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Lamb's Farm Magnolia Café & Bakery ~ Noon

Sam Lewis & Laurie Stein, Lake Forest History Center

Finding Your Roots!



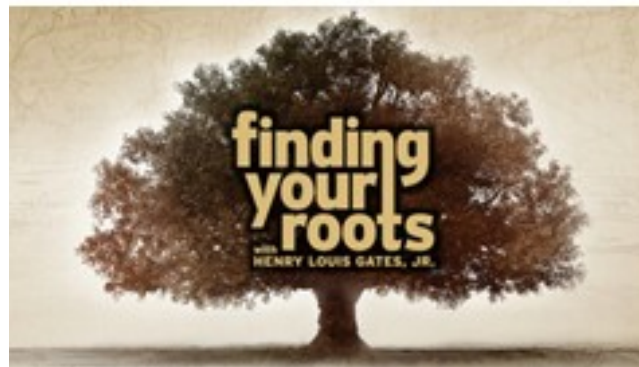
Laurie Stein has been curator at the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Historical Society since early 2009. A Libertyville resident, she earned a bachelor's degree at Oberlin University and a master's degree in historical information at Eastern Illinois University. As curator she cares for the artifacts, archives, photographs, making sure these are preserved and accessible to the public for research and exhibit purposes. There are also extensive archives about the history of local houses and properties as well as local families.

Her interest in history began when she was young, being encouraged by her parents to read historical books like *Little Woman* and *Little House on the Prairie*.



Sam Lewis is an actor, a poet, a vocalist, and recently a puppeteer. He calls himself an *accidental puppeteer* because, in the early 2000s, he came across a vintage Black Americana marionette in an attic, an event which started him on an unexpected puppetry journey that he renamed, "Jus Hambone!"

In late 2018, Sam learned of his incredible family history and he will share his personal experiences with ancestry research, offering tips and tools that have taken him back 200 years that he uses in his puppetry to tell of his great-great-grandfather who saved a train from crashing in 1872.



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2024 LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

May 14	ROBERT COLLINS, chef ~ "Youth Culinary School"
June 11	ESTHER SLOAN, Personal Fitness Trainer
June 20	Virtual IRTA Area II Conference
JULY	NO MEETING
August 13	DOUG STRAND ~ TRS Trustee SHARON TEEFY ~ IRTA Political Action Chair
September 10	MARTI SWANSON ~ Meet the Candidates
October 8	EDIZON, Keyboard/Sax/Vocalist Dover Straits Mundelein <i>Reservations Required</i>
November 12	THE GOLDEN 13 ~ National Museum of the
December 10	Holiday Fun!

In Memoriam

October 2023 - January 2024

Robert Bitter	Richard M. Olsen
Ronald Dahlman	Mervyn Pilotte
Judith Epstein	Karl Price
James Gosh	Eleanor Robien
Kitty Hayes	Doris Rohling
Donna Klaetsch	Evelyn Swanson
Barbara Kleck	Paul Voisard
Lois Lurie	Jean Wilson
Jane McCreadle	Joan Yingst



2024 Excellence in Education Grants for Teachers

The IRTA Foundation continues to work toward the future by offering **\$42,000** in grant money to educators.

Being an educator, do you often think of this phrase — Extra Funds Needed — when it comes to planning special projects for your students? You may be finding that revenue sources are not available for such unique activities.

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation is making **\$42,000** in grant money available to **ALL** counties in Illinois. This special grant will provide additional funds to public school educators (Pre-K through 12) so that their students will have the means to participate in special projects. The funds are not intended to provide regular curricular materials.

Please visit the **IRTA website** at www.irtaonline.org for further instructions. You can download, complete, and submit the application online from the IRTA website. All proposals must be submitted by **June 1, 2024**. A special committee will select the recipients of the grant money over the summer. Grant awards will be presented in the fall.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) Office by phone at 1.800.728.4782 or by e-mail at irta@irtaonline.org.

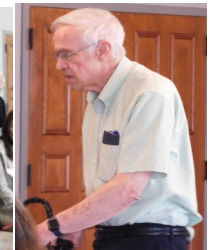
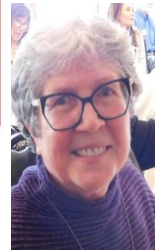
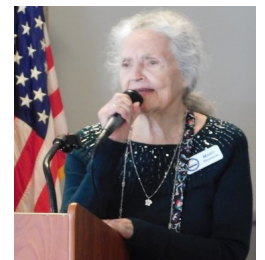
Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation, 828 S. Second St., 4th Floor, Springfield, IL 62704

• **\$42,000** is NOW available in Grant Money!

• **Deadline: June 1, 2024**



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