

Museum Hours

RICH-TWINN OCTAGON HOUSE MUSEUM

145 Main Street · Akron, New York
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“Highlights of the Octagon”

Semi-guided tours 30 - 40 minutes in length
1st and 3rd Sundays 1—3 pm
No reservation needed
Adults \$8 Youth 11 - 17 yrs \$5

Private/Group Tours

In-depth tours 60 - 80 minutes in length
Please email or call the RTOH House Museum Director
to make an appointment.
Adults \$12
Groups of 6 or more Adults \$10
Youth 11 - 17 yrs \$5

Please note: Being a historical home restored to its original floor plans, there are many narrow-step staircases throughout the house included in our tours. The Rich-Twinn Octagon House Museum is not handicap accessible.

KNIGHT-SUTTON MUSEUM

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“Newstead — 200 Years”

Walk through history with us as we take a bicentennial look at our successful and serene community. Explore the farms, the schools, the industries, the events, and most importantly—the people—who helped Newstead grow and prosper. This exhibit will be on view for our 2023 season.

OPEN APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER

1st and 3rd Sundays 1 — 3 pm
Every Wednesday 10 — 1 pm

Admission is free. Donations gratefully accepted.

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Established in 1958, the Newstead Historical Society continues its mission of preserving and interpreting the town's rich social and cultural history through education and programming. This is made possible with the generous support of the Town of Newstead, Erie County, and the Akron-Newstead Community, and friends like you.



NEWSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



2023 Program

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All program meetings are free of charge and open to the public. Meetings are held at the Newstead Town Hall, 5 Clarence Center Road, Akron, NY unless noted otherwise.

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JOSEPH ELICOTT: AGENT FOR THE HOLLAND LAND COMPANY

Thursday at 7 pm

Dennis Upton will portray Joseph Ellicott: surveyor, city planner, land office agent who worked for the Holland Land Company. Hear about his influence in planning the Newstead and Clarence area in the 1800s.

MAY
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TOP TEN EVENTS IN ERIE COUNTY HISTORY

Thursday at 7 pm

While George Washington never slept here, the history of Erie County goes back to the beginning of the Republic. Spanning over 200 years, our history includes major military conflicts, significant inventions, three presidents, and an assassination. But what events would make a top ten list? Join Erie County Historian Doug Kohler to see what he thinks are the Top Ten Events in our County's History. Debate is always welcome.

JUN
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AKRON COMMUNITY BAND — CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Thursday at 7 pm

This year the Akron Community Band is celebrating its 100th season. The name has changed over the years, but the desire for performing good music has lasted a century. Marilyn and Ken Kasperek, long time band members, will discuss the long history of the band.

200
YEARS

TOWN OF NEWSTEAD BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Friday, June 30 — Sunday, July 9

The Rich-Twinn House Museum and Knight-Sutton Museum will be included in the various activities planned for this celebration. Watch for details on our Facebook page and the *Akron Bugle*.



Henry Bratt was a member of the circa 1879 Excelsior Cornet Band, a precursor to the present day Akron Community Band.

JUL
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ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

Tuesday 12 - 4:00 pm

Both the Rich-Twinn Octagon House & Knight Sutton Museum will be open.

Our annual Amish quilt raffle and Baked Pie sale will take place on the lawn of one of our museums and the drawing for the quilt will take place after the parade. Both museums will be open for visitors—come and celebrate the day with us.

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HY-WYNNE FARMS AND THE SUTTON FAMILY

Thursday at 7 pm

From its early days as the home of Louis H. Sutton, owner at the age of 20 of Wheat's Ice Cream Company, to its current incarnation as a horse

breeding, raising, training and stabling facility, this Akron-based farm has history spanning three generations to share. You will be surprised by what you learn.

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GETTING DRESSED IN THE 1820S

Thursday at 7 pm

Stays and petticoats, chemisettes and spencer jackets—discover what it took for a lady to be fashionable in the year of Newstead's beginning! Living historian and dressmaker, Anneliese Meck will describe all the details while getting dressed in a historical reproduction of an 1823 ensemble, complete with the proper undergarments, day dress, and accessories.

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THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND PART II

Thursday at 7 pm

Don Shonn will continue a discussion of local land titles that will highlight the battle of the Tonawanda Senecas to avoid removal to the west and to preserve their ancestral land. Don is a long-time member of the NHS, former Village attorney, and real estate lawyer.

Holiday Events

November & December

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Watch for details on our Facebook page, in the *Akron Bugle*, and in the *Preservationist* newsletter as we get closer to the season. We will have some familiar favorites, as well as new events, from both museums for everyone to enjoy.