

Long Grove Times

Long Grove Historical Society's Quarterly Newsletter

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Trivially Speaking...

With Long Grove's Blues Festival approaching, and remembering Long Grove's few seconds of fame as a location in The Blues Brothers movie... here's some movie trivia. The top grossing horror movies shot in Illinois are (drumroll)...

- #5 The Grudge 2 (2006),
- #4 The Unborn (2009),
- #3 Flatliners (1990),
- #2 Nightmare on Elm Street (2010), and
- #1 The Amityville Horror (2005).

Most of the creepy scenes inside the Amityville house were shot in a specially built soundstage on Busch Parkway in Buffalo Grove.

Family Day

Our local magazine, Long Grove Living, is sponsoring a Family Funday at Royal Melbourne Country Club, Sunday, March 15, from 1pm to 4pm. It's a free event, no reservations are needed. A raffle is planned with proceeds going to the Long Grove Historical Society and the Arts and Music Council. A few of us will be on hand to swap stories of yesterday. The event will feature:

- Candy
- Balloon Animals
- Arts and Crafts
- Food and Music
- ...and a Million Dollar Hole in One

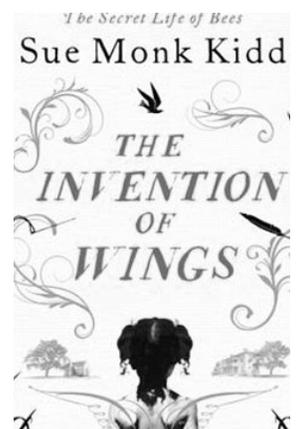
See you there!



Mark Your Calendars

- **Sunday, March 15th, 1pm**
Family Funday at Royal Melbourne
- **March 27—29**
Kirk Players Sherlock Holmes, Mundelein High School
- **April 27, noon**
Book Club at Sunset Foods

The HISTORICAL BOOK CLUB is meeting at the Sunset Foods (upstairs) at noon on Monday, April 27th to discuss the book *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. The book is a fictionalized history of the Grimké sisters, who were at the forefront of the abolitionist and women's rights movements. E-mail Gerri at gerridale@gmail.com or leave a message at 847-550-6292 if you're interested in attending.



All About Us...



The Long Grove Historical Society is a 501C3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to preserve and disseminate the history of the Long Grove area. Annual membership is available for a donation of \$30 (individual), \$50 (family), or \$100 (sustaining). Members receive our quarterly newsletter as well as access to a variety of events held throughout the year. To become a member, send your donation to Margie Federer, LGHS Membership, 4423 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047, along with your name, address, telephone number, email. If you have any special interests, skills, or things you'd be interested in volunteering to help out with, be sure to let us know that as well.

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The Society was formed in March, 1974, to accept the Drexler Tavern building as a gift. A joint project with the Village Board made possible the relocation of the tavern to a site behind the current Kildeer Country-side School. Today we know the building not as Drexler Tavern, but simply as Village Hall. Two additional structures have also been relocated to this area—one of the area's one room schoolhouses, Archer School, and a mid-1800's barn, Ruth Barn. The school and the barn form the core of the program we run each year for our local schools, so that our children can experience first hand what life used to be like in Long Grove. Last, but not least, a mid-1800's farm house was relocated to an area bordering the southwest corner of the Stemple Parking lot. "The Farmhouse", as we refer to it, houses our archives, a meeting room, and several restored "period" rooms that we open occasionally for tours. In addition to maintaining the above properties and our educational programs, we actively acquire items of local historic interest for our archives and conduct a variety of historical programs for current residents. We receive no tax dollars and exist solely from your contributions and our own fundraising efforts.

Thank you for your support!

Historical Society Pictures... January's Historical Book Club and December's Velveteen Rabbit and Victorian Tea.



Country Club Estates Origins



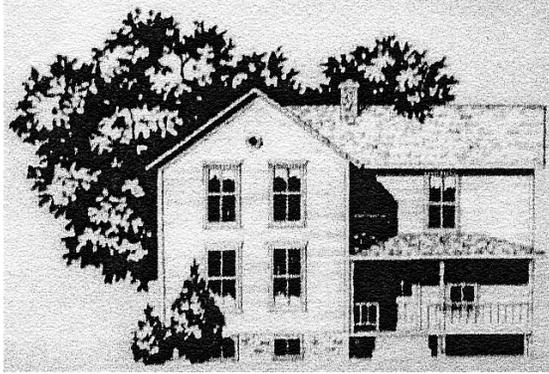
In 1963, the Soil Conservation Journal ran an interview with Long Grove resident and developer Roy C. Anderson regarding the development of Country Club Estates. While the article focuses more on the challenge of septic systems on dense home sites, it also offers a back story of how Country Club Estates came to be. For reference, the Sky Crest Country Club he mentions is now what we know as Twin Orchards, and the golf course Roy developed is what we now know as Royal Grove:

"Long Grove Country Club Estates began when I bought 40 acres of land in Vernon Township in 1950 so, as I thought, I could be a member of the Sky Crest Country Club and live close to the golf course. But, even before my application for membership was approved, the club was sold to a group with a restricted membership. Although this turn of events left our community without a country club, it opened the way for another development, and, as it turned out, for filling my unchanged desire for a home surrounded by a golf course. For a brief period, I went into farming, buying additional land to make an economic unit. But after the cattle market broke in the early 1950's, I discontinued operations and rented the land to other farmers in the area. In 1955, my dream of the present development began to form, and my last few land purchases were made to round out the acreage I needed for it."



Go for the Mystery

Those of you who enjoyed our recent presentation of Kirk Player's *Velveteen Rabbit*, may be interested in their upcoming production—*Sherlock Homes and the Case of the Jersey Lily*. It will be presented March 27 and 28 at 7:30pm and also March 28 and 29 at 2pm. The show lasts approximately 100 minutes. Tickets are available by contacting our own Kathy Wiberg at 847-634-5559 or Marie Borg at 847-438-7656, or you can purchase them online at <http://www.kirkplayers.org>. If you purchase online, be sure to use the coupon code HISTORY. Kirk Player's returns a portion of any ticket sold to The Long Grove Historical Society in the form of a donation.



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How much wood could a Woodchuck chuck... This curious little animal,

was christened with the name Groundhog by American settlers because it was “hoggish” in the way it would burrow into the ground. So it’s not related to a hog at all, but rather it’s a member of the squirrel family. And not to burst your bubble, but this critter has nothing to do with wood, either. The term Woodchuck derives from the Cree Indian word *wuchunk*, which was what the Cree called a Fisher. A Fisher is a completely different animal, a member of the weasel family, but I suppose to settlers it looked kinda like a Groundhog. As far as why the Groundhog get’s it’s own day every February 2nd... it’s ancient and complicated, but at the root of it is the midpoint of winter, and that’s been an important survival milestone for ages, so they invented ways of remembering it. “Half your hay by Groundhog day”, was a reminder to early settlers that if they didn’t have half their hay left by February 2nd, they might not make it to the next growing season.

