




Mount Prospect Historical Society
 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members of the Mount Prospect Historical Society,

As many of you may already know, I will be leaving the Mount Prospect Historical Society in the next few months. I have been offered and have accepted the position of Executive Director of the Cambridge Historical Society in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

I've been working with MPHS since the end of 1999 and it has been a great time. I've gone to nine Housewalks, all of the Cemetery Walks, and countless community events. The Historical Society has been supportive of all of my projects and ideas, even some of the ones that didn't work out. I've been amazed by how much I've learned and how much I have grown as a person while working here.

Over this time, the organization has also developed. We have grown from a small organization to having 900 members, which makes us the largest suburban Historical Society in the area. We have a strong profile in the media, two recently published history books, thousands of pages of history available online, and are known as a resource for everyone throughout the community. All of this success has been a team effort. The Board of Directors, volunteers, interns, and members have all pitched in to make this possible and I am sure the organization will continue to build on these strengths.

I will remain in Mount Prospect until the Central School has been moved. I plan to move in June and I hope that in the coming months the Central School will be moved and on a foundation for the future. I will always have a soft spot in my heart for the community of Mount Prospect. I am sure that the organization is stable and strong enough to face the road ahead and I look forward to reading about all of the successes in the coming years.



Gavin W. Kleespies

We're looking for the Seven Wonders of Mount Prospect!
 What is it in Mount Prospect that you think is amazing? What do you think is a wonder of our world? The Mount Prospect Historical Society wants to know. We are looking for nominations for the Seven Wonders of Mount Prospect this year and we would like to hear from you.



If you have an idea of something you would like to nominate, fill out a form explaining what it is you would like to nominate, why you think it is a wonder, and return this form to the Historical Society (Seven Wonders C/O The Mount Prospect Historical Society 101 S. Maple Street Mount Prospect, IL 60056). The forms can be picked up at The Historical Society, The Mount Prospect Public Library or Village Hall; or you can download one from www.mtphistory.org. You can nominate a building, a park, a business, a person, an organization or pretty much anything you think is a wonder in the community. We will accept nominations until May 15th.

When all the submissions have been gathered, we will set up spaces for the community to vote by making donations to support their choice around the village. Funds raised through this project will be used to support the Mount Prospect Historical Society's work to preserve community history. The winners will be the seven wonders that raise the most through donations and will be announced at our Back to School Bash at Bogie's on August 22.


Millie's Hallmark Partners With MPHS to Restore the Central School building

Looking for a unique Mother's Day gift? You can purchase "The World's Most Hug-gable Gund Snuggle Bear." The 11.5 inch tall Snuggle Bear, complete with its own "Personalized Number 1 Mom Certificate" and identical to the well recognized Snuggle Bear in TV commercials, is available exclusively at Millie's Hallmark for \$15. Proceeds of the purchase will go directly to the MPHS campaign for the restoration of the Central School building.



This highly sought Gotta Getta Gund Plush bear is displayed in the window at Millie's Hallmark, 1024 S. Elmhurst Rd. A limited number of Snuggle Bears are available. Stop by Millie's Hallmark before May 11th and purchase your "Mother's Day Snuggle Bear" and help restore a vital part of Mount Prospect history for everyone.

We still need your support!



Please accept my donation of \$ _____
 _____ To support the MPHS efforts to preserve local history
 _____ The Central School

Return form to: 101 S. Maple St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056-3229

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 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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