



2021-2022 SCHRC Program Schedule

All programs are open to the public. Most are free of charge.
See schrc.org and our Facebook page for the most current information.
Programs subject to change.

History on the Move

Generations, 1500 Douglas Drive, Plymouth

2:00pm to 3:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 Lippers Mills, The Story of Franklin

Tucked away along the Sheboygan River in Town Herman, Sheboygan County, sits the unincorporated village of Franklin, founded in 1847. Originally known as Lipper's Mills because the people that settled it came from the Lippe-Detmold region of what was later Germany. This is their history. Learn about the settlement's beer cave, pottery, connection to Mission Haus College, and much more.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021 Everything Plymouth, Bits and Pieces of Plymouth's History

What makes Plymouth special? This presentation will share great stories and trivia of the city and its people.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 Stories of the Sheboygan County Marsh

Learn a bit about the rich history of the Sheboygan County Marsh, its zoo, the fires that once ravaged it and much more.

Taproom History

Chris & Sue's, W3820 Co Rd C, Plymouth

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, August 12, 2021 "Coming of Age: Wisconsin and the Civil War" with Kerry Trask.

Second Saturdays- Journeys Into Local History

Plymouth Arts Center, 520 East Mill Street, Plymouth

9:30am to 11:30am

Saturday, September 11, 2021 - The History of Plymouth Hospital with Dan Buckman, The dream of Rev. Martin Schmidt of St. John Lutheran Church, the Plymouth Hospital opened in 1917 in a former cow pasture at the south end of Selma Street, three years after Rev. Schmidt began marshaling community support for the project. After additions in 1927 and 1956, continued growth and demand led to the construction of an all-new hospital to the south, connected to the original hospital by an underground passage, which opened in 1970. Dan Buckman, Plymouth Historical Society, will present a morning of memories.

Saturday, October 9, 2021 - The Sunken Treasure of Poverty Island with Richard Bennett, Richard T. Bennett, Master Scuba Diver Trainer presents the legendary story The Sunken Treasure of Poverty Island, a treasure that has haunted diving treasure hunters since the first documented report in 1904. Travel with Bennett from the Civil War days to Lake Michigan's cold and frigid depths in his decade long quest for the reported \$300,000,000 in lost gold. Poverty Island is a small island in the U.S. state of Michigan. The island is within Delta County in Lake Michigan and is home to the Poverty Island Light Station, an abandoned lighthouse which is in disrepair. Poverty Island is currently owned by the federal government.

Saturday, November 13, 2021 - Helen Perry Curtis and the European Trip of a Lifetime with Laura Gellott. Experience a virtual tour of Eastern Europe in 1937 when Helen led a group of young women through Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia on the eve of the Second World War. Helen Perry Curtis (1888-1980) was by turns a suffragist, museum administrator, YMCA volunteer in France during World War I, interior designer, free-lance writer and world traveler. Professor Laura Gellott will lead us through an extraordinary adventure of a different time.

Saturday, December 11, 2021 - Milwaukee Craftsmen with John Eastberg, John will explore the lives of two Milwaukee craftsmen—Cyril Colnik, Milwaukee’s famous Wrought Iron Metalsmith, and George Mann Niedecken, a Milwaukee interior architect who worked with Frank Lloyd Wright. Milwaukee’s famed wrought iron metalsmith, Cyril Colnik, elevated many of Milwaukee’s grandest homes and public buildings with his intricate designs. Explore through dozens of photographs how his work impacted both Milwaukee’s past and present. Born 1878 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, George Mann Niedecken died 1945 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. George Niedecken was a painter, muralist, and teacher, but best known for his interior architecture and design.

Saturday, January 8, 2022 - Rethinking Nazi Art: What Art Scholars Are Now Saying with Patrick Jung. Adolf Hitler originally planned to be an artist, but he abruptly changed his career course after World War I and entered the chaotic world of post-war German politics. He retained his love for art, and after seizing power in 1933, he imposed strict rules on artists in Nazi Germany. Scholars once believed Nazi art was not worthy of study; that it was backward, regressive, and little more than propaganda. Since the 1990s, art scholars have examined Nazi-era art more closely. Today, scholars find that art in Nazi Germany exhibited far more elements of twentieth-century modernism than earlier studies suggested. Moreover, very little of this art was overtly political. Both discoveries have fundamentally shifted the discussion of Nazi-era art. Patrick Jung will open our eyes to a rather unusual element of history.

Saturday, February 12, 2022 - The Legacy of Hank Aaron with Tom Armstrong, Jackie Robinson is the name most often associated with breaking the color barrier within major league baseball, and rightly so. However, the path toward Jackie Robinson’s major league appearance was lengthy and complex, requiring the efforts of many individuals to courageously blaze the trail of integration. Along the way, there developed a rich and unique history of Negro League Baseball and its collection of amazingly talented ball players. One of those players was Henry “Hank” Aaron. Please join us for a Black History Month baseball presentation by Dr. Tom Armstrong. He will explore the history of the Negro Leagues and the stories of its players, managers, and executives who played a role in the social change that was about to unfold. This will include a focus on the life of Hank Aaron and how his presence converged with the lives of other players during the struggle to end the racial segregation of professional baseball.

