



## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MUSEUMS NETWORK

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## Champaign County Museum Network Celebrates National Women's Month with Exhibitions and Events

[Champaign County, Ill.] — Members of the Champaign County Museums Network are offering special events, exhibitions, and social media campaigns in March in celebration of National Women's Month. The theme for the event series is "Women Inventors and Innovators."

Exhibitions and programs available throughout the month of March include:

**Staerkel Planetarium at Parkland College:** The Planetarium will post videos featuring women whose inventions relate to the Planetarium, astronomy, and space exploration.

**Krannert Art Museum at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign:** KAM is hosting the exhibition [\*To Know the Fire: Pueblo Women Potters and the Shaping of History\*](#), focused on Native women potters in the Southwest.

**Museum of the Grand Prairie, Champaign County Forest Preserve District:** Join the Museum of the Grand Prairie as we celebrate Women’s History Month with the *Making a Change: Women Who Matter Facebook Series*, which recognizes the groundbreaking work that many African American women of Champaign County have done. Watch the Museum of the Grand Prairie Facebook ([facebook.com/museumofthegrandprairie/](https://facebook.com/museumofthegrandprairie/)) or Blog ([museumofthegrandprairie.org/Blog](https://museumofthegrandprairie.org/Blog)) weekly, starting March 3 to hear excerpts from oral histories done in the summer of 2021 with local black women. We’ll highlight how these exceptional women have, with new ideas, projects that innovate, and hard work, improved our communities.

Special Events during National Women’s Month include:

Friday, March 4 • 6:30 PM

**Staerkel Planetarium at Parkland College**

Presentation in the Kaler Science Lecture Series: “Ceramics that Breathe: New Materials Development for Sustainable Energy”

Speaker: Nicola Perry

Admission: \$2 public. Free for Staerkel Planetarium members.

Location: Staerkel Planetarium, Parkland College, 2400 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign

Information: [planetarium@parkland.edu](mailto:planetarium@parkland.edu)

Friday, March 9 • 12:00-1:00 PM

**Illinois Distributed Museum at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

Presentation in the Women in Science Lecture Series: “Tropical Meteorology”

Speaker: Dr. Deanna Hence

Admission: Free

Location: Zoom presentation.

Registration: <https://go.illinois.edu/MarWomenInScience>

Sunday, March 13 • 1:00-3:30 PM

**Spurlock Museum of World Cultures at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

Event: Spurlock Sunday Family Fun: “Candyland, Monopoly, and Paper Bag Puppets: Celebrating Women Inventors”

Admission: Free.

Location: Spurlock Museum, 600 S. Gregory, Urbana.

Information: [ksheahan@illinois.edu](mailto:ksheahan@illinois.edu)

Thursday, March 24 • 7:00 PM

**Champaign County History Museum**

Presentation: ““Inspired by Two Remarkable Aunts”

Speaker: Delora Noble Siebrecht

Location: Zoom presentation. Link can be found on the Museum’s website.

Information: <https://www.champaigncountyhistory.org>

Saturday March 26 • 3:00-4:30 PM

**Anita Purves Nature Center**

All ages program: “Who was Anita Purves?” Busey Woods exists today due to the concerted efforts of local community members. Learn about the history of Busey Woods and Anita Parker Purves’s role in preserving this diverse local woodland with a short educator talk followed by a guided hike.

Location: Anita Purves Nature Center and Busey Woods. 1505 N Broadway Avenue, Urbana IL 61801

Admission: Free

Information: [dasubers@urbanaparks.org](mailto:dasubers@urbanaparks.org); 217-384-4062

Thursday March 31 • 12:00 PM

**University of Illinois Archives/Illinois Distributed Museum**

Panel Presentation: “Reflecting on the Film *Picture a Scientist*”

Panelists: Dr. Brenda Molano-Flores, Senior Plant Ecologist at the Illinois Natural History Survey; Erin Kerby, Veterinary Medicine Life Sciences Librarian; Janis Shearer, Public Services and Engagement Librarian; Bethany Anderson, Natural and Applied Sciences Archivist

Moderated by Cindy Ingold, Gender & Multicultural Services Librarian

Location: Zoom presentation.

Registration: <https://go.illinois.edu/PictureScientistPanel>

Information: <https://distributedmuseum.illinois.edu/about/women-in-science-lecture-series/>

Saturdays in March

**Krannert Art Museum at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

Activity for families: Scavenger Hunt: Art by Women at KAM

Location: Materials available at the front desk

Admission: Free

Information: [kam-info@illinois.edu](mailto:kam-info@illinois.edu)

**IMAGES**

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**ABOUT**

The Champaign County Museums Network (CCMN) empowers members by forging connections that encourage best practices among museums and museum professionals and promotes each institution as relevant, engaging, and integral members of our community.

Formerly known as the Museums at the Crossroads Consortium, the Network’s new name expresses its desire to reflect the relationships its museums have built and continue to build

with teachers, volunteers, emerging museum professionals, librarians, media representatives, youth leaders, and members of the general public.

**Network Members:**

- Anita Purves Nature Center
- Champaign County Historical Archives
- Champaign County History Museum
- Homer Lake Interpretive Center
- Krannert Art Museum
- Museum of the Grand Prairie
- Pollinatarium
- Sousa Archives and Center for American Music
- Spurlock Museum of World Cultures
- William M Staerkel Planetarium

**Affiliate Members:**

- Illinois Distributed Museum

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