As an at-a-glance listing, the Calendar of Events details the scheduled dates and topics of this year’s favorite signature museum special events, programs and fundraisers. The Main Museum Center is now open during regular hours of operations. Visitors must wear a mask. You can also check the museum website for regular updates at www.midwayvillage.com.

About Us
The Victorian Village  
A part of the 148-acre museum campus, the Village includes 26 structures and 8 heritage gardens representing a rural community during the era of 1890-1910. From May to August interpreters in Victorian clothing lead tours exploring the life and culture of the period.

History Education Programs  
The museum offers year-round quality special events and programs. Check the website for complete details and programming updates throughout the year. The list at right provides the dates and topics for 2021 special events and programs.

Group Tours Available  
Tours and programs appropriate for schools, scouts, churches, garden or social clubs are available all year at the museum. Please contact 815-397-9112, ext. 106 or educator@midwayvillage.com to book a reservation.

Summer Day Camp  

Heritage Gardens  
Eight enchanting gardens envelop you in the rich history of Victorian horticulture. Private garden tours uncover the mysteries of 19th century garden design and the legacy of heirloom planting. The new Historic Iris Preservation Garden is a collection of rare Irises dating from the 1500s to 1910 with private tours during the bloom season.

Membership  
Support the museum while receiving benefits including free admission to the 13-acre Village and Main Museum Center exhibits, free or reduced special events admission, and an even further benefit as a Time Travel Program participant allowing special admissions to more than 300 museums across the US. Members also receive a 10% discount in the Museum Gift Store and a weekly history feature sent through email. For a benefits list go to: https://www.midwayvillage.com/midway-membership.html

Volunteering  
Assist the museum staff in many areas such as Exhibits, Textiles, Collections, Gardens, Wood Shop, Administration, Marketing, Education and Special Events. Volunteering will broaden your skills while having fun and meeting new friends.

Spring Upcoming Programs and Special Events  
Mar 13  Sock Monkey Making Workshops: Make Your Own!  
Mar 17  Wednesday Lunch Lecture: The Suffrage Movement & Rockford  
Mar 27  Museum Escape Room Day: Children Solve History Clues  
Mar 31  Wednesday Lecture: Rockford Peaches  
Apr 15  New 2021 Date! Victorian Village Tour Season Opens  
Apr 24  Village Escape Room Day: Visitors Solve History Clues  
May 2  Peaches Play Date in the Victorian Village Commons  
May 8  From Minks to Sinks: Pop-up Rummage Sale  
May 22  The Great War: World War I at Midway Village  
May 23  The Great War: World War I at Midway Village

Main Museum Center Self-Guided Tours Available Now  
As a visitor to the Main Museum Center at Midway Village Museum, you will experience and explore history through interactive exhibits in the more than 20,000 square feet of gallery spaces. Nestled among each permanent gallery are continually changing temporary display. There are always new and exciting ways to experience the museum year long. Self-guided tours of the Main Museum Center are currently available by calling the museum at 8155-397-9112 to make a reservation or at www.midwayvillage.com to order tickets online.

The Victorian Village Opens Thursday, April 15  
The Midway Village Museum outdoor living history museum will open for the 47th season of tours on Thursday, April 15. Watch for more details on the opening and special events schedule this year at www.midwayvillage.com.

History Interpreters guide visitors through the Victorian Village seasonally. Visitors tour the inside of buildings representing life as it was during the era of 1890s and 1910s.
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Rentals Several unique and spectacular spaces for weddings, gala events, award dinners, company picnics and more are on the museum campus. From outdoor garden parties to rustic weddings, it’s all available at an affordable price. Call 815-397-9112, ext. 114 or rentals@midwayvillage.com to inquire.

Museum Gift Store Shop the Gift Store in-person during regular hours of museum operations or online at www.midwayvillage.com. Shop from the comfort of your home or office with the new Shopify online store. Shipping is available and arrangements can be made for shipping overseas.

A large selection of sock monkeys, Rockford Peaches and other themed merchandise make perfect gifts!

