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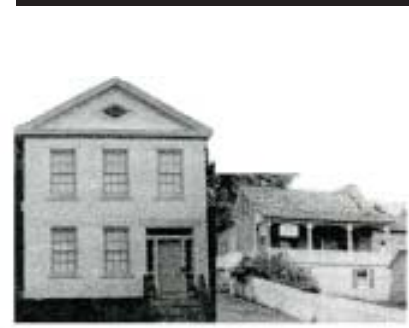
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# NAUVOO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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### Nauvoo Historical Society Up-Coming Events

- May 8 ..... Membership Meeting  
 7:00 p.m.  
 at Lutheran Fellowship Hall, Nauvoo
- May 15 ..... Weld House Museum  
 Reopens for the Season  
 Daily 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Rheinberger Museum  
 Reopens for the Season Daily  
 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
 Memorial Day Exhibit
- May 18 ..... The Way We Were  
 at Rheinberger Museum  
 7:30 p.m.
- May 26 .... Memorial Day Ceremony  
 at Rheinberger Museum

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm really looking forward to the Spring Membership meeting to see the Berry's presentation on the Middle East. Looking at 5000-year-old buildings really puts history into perspective when Nauvoo seems to be almost in competition for artifacts that may be 150 years old, who owns them and who knows the "real story". Meanwhile, there are secrets buried in what we will see in the Berry's presentation which are thousands of year old and which we will never know, and yet, do not diminish the value of these places one iota.

Of course, our efforts still have great value. Imagine if at some point in history there were a decision to raze the Pyramids to make room for a theme park or tear down Temple Mount to put up much needed housing or hotels in congested downtown Jerusalem? The Leaning Tower of Pisa should, by all building and safety codes be razed unless the owner could get it to stand up straight. It is our efforts today to take a look at the historical value of things the keeps entire histories from vanishing. The message we get is how fragile the life of a monument in time is, and how a structure as massive as the Pyramids still has no protection from the bulldozer other than the efforts of knowledgeable and caring people.

When you visit the Rheinberger Museum this year, you will see the efforts of chairpersons Iona Siegrist and Mary Elizabeth Scheetz to keep the home and winery of Alois Rheinberger alive, as well as the subsequent history of the home and area, including a

special Memorial Day exhibit featuring the uniforms of Nauvoo Veterans and the models of the Burlington Model Club. When you stop by the Weld House Museum, you will see the efforts of chairpersons Allen Berry and Larry Dusenberry, along with site manager Dan Moffitt, to complete the exterior restoration begun 2 years ago, as well as the completed upstairs lighting. This history will live as long as our society has the desire and energy to support it. People far into the future will be able to know Nauvoo as they could not have known it otherwise.

Our chairperson, Karen Ihrig, and all those history buffs and volunteers who helped her are completing the "Way We Were" walking tour, which will remember not only current buildings but also buildings no longer standing and historic places in Nauvoo. And the City Council has asked us to chair a committee to look into a "Certified Local Government" preservation program as recommended in the 2008 Comprehensive Plan, and we have formed that committee and begun work on protecting our historic districts in a sustainable, realistic way.

If the Weld House or the Rheinberger house stands 500 years from now, know that we all, in spirit, with each of our stories and each of our deeds will stand with it. If they were ever razed, those who did not stand for them or who just stood by and did nothing will bear the same eternal discredit as those who might have turned the Pyramids into a theme park.

### Membership Form (Please use this for new and/or renewing memberships.)

**We invite you and your friends to join the  
 Nauvoo Historical Society (a not-for-profit organization)  
 Enclose this membership for with your check**

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- Life Membership (\$100.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- Youth (up to 18 years) Membership (\$5.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your 2008 dues to Pat Morrison, Treasurer  
 Nauvoo Historical Society • P.O. Box 69 • Nauvoo, IL 62354

## Wish List for the Historical Society

*The following are much needed items which we would be happy to accept contributions in kind or substance or funds.*

Weld House Second Floor Air Conditioning

The last 8 storm windows for the Weld House

Additional funds for a handicapped ramp entrance at the Weld House

Contributions to the "The Way We Were" walking tour.