Saturday, March 12, 2022 - Lincoln - Tallman House, Tim Maahs. A Rock County icon, the Lincoln-Tallman House museum was the residence of the William Tallman family from 1857 to 1915. Abraham Lincoln visited the home in 1859 after giving a speech in Beloit and attending the Wisconsin State Fair. Join Director, Tim Maahs, for tour of the beautiful and another chapter in the life of Abraham Lincoln. Operating as a historic house museum since 1951, the Lincoln-Tallman House has evolved into a site that can offer a traditional museum experience while providing its spaces for everyday use by the community.

Saturday, April 9, 2022 - Sheboygan’s Concordia Singing Society, Bruce Timm and choir, On February 9, 1860, thirteen men, eager to conjure up memories of the land of their birth, organized the Concordia Singing Society, Sheboygan’s first real cultural organization. Today, the Gesangverein Concordia, is a mixed voice chorus whose main goal is to perpetuate the German heritage in our area. The Concordia singers will bring their history and their voices as they entertain and edify the group.

Saturday, May 14, 2022 - Waukesha Springs, John Schoenknecht. Between 1868 and 1914 Waukesha County was redefined by the discovery and promotion of healing springs and summer resort culture. The period saw the founding of 200 spring companies, construction dozens health spas and resorts, and a boom of private estate development in the Lake Country. It began in 1868 with Col. Richard Dunbar’s discovery of a “healing spring” on Elizabeth Clarke’s property. The Springs Era was influenced by developments in medical practice and alternative medicines, the rising wealth of the Gilded age, advancements in transportation, and the emergence of leisure time for middle class Americans. Local historian, John Schoenknecht, will take us through Waukesha’s nationally-known spa, much like Sheboygan County’s own Born’s Park.

History Symposium - Relevance & Resurrection: Revivalism of New Explorations Into Midwest History

Saturday, November 6, 2021 9:00am to 3:00pm

Plymouth Arts Center

\$50 per person fee. Registration required.

Register online at schrc.org, call SCHRC or send in the registration form found at schrc.org.

Speakers:

Dr. Theodore J. Karamanski - "The 19th Century Battle Over Great Lakes Infrastructure"

Dr. Michael D. Jacobs - "The Ku Klux Klan and Its Targets in the East North Central Division of the Midwest."

Dr. Cory Haala - "Reviving the Midwestern Progressive Tradition in the 1980s"

Dr. Robert Birmingham - "Wisconsin Native American Effigy Mounds"

The Lincoln Lectures - John Wilkes Booth, Presidential Assassin

Tuesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021

Sheboygan County Historical Museum

3110 Erie Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

6:30pm to 8:30pm

SCHRC Annual Meeting - Amore, 18 West Mill Street, Plymouth, Wisconsin

Friday, October 29, 2021

11:00am to 1:00pm, Lunch included. No charge, Registration required.

Guest Speaker - Dr. James Marten of Marquette University, "Bearing Their Part Equally: Sheboygan County and the Iron Brigade."

Genealogy Classes

Research Center

518 Water Street, Sheboygan Falls

1:00pm to 3:00pm \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Monday, September 13, 2021 - Immigration: A Timeline and Where to Find Records

Monday, October 11, 2021 - Bringing Your Family Tree to Life

Monday, November 8, 2021 - Birth, Marriage and Death: The Vital Record Trifecta

Monday, December 13, 2021 - Genealogy Detective Series

Monday, January 10, 2022 - Owning a Piece of America: Land Records

Monday, February 14, 2022 - Documenting Your Findings, citations, photos, audio and written notes

Monday, March 14, 2022 - Keeping it all Organized

Monday, April 11, 2022 - FamilySearch and Ancestry

Monday, May 9, 2022 - What photos tell us, Mysteries and Answers

Genealogy Seminar

Plymouth Arts Center

Friday, April 29, 2022

9am to 3pm \$50 per person, Registration required. More information to come.

DNA - Genealogy's Next Frontier with Mary Eberle (4 Sessions)

1. Introduction to Using DNA for Genealogy Research: Want to start using DNA for genealogy research but want guidance on the best approach? Received your DNA results and want a better understanding of them? This talk covers DNA basics, available tests, and how to develop your DNA testing plan.

2. Using Autosomal DNA for Genealogy Research: Autosomal DNA (atDNA) provides the most useful information for most genealogists. Learn how to analyze your atDNA test results and find common ancestors with your DNA matches.

3. Using Y-DNA, Mitochondrial DNA, and X-DNA for Genealogy Research: Understanding when these types of DNA can help (and when they won't) is crucial. Learn how these types of DNA can be used to answer your genealogy questions.

4. Hands-on Exercise: This exercise will go through interpreting one person's DNA results from Ancestry. Learn some tricks for clarifying and making the most of your DNA test results.