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History has a New Address



In November 2016, the Historical Society moved to its new location in Lake Forest, the former Church of Christ Scientist property at 509 East Deerpath.

Our plan is to transform the property into a museum and research campus that serves the needs of people inspired by history.

This new location enables us to continue providing superior service to researchers while evolving the organization to celebrate our community's unique and special history through programs and exhibits.



The offices are now located adjacent to the new museum space, in the future Research Center.

The Gem

This year saw the fourth edition of *The Gem*, our award-winning historical newspaper containing all the news of a particular year.

This past year, we celebrated the year 1966 with stories of national and local importance, society columns, news from the Lake Forest City Council and a word search of names in the news.

Delivered to every home and business in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, *The Gem* reported on such events as the Space Race, the impact of Viet Nam on the community, and local dress designer Virginia Fiester attending the wedding of the President's daughter, Luci Johnson.

The Gem
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Volume 4, Number 1 News of 1966 Lake Forest, Illinois

Nasa Space Program Out of this World

Historical Society Event!
Marking the Moon
Lecture by Richard Jurek
Jointed by Captain Lovell

Theodore T. The 1st, 1966
Lake Forest High School
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We wish you will see the most of the eighteenth century edition by NASA to make the site of space travel through your station. Indeed, you'll produce a historical flight and video and reference library. Following the presentation, Captain James Lovell will share his personal experience as a NASA astronaut. Astronauts experience the launch and provide some of the program.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSS DEBATE OF VIET NAM
The Viet Nam conflict continues to cause local concern with many reports that are being reported in the news. The number of troops sent there has been in 1966 is 541,000 men, also

The Gemini program of the North American Aviation Co. The Chicago Junior League hosted the talk "Steps Into Space" with special guest Captain Lovell, Marsby, public relations official of NASA. Such intriguing sounding words as "propulsion systems" and "supersonic" transport were paraded about in the question and answer session.

This year marks the end of the Gemini space program. Gemini began in 1961. The goals of the program are to test equipment and mission procedures, and train the astronauts and ground crew for future Apollo missions. Among

the procedures being tested are long duration flights, maneuvering spacecraft, docking two vehicles in orbit, rendezvous and onboard orbital navigation. In addition to the Gemini flights will be some of astronauts, NASA is also busy stopping the surface of the moon with unmanned lunar orbiters.

Astronaut James Lovell, commander of the first mission, Gemini 12, mentioned to a reporter for *The Gem* that he and his wife Marilyn stopped for lunch in Lake Forest near where they were driving through the area and noticed the city very early. They even thought they wouldn't mind living here one day.

hundreds of thousands of miles from the Great Lakes. Mark Haggard accepted an invitation to search for the grounds and from the forest at West Park. The new chairman said that "in the American Union's way of seeing 'Haggard' to show here in honor of their service in support of our nation's effort to stop international

2015 Local Legends: Mark and Franklin McMahon

The Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society honored Mark McMahon and his father, the late Franklin McMahon as our 2015 Local Legends.

The intimate conversation between Mark McMahon and Bill Kurtis transported the audience back in time to the civil rights movement, the launches of space ships and political conventions as these two artist-reporters captured, on canvas, history being made.



LOCAL LEGENDS

A Benefit For The Lake Forest - Lake Bluff Historical Society



The late Franklin McMahon (at left) and his son, Mark McMahon.

Programs and Lectures

Exciting year of programs, tours and lectures

Our programs for the year covered a wide range of topics. Several tied in with the theme of our award-winning mock newspaper, *The Gem*, which covered the years 1933 in 2015 and 1966 in 2016. We continued our practice of bringing one-of-a-kind experiences to Historical Society members and guests.

Highlights:

- Tour of Ragdale
- Howard Van Doren Shaw Lecture and Book Signing with Stuart Cohen
- Golden Age of Print Journalism Lecture with Mike Conklin
- Bicycle Tour of Lake Road
- Walking Tour of Great Lakes Naval Base Cemetery
- Alcoholidday: Let's Celebrate the End of Prohibition Party
- Eastland Disaster Lecture with the Eastland Disaster Historical Society and Patrick McCaskey
- Lecture "We can Work It Out: Vietnam and the Struggles of 1966" by Paul Grasmehr of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library
- Annual Meeting at Conway Farms Golf Club
- "Marketing the Moon" Lecture with Richard Jurek and Captain James Lovell
- Lake Geneva Bus Tour: The "Newport of the West" with John Notz



*Paul Grasmehr
at the Vietnam Lecture.*



Lake Road Bicycle Tour.



At "Marketing the Moon" lecture, from left: Janice Hack, Jan MacDougal, Larry Potash, Richard Jurek, Captain Lovell and John Ormsby.



At the Eastland Disaster Lecture, from left: Patrick McCaskey, Barbara Decker Wachholtz, Nancy Lornez, Susan Decke.



At Alcoholidday party, John Binder with the Chicago Tribune and Sonja Kessebaum of North Shore Distillery.



Linda Liang on the Lake Geneva Tour.

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- Framed US Land Office certificate of purchase, issued to Thomas Cole in 1846, for 40 acres in what became Lake Forest, donated by Deborah Kiddle.
- Program from Lake Forest's Centennial Celebration in 1961, signed by keynote speaker Senator Barry Goldwater, donated by Joseph Koss.
- Wrought iron farming implement from Armour property, donated by Marge McClintock.
- Photographs of Lake Forest Day parade in the 1950s, donated by Joan Henderson Meyer.
- 1950 *Forester* yearbook, donated by Richard Vesely.
- Nurse cap and military pins, World War II, donated by Pam Waud.

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market squared
Ten Decades of Business and Beauty

Exhibit celebrates 100 years of Market Square

Our new exhibit, "Market Squared: Ten Decades of Business and Beauty," opened in June 2016 and featured panels located in each Market Square shop window and at the East Lake Forest Train Station.

The exhibit celebrated the 100th anniversary of Market Square, which first opened to shoppers in April 1916.

"Market Squared" told the story of all of the Square's storefronts, highlighting each of the 140+ shops that have called it home over the past 100 years.

The exhibit also presented a chronology of Market Square's ten decades, punctuated with anecdotes and photographs that reveal how the place has changed over time.



"Market Squared: Ten Decades of Business and Beauty" panels at the East Lake Forest Train Station (at left) and in Market Square shop windows (below).



The exhibit celebrated the 100th anniversary of Market Square, which first opened to shoppers in April, 1916 as the nation's first artfully designed shopping center. Architect Howard Van Doren Shaw's design heralded a new era in town planning.

