



Weekly News

Did you know...?

Tremont Friendship Quilt Discovered

It is striking from a distance. A closer look reveals the history of a specific point in time in early Tremont. It is signed, "Made by the Earnest Workers of Tremont, Ill., February 14, 1900." Names of Tremont residents are meticulously stitched between the spokes of a wagon wheel pattern. 415 names, to be exact. Many are people whose names might be familiar to you due to articles about them that have appeared here. Names such as Barkdoll, Washburn, Kellogg, Hinman, Norman, Harris, Sawyer, and Hayward are immortalized, along with many, many more.

In 1989 the museum first acquired the quilt, which had been carefully preserved. How it came to be at the museum is an interesting tale. An article by Judy Scheirer in *The Tremont News* of April 13, 1989 explains:

Norman Johnson of Washington (Illinois) inherited a piece of Tremont history...

Several months ago, Johnson's cousin, Ralph Oedewaldt, of Dillon, died. When the house was cleaned, a carefully preserved old quilt was found. The quilt was given to Johnson.

"No one in our family knew this quilt even existed until a few months ago," Johnson said, "and I have no idea why it was made."

Johnson speculates that the quilt was originally owned by his grandparents, Daniel and Atta Dillon Johnson of Tremont. The quilt was probably passed on to their daughter, Florence Johnson Oedewaldt, who in turn left it to her son, Ralph Oedewaldt.

Florence Johnson's name is among those embroidered on the quilt, but, Johnson said Florence was only two years old when the quilt was finished.

As a youth, Johnson stayed summers with his Tremont grandparents (who lived at 317 Sampson Street), so he has fond memories of Tremont.

Tremont Museum's Don Nieukirk heard of the quilt, and the museum acquired it when it was auctioned off. The quilt is registered with the Illinois Quilt Research Project at the Illinois State Museum.

Mystery surrounded the exquisite quilt. Maybe the quilting was done by the very active Woman's Club in town, a church group, or simply by a group of quilting enthusiasts? Maybe it was done for a fundraiser, a gift, or a prize? Through research, the mystery was finally solved and one of the theories was proven correct: it was created by members of the Tremont United Methodist Church as a fundraiser for the church.

That the quilt was made and well-preserved is an unexpected treasure for Tremont. The 122 year-old Ernest Worker Quilt can be seen at the Tremont Museum, along with two other unique early Tremont quilts.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Earnest Worker Quilt, ca. 1900

Tremont Townwide Spring Garage Sales

The Town-wide spring garage sales will be Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th.

If you would like to participate:

Please sign up at Village Hall or email your information to tremontgaragesales@gmail.com to have your sale put on the map and pay \$2 fee that will be put towards advertising. You must sign up by April 22nd to be printed on the map.

If you have further questions, you can contact Linda Drake at:

Email: tremontgaragesales@gmail.com

Phone: (309) 202-080

Tremont District Library

Hogwarts' Half-Bloods (YA Book Club)

Ages 12-19 are invited to join us to discuss a monthly book (or two) pick and enjoy a drink from Eli's. Copies of each month's book are available at the library for anyone interested! If you'd like to keep up to date with Hogwarts' Half-Bloods, email Lizzi at lizzi@tremontlibrary.com to be added to our Remind group.

Upcoming reads:

- May 17th – “The Maze Runner” & “The Scorch Trials” by James Dashner

Make-it Monday

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Miss Nicole loves to learn about the world around her and create cool things, and that's what Make-It Monday is all about! Join her once a month to make a cool S.T.E.A.M. related project! Upcoming topics:

- April: Thermochromic Slime
- May: Levers, Pulleys, Catapults Oh My!

Baby and Me

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

Tremont Museum - Save the Date

Ken Zurskey will present a program, *The Wreck of the Columbia* on Tuesday, May 17, at 7 PM at the Tremont Community Center. The public is invited. The Tremont Museum and Historical Society will host the event.

The Columbia was a riverboat which was involved in one of the worst inland waterways disasters in history. The evening of July 5, 1918 started as a social event on the steamer. The wreck was just upstream from Pekin. Ken has written a book on the subject.

Tremont Museum - Open

Come and See What Everyone is Talking About!

The Tremont Museum will be open Sunday, April 24 from 2:00-4:00PM. Admission is by donation.

The Museum will be closed for Mothers Day.

Community Shred Day

Tremont First National Bank will be hosting a community shred day at their Tremont office on Saturday, May 7 from 9AM - noon.

For more information, [click here](#).

Monday

HS Track @ Eureka - 4:15PM

BB home vs EPG - 4:30PM

SB home vs EPG - 4:30PM

Tuesday

HS Track @ Olympia - 4:00PM

MS Track @ Mackinaw - 4:00PM

JV BB @ Heyworth - 4:30PM

SB home vs Delavan - 4:30PM

Wednesday

BB @ Wenona - 4:30PM

SB @ Minonk - 4:30PM

Thursday

BB home vs Cornerstone - 4:30PM

MS Track home - 4:30PM

Friday

HS Track @ Dunlap - 4:00PM

SB at Metamora - 4:15, 6:15PM

Saturday

MS Track home Tazwood Conference Meet - 9:00AM

BB @ Morton - 10:00AM

SB @ Metamora - 10:00AM

Sunday

Tremont Museum Open - 2:00PM-4:00PM

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

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