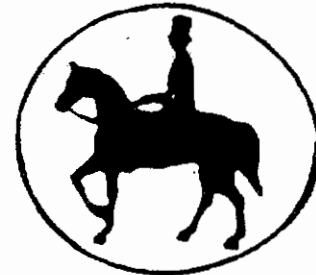


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## SOCIETY'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 10, 1999      | Creating An Image: Reflecting Ourselves through Decorative Arts - A Symposium co-sponsored with the Historical Administration Program at EIU |
| May 30 and 31, 1999 | 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Ramble at Wes Whiteside's Garden, east of Charleston  |
| June 14, 1999       | Annual Founders Day Dinner and Awards Presentation   |

## 1999 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE JOB!

The 1999 Board of Trustees has been very busy since their election and re-organization after the Society's Annual Meeting. The Board met in January, February, and March to plan and organize the Society's business. Subsequent meetings are planned for the third Thursday of May, July, September, and November. The 1999 Board of Trustees includes: Jacqueline Record, President; Janet Lambert, Vice President; Norma Winkleblack, Secretary; Jake Zane, Treasurer; Trustees through 2001, John Dodson, Doug Meyer, Ann Beck, and David Maurer; Trustees through 2000, Barbara Krehbiel, Richard Heller, Karen Willaredt, Terry Barnhart; Trustees through 1999, Mary Anne Hanner, Nancy Owen, and Alice Larrabee. President Jacqueline Record announced the 1999 Committee Chairpersons: Awards and Founders, Karen Willaredt; Budget and Finance, Jake Zane; Collections, David Maurer; Dudley House, Ann Beck; Greenwood School, Janet Lambert; Membership: John Dodson and Mary Anne Hanner (co-chairs); Program, Barbara Krehbiel; Public Relations, Mary Anne Hanner; Long Range Planning: Jacqueline Record; Keeper of the Records, Robert Hennings, and Curator Duane Elbert.



## REVISED MISSION STATEMENT

The Board approved a new mission statement to better communicate the Society's purposes. The statement is as follows:

*The mission of the Coles County Historical Society is to promote public interest in the history of the County by providing events and activities, by maintaining public facilities, and by collecting, preserving, and interpreting materials which support the importance of that history and its relationship to the history of our nation and the world.*

## SOCIETY PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Consultant Renee Henry was hired by the Board of Trustees to lead the Society in a planning initiative. With the newly approved Mission Statement in mind, Ms. Henry's work will assist the Board in three areas: increasing public visibility, expanding ownership in the Society, and stabilizing the finances of the organization. She will meet with the Board and committee chairpersons and interview the various publics of the Society to determine mutual needs and goals and how the Society might collaborate with those groups. Planning initiatives which assist groups such as the Society in clarifying and implementing their vision and mission statements is necessary for success in procuring grant funds. The Board is enthusiastic about Ms. Henry's work for the Society. They expect her report to be completed sometime early this summer.

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### CREATING AN IMAGE: A SYMPOSIUM

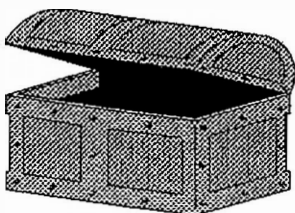
The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual EIU Historical Administration Alumni-Sponsored Symposium will be held at the Worthington Inn in Charleston from 8:30 to 4:00 on Saturday, April 10, 1999. The theme is "Creating An Image: Reflecting Ourselves Through Decorative Arts". Household furnishings of our past (including furniture, glassware, textiles, porcelain) have epitomized the lifestyles of Americans. The speakers will explore how furnishings reflect the owner and how we may protect our treasures. The Coles County Historical Society is a cosponsor of this conference.

Marcia Young, site manager of the David Davis Mansion in Bloomington will describe the restoration and preservation efforts at the Mansion shown through an excellent slide program.

Chris Carron, curator of history at the Grand Rapids (MI) Public Museum will give a lecture entitled "The New Antiques: Furniture of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century".

Those interested in decorative arts, modern or antique, will find the event worthwhile. Others with expertise will also be in attendance and will gladly address interests and concerns of attendees. This an excellent opportunity for collectors, casual or active, to avail themselves of expert information. David Maurer describes this symposium as "the next best thing to an 'Antique Road Show'!"

To register, call EIU's School of Adult and Continuing Education (217/581-5116) by April 7. Society members are eligible for a discounted registration fee of \$46.00 which includes all materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and other refreshments.



### GREENWOOD SCHOOL: A HAPPENING PLACE!

Janet Lambert has organized some exciting activities for Greenwood School. In conjunction with the annual children's play presented by the EIU Theater Arts Department and Tarble Arts Center, a historical program about one room schools will be presented in Greenwood School by EIU students from Judy Barford's class. The presentation will occur on several days during April when students from the greater Coles County area visit EIU.

Dr. Lambert is also planning to include Greenwood School on the program of the Reading Conference which is held on the EIU campus in conjunction with the October Teacher's Conference. Several hundred teachers attend the conference and Dr. Lambert hopes to hold some of the break-out sessions in Greenwood.

Terry Barnhart is a member of the steering committee planning the centennial for Old Main, the administration building on EIU's campus. Dr. Barnhart hopes to include Greenwood School in the plans since many of the early graduates of the Eastern Illinois State Normal School began their careers teaching in one room township schools such as Greenwood.

### LOOKING FOR A TEA SERVICE...

Members of the Program Committee are looking for items to use in serving refreshments at Society programs held at Dudley House. They would like to have a silver coffee and tea service with trays, additional trays to serve cookies, and silverware, especially salad forks and spoons. If you have any of these items, please call Barbara Krehbiel at 345-3896.

### MEMBERSHIP-ARE YOU PAID FOR 1999?

The 1999 Society dues notices were mailed in last fall. Treasurer Jake Zane will soon be sending reminders to our friends who have not yet returned their 1999 dues. Your support is very important to the daily operations as well as the planning initiatives of the Society. You may send your dues to CCHS, 800 Hayes Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920.