE to attend but please sign up  
to give us an idea of how many  
people to expect. This  
promises to be a fun and tasty  
time for all!



If you're willing to  
bring something to  
share such as an hors  
d'oeuvre, non-alcoholic  
beverage, pie, ice cream, paper  
plates/bowls, plasticware, or cups,  
please let the director know.

# Greetings from the President

Dearest Reader,

Happy Spring!!

I know we are all so very ready for sweet, warm weather. I know we all need a respite from our times and The 1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House is the place for it.

The Gardens are about to be addressed by our Master Gardeners so get ready for the beauty to be back!

Remember we are headed to the Annual Trivia Through the Decades Fundraiser!!! We are going Back to the 80s this year! So, get your parachute pants and hair crimpers ready. But first reserve your table, gather your friends, and put aside your coins for the Silent Auction.

Then this summer we have the programs for the kids, Mrs. Lucy's Academy for Young Ladies and the War of 1812 Militia Summer Camp. You definitely want to reserve your kids' spaces and get them excited about traveling back in time.

And if you haven't renewed your membership, send it in and come on down and help us create the fun. We want to keep the good times rollin' and with your help, we can.

And like I said in January, help the House to get into gear to create a fantabulous year!!! It won't be long before Spring arrives and the house is blooming with flowers and open windows. So, for now, get in motion to have your 1820 swag in order. And get ready to have a spectacular year!!!

This is Truly Yours,

Lady Blue



*Well house, shady garden, and hydrangeas in the shady garden. Photos by Master Gardener, Michelle Collins*





Beginning March 1, the museum returns to regular seasonal hours. We hope to see you soon!

**Thursdays—Saturdays**

**10 am—3 pm**

**Sundays**

**12-3 pm**



**Check out the participating businesses!**

**Afterwords Books**

441 E. Vandalia

**All Natural Pet Center**

7139 Marine Road

**Barrel & Brū**

6151 Trace Pkwy Ste D

**Chava's**

217 E. Vandalia

**Chef's Shoppe**

2320 Troy Road

**Clean Eat3**

316 S. Buchanan

**Ed's Delicatessen**

222 N. Main Street

**Edwardsville Flea Market**

1506 Troy Road

**EXO**

2 157 Center

**Fusion Taco**

1017 Century Drive

**Keepsake Candle Co.**

100 N. Main Street

**Koenigs Kountry Market**

517 E. Vandalia

**The Mercantile Antiques & Vintage Goods**

314 N. Main Street

**Petaled Pail & Co.**

219 Hillsboro Avenue

**Polished Prints**

101 E. Vandalia

**Seams for the Soul Boutique**

216 S. Buchanan

**Shoppes on Main**

220 N. Main Street

**Spoonful Desserts**

1063 Rt. 157, Ste 11-12

**Thrills Ville**

110 E. Vandalia

**ZIENA Boutique**

215 S. Kansas, Unit 102

**Edwardsville Children's Museum**

722 Holyoake Road

Chocolate-themed activities and sensory bins all day!

**R.P. Lumber Center**

6289 Tiger Drive

Noon to 2 p.m. skating session! FREE hot cocoa with paid admission, plus games & prizes!

**Wilkey Theatre**

252 N. Main Street

Special Saturday showing of the original "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory"



# From the Hearth: Pork & Apple Pie

## 163. Pork Apple Pie.

\* Make your crust in the usual manner, spread it over a large deep plate, cut some slices of fat pork very thin, also some slices of apple; place a layer of apples, and then of pork, with a very little allspice, and pepper, sugar, between — three or four layers of each, with crust over the top. Bake one hour.

*The New England Economical Housekeeper, and Family Receipt Book. C. 1845, Esther Allen Howland*

### **Modern Adaptation**

Provided by Old Sturbridge Village

<https://www.osv.org/virtual-village/historical-recipes/>

Pie crust enough for a double-crust pie  
2-3 lbs. pork (pork with some fat on it works best)

6-8 tart apples (Granny Smiths or Cortlands work well)

½ c brown sugar

1-2 tsp. allspice

1 tsp. pepper

1. Preheat your oven to 425°F.
2. In a small bowl combine brown sugar, allspice, and pepper.
3. Cut pork into small thin slices, the thinner the better, and set aside.
4. Peel, core and cut apples into thin slices and set aside.
5. Lay your bottom crust into your pie plate and trim to fit.