A large digital picture frame

Artifacts and documents to add to the Gem City Winery Room

Furniture restoration at the Rheinberger House

Local Artifacts and Family Histories

### Featured Presentation: Allen and Kaye Berry: A Historical Tour of Egypt, Israel and Jordan.

The Nauvoo Historical Society is fortunate and honored that Allen and Kaye have agreed to share their trip to the middle east in slide and commentary. When Allen told me that the Egyptian Department of Antiquities did not even consider studying a find that was less than 500 years old, I just knew that this was a talk he had to share with the society. The presentation will show selected slides from the thousands of digital captures taken on this trip to give us a first hand and current view on the antiquities of Egypt and Israel, a cruise up the Nile, and a visit to Jordan. The presentation will include their commentary on structures dating back over 5000 years, which is more than just facts but personal impressions of what they saw, the surroundings, and the general atmosphere in those countries today.

This is a can't miss event. All members are urged to attend and guests are certainly welcome and encouraged.

### Nauvoo Historical Society Museum The Weld House Mulholland Street

Open Daily to the public, 1-4 PM and by appointment, May 15 to October 15, 2008

### *The Rheinberger House Museum and Vineyard In the Nauvoo State Park*

Open Daily to the public, 1-4 PM and by appointment, May 15 to October 15, 2008

The is no charge to visit our museums.

For information,  
call 217 – 453 – 6590  
or visit our website,  
[www.NauvooHistoricalSociety.com](http://www.NauvooHistoricalSociety.com)

On March 31, 2008 the Nauvoo New Independent published this article for the Nauvoo Historical Society

## NAUVOO HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES "THIS PLACE MATTERS"

Citizens in **Nauvoo, Illinois** will join thousands of individuals around the country as part of a nationwide celebration of 2008 National Preservation Month in May 2008. "*This Place Matters*" is the theme of the month-long celebration, which is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Since the National Trust created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts in America, it has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities with events ranging from architectural and historic tours and award ceremonies, to fundraising events, educational programs and heritage travel opportunities. Due to its overwhelming popularity, the National Trust has extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even longer opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states and enable more Americans to become involved in the growing preservation movement. This year will mark the first official Preservation Month.

Here in **Nauvoo**, Preservation Month 2008 will be observed by **the Nauvoo Historical Society with the reopening of the Weld House Museum located at 1380 Mulholland St., and the Rheinberger Museum located in the State Park of Nauvoo on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Both museums will be open daily from 1-4p.m. for the season (OR BY APPOINTMENT).**

**For May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> we will have a special celebration from 9-5 p.m. for both museums. During the month of May additional programs and events will take place.**

- May 8<sup>th</sup> membership program - Allen Berry: A slide tour of Egypt, Israel and Jordan narrated by Allen.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Both museums reopen with new exhibits and newly donated artifacts from local area residents, businesses and organizations!
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – Jim Moffitt, Gene Shurts and Marilyn Candido present "The Way It Was", a photo collection of old Nauvoo. This one hour event will take place at the Kraus Theater (enter at Grandpa John's Café) at 7 pm. Freewill donation for NHS projects and programs.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Special tours and treats at the Rheinberger Museum and the Weld House.
- To Be Announced – Karen Sparrow and the Thunderbirds (supporters of the Native American period) will hold a program on native dance with special artifacts. Come see and hear "Quashquema to Head of the Rapids"
- In addition, special programs will run at our historic uptown buildings given by shopkeepers and NHS members and supporters. Dates and times will be posted at Grandpa John's Café, the Nauvoo Library and the Nauvoo Post Office bulletin board.

**Come celebrate "This Place Matters" at both of our museums and our events! For more info contact the Nauvoo Historical Society at (217) 453-6590 or visit us online at [www.nauvoohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.nauvoohistoricalsociety.org)**

The Nauvoo Historical Society is a non-profit that works with the Illinois Area Museum Association and the Illinois State Preservation Agency to promote the preservation and awareness of Nauvoo's rich and significant history. The operation of its two museums, sponsorship of educational and enrichment programs, the distribution of a quarterly newsletter, supports the understanding of Nauvoo's unique heritage.