

## Art



–**First Fridays.** Help the downtown Geneva Galleries welcome Spring during the **First Fridays Art Gallery Walk!** Each “First Friday” of each month from 6 to 9 p.m., nine different galleries, hosting special events, artists show openings, or live performances.

–**Through Sept. 12. A wide variety of artworks and photography created by alumni of East and North high schools** are now on display in the gallery of the Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles. The second annual Art Alumni Show includes a dazzling array of more than 110 works by 24 artists. Many works available for direct purchase. View exhibit during regular hours, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

## Craft Show

–**Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11 and 12.** Local crafters and artists in the Fox Valley area will be showcasing their talents at this year’s **Festival of the Vine.** Over 50 exhibitors will display their creative wares on the Courthouse Lawn and on the west side of Campbell Street. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

## Dance



–**Various Dates:** St. Charles Singles Club—Singles age 40 and better from all towns are invited to attend **dances on the second, fourth and fifth Mondays of the month** at 7:30 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, 4070 E. Main Street (Route 64), St. Charles. Admission, \$8 for DJ dances, \$10 for band dances. Call Larry at (847) 340-6647 or visit [www.stcharlessinglesclub.com](http://www.stcharlessinglesclub.com).

## Forest Preserve

–**Saturday and Sundays, Quail-Wagon Tours.** Enjoy a 30-minute guided quail-wagon ride, and learn about the natural and cultural history of St. James Farm along the way. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. James Farm Forest Preserve in Warrenville at Madison Street and Hoy Avenue. \$5 per adult; \$4 per senior; \$2 per child ages 5 to 12; children under five free. Call (630) 933-7248.

–**Friday, Sept. 3, Fishing for Bass.** Check out some of the most effective bass lures on the market, and try them on one of the county’s best bass lakes. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. James Farm Forest Preserve in Warrenville at Madison Street and Hoy Avenue. Ages 12 and up; under 16 with an adult. Free. Call (630) 933-7248.

–**Wednesday, Sept. 8, Archery for Beginners.** Discover the history of this classic sport, and learn about equipment and shooting techniques. Equipment provided. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. at St. James Farm Forest Preserve in Warrenville on Mack Road, one-half mile east of Winfield Road. Ages 7 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration began Aug. 25. Call (630) 933-7248.

–**Friday, Sept. 10, Volunteer Native-Plant-Nursery Workday.** Help the district’s Habitat Improvement Program by lending a hand at the nursery. Weed and water plant beds or collect and clean seed. From 8 to 11 a.m. at the Grounds and Resources Complex at Blackwell Forest Preserve, 29W220 Mack Road in West Chicago. Ages 12 and up; under 16 with an adult. To register, call (630) 933-7681 at least five business days in advance; groups of five or more must call 10 business days in advance. Signed waiver required.

–**Saturday, Sept. 11, Volunteer Restoration Workday.** Enjoy the outdoors while helping to restore one of DuPage County’s most diverse prairies by clearing invasive plants or planting seed. From 9 a.m. to noon at West Chicago Prairie Forest Preserve in West Chicago on Industrial Drive, one-half mile south of Hawthorne Lane. Ages eight and up; under 14 with an adult. Groups of 10 or more must register. Call (630) 293-1627.

*The following events all take place at Kline Creek Farm. Call (630) 876-5900 for registration information.*

–**Saturdays. Blacksmithing Demonstrations.** Stop by the wagon shed to see the blacksmith repair equipment and demonstrate the tools and techniques of the trade. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration not required.

–**Mondays and Thursdays. Children’s Farm Chores.** Kids, learn firsthand how 1890s children helped around the house and farm. On Mondays,

help with mom’s chores; on Thursdays, dad’s. At 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

–**Mondays, 10 a.m. Children’s Story Hour.** Spread a blanket on the ground, and enjoy an hour of popular children’s stories from the 1890s. Free. Registration not required.

–**Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 4 and 5. Country Fair.** Experience an old-fashioned fair from the county’s agricultural past, including blue ribbons, games, entertainment, antique equipment, Professor Marvel’s Amazing Flea Circus and more. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All ages. Free. Registration not required.

## Historic



–**Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m., Dr. E. Taylor Atkins, Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, Northern Illinois University, will visit the Geneva History Center. The author, editor and historian will discuss the importance of oral history and his work with StoryCorps, a non-profit, oral history project dedicated to collecting and preserving oral histories of everyday Americans.** As part of Geneva’s 175th Anniversary, StoryCorps personnel will be in Geneva Nov. 1 through 4 to capture the stories of 24 pairs of selected Genevans. Admission, \$5 adults, \$3 GHC members and students. Proceeds benefit Geneva History Center. Geneva History Center, 113 South Third Street, Geneva.

–**Sunday, Sept. 12, noon to 4 p.m. Baseball enthusiast, vintage ball player and historian, Bill Rose, will display more than 50 miniature baseball stadiums at the Geneva History Center.** These incredibly detailed miniatures range from America’s oldest stadiums to modern ball parks. Visitors can visit the Geneva History Center’s sports exhibition, *Beyond the Score: Moments in Geneva Sports History.*

## Miscellaneous

–**Friday, Sept. 10 to Sunday, Sept. 12.** Savor the flavor of Geneva during **Festival of the Vine**, their autumn harvest celebration. The festival revolves around food and wine, and runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Fourth and State streets. For further information, [www.genevachamber.com](http://www.genevachamber.com), click on festivals and events, or call (630) 232-6060.

–**Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11 and 12. Anderson Animal Shelter’s fourth annual Jewelry Faire** will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at American Legion, 22 South 2nd Street, Geneva (across from the Geneva Library). Over 4,000 donated pieces of new, old, costume, fine, estate, watches and youth jewelry will be for sale at bargain prices. Jewelry is available for purchase from \$1 to \$1,000. Huge bake sale. Cost, \$5 suggested donation.