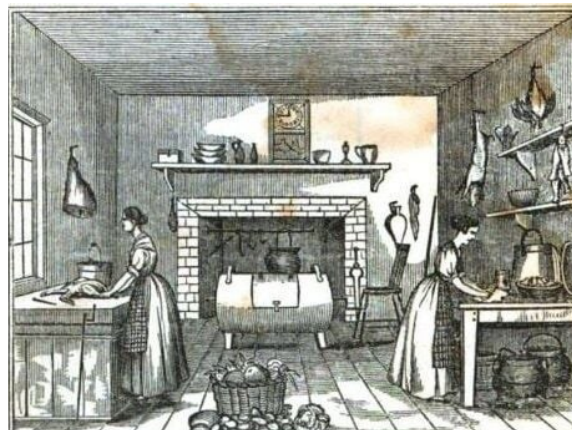
6. Place a layer of apples in the bottom of your pie plate; sprinkle over a small amount of sugar and spice mixture.

7. Add a layer of pork; sprinkle over a small amount of sugar and spice mixture. Repeat until pie is heaped high!

8. Top with top crust, trim and crimp edges. Cut a few slits in top crust to allow venting.

9. Bake at 425° for 15 minutes, then reduce heat and continue to bake at 350° for 35-45 minutes or until apples are soft and crust is brown.

10. Enjoy!





# We're Looking for a Grant Writer

The 1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House is seeking a motivated and detail-oriented Grant Writer to support our historic site's fundraising efforts. This role focuses on securing funding through grants to support our preservation, education, and community outreach programs.



## Key Responsibilities:

- Research and identify grant opportunities from foundations, corporations, and government entities.
- Write compelling, well-organized grant proposals tailored to funder requirements.
- Maintain a calendar of application deadlines and ensure timely submissions.
- Collaborate with the Director and Board to gather necessary information and supporting materials for proposals.
- Track and report on grant outcomes.

## Qualifications:

- Strong writing and research skills.

- Experience in grant writing and fundraising.
- Ability to organize, prioritize, and manage multiple tasks.
- Familiarity with historic preservation, education, or nonprofit work is a plus.

A writing sample is required with the application.

## Compensation:

This is a contract position, compensated as a portion of successfully secured grant funds.

This position offers an opportunity to contribute to the preservation of a significant historic site while gaining valuable experience in nonprofit fundraising.

## How to Apply:

Please submit your resume, a writing sample, and a brief statement of interest to:

RoxAnn Raisner, stephensonhouse1820@yahoo.com

Jaclyn Wallace, jtgriswoldwilson@gmail.com

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.



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SUPPORT!**





# Got Your Trivia Night Table Yet?

We're traveling back to the 80s when hair was big, music videos were born, and fashion loved neon. Dig out your leg warmers, strap on that fanny pack, and join us for Trivia Through the Decades on April 26. It's gonna be a totally tubular night of trivia where teams compete to answer questions in a wide range of categories spanning the decade from the 1920s through the present day. Teams are encouraged (but not required) to come dressed in costumes from their favorite decade or participate in the 1980s MTV event theme. Please note our trivia questions are not centered around our decor theme; they cover a wide range of multigenerational topics.

The event will be held at the Edwardsville Moose Lodge, 7371 Marine Rd, Edwardsville. Doors open at

6:00 pm and play will begin at 7:00 pm. Teams are made up of no more than 8 players (\$200 per team table or \$25 per person). Space is limited so don't wait to register (this event sells out fast). To register visit our website at [www.stephensonhouse.org](http://www.stephensonhouse.org)

Teams registered and paid by April 18, 2025, receive their Mulligans for FREE. Free beer (while supply lasts), soda, and water are provided to participants. The venue does not allow outside beverages to be brought in but you may bring food.

Cash prizes are given for 1st and 2nd place teams. A costume contest, a silent auction, and a raffle are also planned.

Please Note: There are no hard copy tickets for this event. Your paid online receipt is your ticket.



**1820 COL. BENJAMIN STEPHENSON HOUSE PRESENTS**

**BACK TO THE 80S**

**TRIVIA**

**Through THE DECADES**

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 26, 2025**

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

**Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Trivia Begins at 7 p.m.**

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

**Tables & Information Available**  
**[stephensonhouse.org](http://stephensonhouse.org)**

·Cash Prizes for 1st & 2nd Places  
 ·Costume Contest  
 ·50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction

· FREE MULLIGANS for teams paid by April 19  
 · FREE soda, water, and beer (while the beer lasts).  
*NO Outside Beverages Allowed.*

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT**  
 1820 Col. Stephenson House, P.O. Box 754, Edwardsville, IL  
[stephensonhouse1820@yahoo.com](mailto:stephensonhouse1820@yahoo.com)

**SCAN ME**

# *Sewing Saturday*

**Come sew with us March 22.**



Join us for a relaxing day of sewing on Saturday, March 22 from 11 am—3 pm.

This month we're making gentleman's neckerchiefs, cravats, and neckcloths for the wardrobe.