Rockford History Walk Tours This tour stops at 19 plaques installed at downtown Rockford historical locations. The self-guided tour starts at any of the tour stops listed on the downloadable map. To learn more or for the map visit www.RockfordHistoryWalks.org.

Mission

Midway Village Museum, the best institution for collecting, preserving and interpreting the history of the Rockford region, is committed to educating and enriching our community by providing state-of-the-art exhibits, programs and events.

Hours of Operations

Museum Center, Mill House, Old Doll’s House and Museum Store:
Jan. 4 – April 15
Wednesday – Sunday 10 am to 4 pm
The Victorian Village is open by appointment only.
April 15 – June 5
Tue. – Sun. 10 am to 4 pm
Victoria Village Guided Tours:
April 15 – June 5
Sat. and Sun. 11 am to 4 pm
Last guided tour at 3 pm

Victorian Village Self-Guided Tours:
Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 11 am to 4 pm
Self-guided tours until closing at 4 pm

Museum Center, Mill House, Old Doll’s House and Museum Store:
June 5 – Aug. 29
Tue. – Sun. 10 am to 4 pm

Victoria Village Guided Tours:
June 5 – Aug. 29
Thur. – Sun. 11 am to 4 pm
Last guided tour at 3 pm.

Victoria Village Self-Guided Tours:
June 5 – Aug. 29
Tues. and Wed. 11 am to 4 pm
Self-guided tours until closing at 4 pm

Museum Center, Mill House, Old Doll’s House and Museum Store:
Sept. 4 – Dec. 31
Wed. – Sun. 10 am to 4 pm
The Victorian Village is open by appointment only.

Admissions

General Admission Main Museum Center
$7 Adults $5 Child (ages 3-17) Free Infant (ages 0-2)

General Admission
Main Museum Center & Victorian Village Tours
$8 Adults $6 Child (ages 3-17) Free Infant (ages 0-2)
The Victorian Village Tours are seasonal experiences open April 15 – Aug. 29.

The museum is closed these holidays: New Year’s Day, Jan. 1; Easter, April 4; Thanksgiving, Nov 25; Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 & Christmas Day, Dec. 25. The museum also closes at Noon the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 24.

Midway Village Museum Exhibits – A Year-Round Experience

Inside the Museum Center visitors engage and explore history through interactive exhibits in the more than 20,000 square feet of gallery spaces. Nestled among each permanent gallery are continually changing temporary displays. There are always new and exciting things for visitors to see in our galleries.

Many Faces, One Community:
This exhibit features stories of Rockford’s immigrants from 1834 to the present. Arrive through the train depot, stroll along 7th and South Main Streets, visit an immigrant home, and apply for a job at the Swedish furniture factory.

Queen City of the Prairies: Only 20 years after its founding Rockford became an important regional center of government, industry, and commerce. Learn more about life in 1840s Rockford.

The Girls of Summer: Meet the Rockford Peaches and learn about these ladies who played hardball in the 1940s-50s.

The Missing Link: Socks, Monkeys and Rockford’s Industrial Past: Monkey around with red heel socks and view the Nelson knitting machines. Find the sock monkey that helped win Rockford the title of “Home of the Sock Monkey.”

Flight Gallery: Learn about local aviators like Bessica Raiche, and see Col. Bert Hassell’s 1928 SMI Stinson-Detroiter Airplane.

Industrial Gallery: Rockford’s industrial geniuses created innovative products that impacted the local and worldwide economy.

Adjacent to the Museum Center be sure to see:
Old Doll’s House Museum: Outside the Museum Center, the Old Doll’s House Museum has 30 miniature homes representing different countries.

The Millhouse: Tour an 1860s recreated mill with a functioning waterwheel located on Lake Severin. By appointment only.

Visit The Online Digital Collection: Free Service

View nearly 5,000 images in the museum’s collection just by clicking www.midwayvillage.com/digital-collections.html.

Getting To Midway Village Museum Is Easy:

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