–**Saturday, Sept. 18. Second annual Elgin Short Film Festival (ESFF).** Red carpet arrival of Richards and the award finalists will be at 6:30 p.m. with the film screening beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets \$5 each. New this year is a Film Festival Gala Event, taking place at the Heritage Ballroom, immediately following the film screenings. Tickets for Gala, \$20 each. Patrons who purchase ticket to the Gala will receive \$5 show ticket for free. Tickets available through the Hemmens Box Office or at [www.hemmens.org/filmfest2010](http://www.hemmens.org/filmfest2010). Seating limited. Interested filmmakers encouraged to apply. Applications available, [www.hemmens.org/filmfest2010](http://www.hemmens.org/filmfest2010). Hemmens Cultural Center. Free parking. Tickets, [www.hemmen.org](http://www.hemmen.org) or at the Hemmens Box Office, (847) 931-5900.

–**Sunday, Sept. 19 1 to 4 p.m.** The East Girls Volleyball team will host a **Girls Volleyball Clinic** for grades third through sixth. Fundraiser for the STCE Girls Volleyball program. Cost is \$30, and includes a gift. Wear your gift to the home match on Sept. 21, for free admission. For questions, call Jayme at (630) 762-3717, or email [jaymemanley@aol.com](mailto:jaymemanley@aol.com).

## Outdoors



–**Saturday, Sept. 4. Kane County Sheriff Pat Perez’s fourth annual Charity Car/Motorcycle Show,** from noon to 3 p.m., Martin Family Farm 28111 Green Road, Elburn. Registration from 9 a.m. to noon. Rain date, Sunday, Sept. 5. All proceeds to benefit CASA. Entry fee: \$10 per car, spectators free. DJ, 50/50, food, dash magnets, blood pressure checks, prizes. Questions? Please call Dawn at (630) 208-2000 or Renee at (630) 208-2024.

–**Saturday, Sept. 11. The Association for Individual Development’s fourth annual Motorcycle Pledge Run.** Easy riding 80-mile route through the scenic country roads. Several planned pit stops, entertaining for all. A \$500 cash prize for best poker hand awarded that day. Begins at Amici’s Clubhouse in South Elgin with registration opening at 11 a.m. and bikes set to leave at noon. Ninety cents of every dollar raised goes directly to help fund programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities. For more information contact Wendy at (847) 931-2294 or visit [www.the-association.org](http://www.the-association.org). Rain date posted on website by 6 p.m. on Friday.

–**Saturday, Sept. 11 from 1 to 5 p.m.** (rain or shine). Free admission. Celebrate Campton Township Open Space at the **fourth annual Prairie Fest at Historic Corron Farm** (7N761 Corron Road). Hayrides, farmstead tours, antique tractors, children’s activities, raffle to support ongoing restoration of hired man’s house, learn about native prairie plants, and entertainment and performers. Details at [www.campton-township.com](http://www.campton-township.com).

–**Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11 and 12.** Cantigny Park will stage an authentic Revolutionary War Reenactment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. More than 600 Revolutionary War re-enactors will be at Cantigny, with many pitching tents and camping on the grounds. Visitors can walk through the encampment and experience soldier life in the late-1700s. True to the period, the soldiers use no “modern” amenities like flashlights, charcoal or electricity. Free admission with paid parking (\$5 per vehicle). Timeline of events for each day at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org).

–**Various Dates:** The Geneva Rovers will once again take the field in Geneva, courtesy of the Geneva History Center. Each year, the Geneva History Center stages a nine-inning, 19th century rules game to commemorate the original Rovers and call attention to Geneva’s baseball heritage. A crack team has once again assembled to play for the honor of Geneva. Old hands are returning, but new players are invited to participate. Practices scheduled at Peck Farm Park, Field #2, **Thursdays, Sept. 16 and 23 at 6:30 p.m.** Formal game against the Batavia Bat Men, **Sunday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m.** at Peck Farm Park, Field #2, 38W199 Kaneville Road. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children. All proceeds benefit Geneva History Center. Spectators encouraged to bring picnic blankets and lawn chairs.

## Theatre



–**Various Dates.** Noble Fool Theatricals presents Michael Hollinger’s clever who-dunnit **Red Herring**, directed by Noble Fool’s very own Artistic Director John Gawlik, at the Pheasant Run Resort Mainstage Theater (4051 E. Main Street, 630-584-6342). Red Herring will preview Thursday, Sept. 2 through Friday, Sept. 10. The show will open Saturday evening, Sept. 11 and continue through Sunday, Oct. 24. Tickets are priced at \$29 on Fridays (and additional Thursday performances), and at \$39 on Saturdays and Sundays.

–**Various Dates. Hairspray** takes you back to 1962 Baltimore, as Tracy Turnblad, a pleasantly plump teen, sets out to dance her way onto TV’s popular Corny Collin’s Show. The TV Studio is full of teens bobbin’ their bouffants and boppin’ their after-school hours away, while the adults try to keep the music square and the dance floor segregated. This irresistibly funny and tuneful musical phenomenon is filled with laughter and romance, and is a joyous tribute to the ‘60’s. The Fox Valley Theatre Company production of *Hairspray* cast is comprised of young actors from throughout the Fox Valley, from Carpentersville to Aurora and almost every community in between. *Hairspray* will play the Blizzard Theater, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 and 11 and 17 and 18; and at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 12 and 19. Tickets, \$10 adults and \$8 students and seniors, available at [www.elgin.edu/community.aspx?id=2220](http://www.elgin.edu/community.aspx?id=2220), by calling the ECC Box Office at (847) 622-0300, or in person.



