

History Comes to You!

Stuhr Museum's Programs from the Prairie offers organizations a chance to hear, feel and be part of Nebraska's pioneer history. From traditional program topics like weddings or quilts to unexpected facts on Victorian underwear or etiquette, these programs entertain as they educate. Our trained staff make history come alive through hands-on programs, lectures and activities on many different subjects! They can also create a program just for your group. To book your Program from the Prairie, contact Renae Hunt at (308) 385-5316 ext. 200 or e-mail rhunt@stuhrmuseum.org.



The mission of Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer is to preserve and portray the inspiring era of the pioneer town builders who created the first communities in Nebraska. We are very proud to offer these programs to the community and sincerely hope you will consider us in your future plans.



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Programs from the Prairie



Find the perfect historical presentation for your group meeting

Find the Program That's Perfect For You!

Stuhr Museum's "Programs from the Prairie" include many classes covering topics from standards of Nebraska history to fashion and etiquette to the strange and interesting aspects of history you may have never considered! Each program is taught by trained Stuhr Museum staff and most programs include participation from the audience. "Programs from the Prairie" are perfect for the group wanting a stimulating, thought-provoking addition to their regular meetings or get-togethers. Call today for more information!

Wedding Bells ~ A Woman's Most Important Dress

This program is a luscious look at an assortment of dresses worn for weddings from the 1840s to the 1960s. Each dress shows the evolution of fashionable styles for each period and dispels the myth that all wedding dresses were white. The evolution of wedding dress traditions are also discussed.

New
Presenter

Quilts ~ A Patchwork of History Quilts can tell stories of an individual, families or communities. They provide physical warmth but also the emotional warmth from the stories behind their making. Be able to explore a variety of beautiful historical quilts from the museum's vast and precious collection of quilts.

Vintage Hats ~ A Statement Hats have always been a very appealing part of a woman's clothing collection. This program is a comprehensive look at ladies hats from the 1840s to the 1970s. Hats and their role in both women's and fashion history are explored through this whimsical look through images and artifacts.

Victorian Secrets ~ 19th Century Ladies Undergarments Under garments are the foundation of fashion. Throughout the 19th century, what was underneath the dress very often made the difference on whether or not a woman was fashionable. Through the use of original artifacts from the museum's collection and carefully created reproductions, learn what was commonly worn underneath it all during different time periods and how these foundations affected the top layer of clothing. You truly will not believe how many layers there were!

Redesigned

Tools We Used on the Farm Take a look at items used on the farm and in the home at the turn of the 20th century. Items will be shared and told of their use and maybe spark some childhood memories. You may be surprised at how many you remember.

Victorian Etiquette ~ Table Elegances A brief synopsis on rules of social etiquette at the table as seen from a head housekeeper's view. How to set up a table for an informal social occasion, review the proper manners that guests would be expected to observe from their arrival until departure and the duties of the Head Housekeeper at such a social event. Handouts are given to each person attending this program on

Overland Trails Learn the reason for the Great Migration west and listen to stories through the eyes of the young people that traveled over the trail. Learn about the daily routines, hardships, and joys of life on the trail 150 years ago.

Men at Ease When Men were Men With the inventions of time saving equipment, there was more time for hobbies, entertainment and leisure. Learn about the good, the bad and the goofy leisure time activities for men.

Family of Heroes—Martin Brothers Hall county's renowned brothers who were pinned together by an Indian's arrow. Hear the rest of the story of the whole families heroic adventure.

New

Preserving Photos for the Future A picture may be worth a thousand words, but if you do not preserve your photos how will they know. Learn how to keep all these memories safe for generations.

Victorian Games and Music

Games during this time usually had a learning purpose. Discover that you can still have FUN while you learn. Class will include many hands on games and toys from the 1860's —1900's

Tinsmithing The art of tinsmithing was once a vital part of community life in the 1890s. During this hands-on experience, learn the tools, methods and art of this once-vital and still beautiful craft!

Blacksmithing The hammer of the blacksmith was one of the most important tools in the early towns that shaped our state. This experience highlights the importance, the craft and the business of blacksmithing. You'll never look at a horseshoe the same way again.

Festive Ornaments Christmas ornaments have evolved from simple home made creations of the early 19th century to the confections of glass and tinsel of today. This program will look at simple early ornaments, Dresden's, glass, scraps, tinsel and both candle and electrical illumination of the holiday tree from the earliest time through the 1930s.

Valentine Traditions Discover myths surrounding the beginnings of this sweetheart of a day through Valentines from the turn of the century and more.