Grand Island Historical Society
Programs, Events and Open Houses
September 2023 -January 2024

Please join us for our monthly meetings and interesting lineup of programs and speakers. Meetings are at River Lea unless otherwise stated. Members are free. Nonmembers are asked for a $5 donation. Delicious refreshments are always served!

Thursday, October 5, 2023- **7:00 p.m.**-general meeting and program. Guest speaker will be John Matwijkow with a program entitled "Elbert Hubbard and The Roycroft Reflection on Work Ethic." John has spent over 40 years in the hospitality industry with the past 20 years as an associate professor at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute.

Sunday, October 15, 2023- **OPEN HOUSE AT RIVER LEA- 1:00-4:00 PM.** Costumed docents will greet you for a tour of the historic farmhouse. There will be a special showing of "Hats Through the Generations."

Thursday, November 2, 2023- 7:00 p.m.-general meeting and program. Our guest speaker will be a return visit of singer Don Dwyer entertaining us with songs and stories of Stephen Foster music.

Friday, December 1, Saturday, December 2, and Sunday December 3, 2023- RIVER LEA OPEN HOUSE and HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE-1:00-4:00 PM each day. Enjoy the decorations and sounds of the season in our historic farmhouse. Shop in our boutique for gifts, decorations and homemade cookies. Enjoy some refreshments while listening to live holiday music by Grand Islander & retired music teacher Betsy Thomas.

Celebrate the New Year with a members' New Year's Party at River Lea, Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Desserts will be provided. Please bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift if you wish to participate in the New Year gift exchange game. A white elephant gift is something you already have: and don't like, you think is ugly, or you're tired of and you don't want anymore. Search those closets for some unique, amusing or impractical gift to wrap up and bring to the party for the white elephant game.