



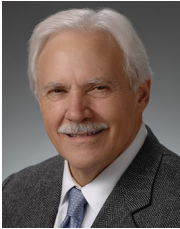
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LAMBS FARM MAGNOLIA CAFÉ - Noon

THE RAGDALE FOUNDATION, Michael Cleavenger



Ragdale is a nonprofit artists' community located on the former country estate of architect Howard Van Doren Shaw. Nearly 150 residencies, 30 fellowships, and 6 themed residencies are now offered annually to creative professionals of all types, making Ragdale one of the largest interdisciplinary artists' communities in the country. Ragdale residents represent a cross-section of ages, cultures, experiences, and mediums, for a diverse and vibrant community.

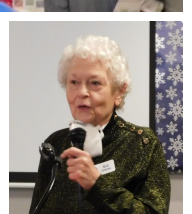
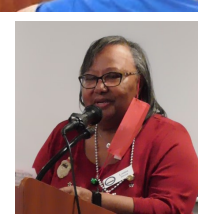
In each session, 13 artists-in-residence enjoy uninterrupted time for work, a supportive environment, dynamic artist exchanges, 50 acres of idyllic prairie, and a family-style dinner each evening.



- **1897**—Chicago Architect, Howard Van Doren Shaw (Lake Forest's Market Square), built the Ragsdale House and Barn as a summer retreat for his family when he was 28.
- **1912**, he added Ragdale Ring, an outdoor theater. Carl Sandberg and Vachel Lindsey were said to have attended plays.
- Shaw died in **1926** and when his widow, Frances dies in **1937**, the estate is divided among their three daughters: Evelyn McCutcheon built a house around Ragdale Ring; Theodora and her husband John Lord King converted the Barn into a family home; and Sylvia Shaw Judson inherited Ragdale House.
- **1943**, the Meadow Studio was built for Sylvia, as a sculpture studio, her most famous statue being the Bird Girl featured on the cover of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. In 1975, her daughter, poet Alice Judson Hayes, founded the Ragdale Foundation and in **1986** donated the buildings and five-acre grounds to the city of Lake Forest,.
- In **2001**, the Foundation secures a 99-year lease with the city. Alice passes away in **2006** at age 84!

"Fa-la-la-la-la" with LCRTA!

Angel Barry,
Photographs



2023 LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

March 14



ELDER LAW, Att. Michael A. Goldberg

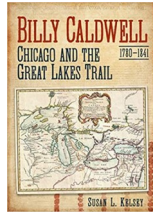
“Documents You Don’t Think You Need Until You Do.” Advice on wills, trust, and power of attorney for property and health care.

April 5



VIRTUAL IRTA AREA II CONFERENCE, Wendy Wieggers, Area II Representative PLEASE save this date and attend for the latest IRTA updates!
AREA II is the best!

April 11



BILLY CALDWELL, “CHIEF SAUGONAS,” Susan Kelsey He was born in 1790 to a Mohawk mother and an Irish Captain in the British Army. In 1833, Caldwell was named chief for the three Chicago tribes--Ottawa, Ojibwa, and the Potawatomi--and negotiated one of the largest land trades in American history.

May 9



HEALTH CARE SYSTEM NAVIGATOR, Teri Dreher

My goal is to teach, empower and help families avoid needless calamity when dealing with the US healthcare system and the many emotionally charged issues surrounding declining health.

June 13



LOVE, INC, Gary Garland “Uniting Churches to Help Neighbors in Need” We mobilize local churches to offer a holistic approach to caring for people in all areas of life: spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical.

July

NO MEETING

August 8



PAWS FOR PATRICK, Marie Allen

This family foundation connects young people with Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) and Therapy Dogs to aid them as they live with mental illness.

September 1



JIM BACHMAN, IRTA Executive Director Help us say “thank you” to Jim for all he has done for IRTA as he is retiring at the end of 2023! Also, **GARY DIVITO** will give the latest updates on **Member Benefits.**

October 16-17



IRTA BIENNIAL CONVENTION, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield Please consider attending this fun event. and making YOUR voice known! LCRTA pays for your registration and some meals!

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