We'll provide the fabric and pattern; you bring a sewing kit (or use what we have). Please let the director know if you plan to help.

## News & Needs

### *Thank You...*

- Amy Mullane & Juanita Panico for attending February's Sewing Saturday and helping to make three new shifts for the wardrobe.
- Volunteers who've helped keep the museum operating over the winter months.

### *Needs...*

- Sponsors for trivia night.
- Silent auction donations for trivia

night.

- Volunteers to help at the museum giving tours, covering the gift shop, and cleaning.
- Someone to split firewood.
- Do you need service hours? We can help! There are a variety of jobs and projects we'd love to have help with.
- Please return Volunteer Training binders, if you have one.

# Auction Items Sought for Spring 2025

The museum is currently collecting donations for the spring online *Sid Denny Memorial Antiques Auction*. The committee is looking for small to large size antiques and collectibles. If you unsure whether an item is appropriate, contact the site via email or phone. Modern items cannot be accepted.

Please note, we are no longer accepting 50/50 donations. All items donated are 100% to the museum. Also, unsold items will not

be returned to donors. The Stephenson House is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Please print and fill out the form below to accompany your donations. The museum has copies available in the gift shop too.

**Museum Phone:** 618-692-1818

**Email:** stephensonhouse1820@yahoo.com



## Sid Denny Memorial Auction Donation Form

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Items: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Upcoming Events, Tours & Activities

- March 1, **Choc Latte Fun Crawl**, 10 am-3 pm, Volunteers needed.
- March 8, **Trivia Night Planning Meeting**, 3 pm
- March 14, **Volunteer Pi Day Party**, 7pm
- March 15, **Volunteer Enrichment Program**, *How to Dress 1820s: Women's Clothing*, 3 pm. Please RSVP with RoxAnn.
- March 20, **Bus Tour**, 2-3:30 pm, 45+/- adults
- March 22, **Sewing Saturday**, 11 am-3 pm
- March 23, **Girl Scouts Playing the Past Program**, 12-3 pm, 12 girls. Volunteers are needed to cover hand-on stations.
- March 25, **Board Meeting**, 7 pm




## Volunteer Enrichment Program

There will be an enrichment program for volunteers on Saturday, March 15 at 3 pm at the museum. The topic is "How to Dress 1820s: Women's Clothing". This presentation focuses on how to properly wear period clothing, the different garments women wore, and how social class played a part in a woman's wardrobe. Open to all volunteers but especially female interpreters.

Please RSVP with the director so we can plan accordingly.

Light refreshments will be served after.



						<b>1</b> Choco Latte Fun Crawl 10 am 
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Trivia Night Planning Committee Meeting 3 pm
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Volunteer Pi Day Party 7 pm	<b>15</b> Volunteer Enrichment Program, "How to Dress 1820s; Women's Clothing" 3 pm
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Adult Tour 2-3:30 pm 45+/- Adults	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>Sewing  Saturday</b> 11 am
<b>23</b> Playing the Past, 12 +/- 12-3 pm <b>30</b>	<b>24</b> <b>31</b>	<b>25</b> Board Meeting 7 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



# Be Our Friend...

*Renew your membership or become a new Friend.  
Fill out and mail the following information to us.*

*YES! I want to help.* Enclosed is my contribution:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Level: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send me information about volunteering at Stephenson House.*

*Checks should be made payable to the:*

## **Friends of the Col. Benjamin Stephenson House**

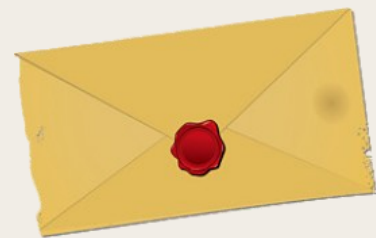
Payments may also be made in our online store:

[www.stephensonhouse.org](http://www.stephensonhouse.org)

**\*Memberships are from January to December.** Benefits of membership are extended to an individual and his/her immediate family. We accept cash, check or credit card donations. Memberships are extended for monetary donations only. The Friends of Col. Benjamin Stephenson House is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization FIN 37-1395804



**Send your membership to the  
Friends of the Col. Benjamin  
Stephenson House  
P.O. Box 754  
Edwardsville, IL 62025**



## ***Membership Levels***

**Friend of Ben & Lucy**  
\$25

**Stephenson Family Friend**  
\$50

**Landmark Friend**  
\$100

**Heritage Friend**  
\$250

**Living History Friend**  
\$500

**Founding Friend**  
\$1,000 or more

**Corporate membership information  
available upon request.**

## **Our Board of Directors & Staff**

Muriel Jones, *President*

RoxAnn Raisner, *Site Director*

Peggy Emling, *Vice President*

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