



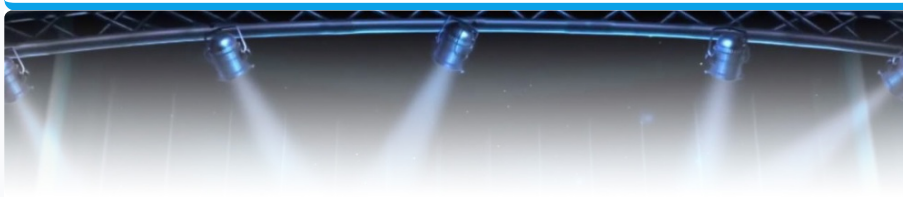
April Newsletter



**The Art on Main Fine Arts Festival is almost here!**

Enjoy this Fine Arts Exhibit & Sale, Live Music, Local Wine & Food, and Free Kid's Art Activities, all in downtown Jones Park! Follow the Canton Art on Main Facebook Page for more information about artists exhibiting at the festival!

[Facebook Page](#)



**April Spotlight...Elk's Lodge #626**



We are happy to announce the April Spotlight of the month, Canton Elks Lodge 626, located at 61 W. Elm St. The Canton Elks Lodge was established in July of 1901 and still has 465 members to this day.

The Canton Elks Lodge is one of the oldest organizations established in Canton that is still in operation today. The organization was originally located in a 4-story building on Elm St. where they are currently located. They used the basement of the building, and it operated as a hotel until the late 1970's when a fire burnt it completely down. They then constructed the building they are in today. To become a member when the organization was first formed, dues were \$12 per year (about the equivalent of \$375 in 2021), and dues today run about \$60 annually.

One of the Canton Elks Lodge's focuses, is giving back to the community. They hold several fundraisers for a variety of community organizations each year. In a typical year the Elks Lodge will donate \$10,000 back towards community programs such as veterans' programs, school lunch programs, food pantries, and honor flights. The motto of the lodge is "Elks care, Elks share". The Canton Elks Lodge also helps host the Easter Egg hunt each year, and

there were over 6,000 eggs this year!

The Canton Elks Lodge #626 can be contacted at 309-647-0200 and you can follow them on Facebook.



[Facebook Page](#)



**The Season is almost upon us!!**

Starting on Saturday, June 5th in conjunction with the Art on Main Fine Arts Festival, in downtown Jones Park! Join us and get your fresh vegetables, meats and more! Follow our Canton Main Street Facebook page for updates on vendors!

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# H—CANTON AREA HERITAGE CENTER

WE ARE OPEN AGAIN!

*Come See Us!*

**Fridays, 10-12 Saturdays, 10-2 Sundays, 1-4**

111 S. Main St., 309-647-2242, cahcpc19@att.net

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## Thank you to these renewing members!

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### Canton Main Street Membership

We would like to invite you to join Canton Main Street (CMS) as a Partner, Sponsor, or Community Collaborator in 2021! With your Business or Individual support, you can help us support our mission to keep our downtown vibrant, active, safe, and a true destination for our community and its visitors.

[Membership Form](#)

**Thank you to these individuals for your support of Canton Main Street!**

Mike & Debi Delligatti and Charlie & Barbara Luthy.

## A Message from the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development (SRPED)...



As more vaccines are being administered throughout our community, and the weather is getting nicer, it is time to start preparing for the "new normal". We will get back in the full swing of things, and businesses are fully open again, let's do our best to continue supporting our local businesses!

My encouragement to you for this year is to get involved in the downtown revitalization movement. Whether it's buying a building, doing a renovation or volunteering your time to help with one of the many exciting projects we have going on in Canton, I encourage you to be a part of the exciting movement! If you have questions about how you can get more involved please reach out to me at [cmcdaniel@cantonillinois.org](mailto:cmcdaniel@cantonillinois.org).

As our downtown buildings start to fill up, and business is booming in the near future, don't forget about all the exciting events that are just around the corner too! Such as Art on Main, Canton Cruise-In, Paddlepalooza, and many more!

2021 is going to be the year that helps define what the future of many communities will look like. Let's all do our part in 2021 to be resilient and support our local businesses, and recover as a community!



SRPED is dedicated to serving as a catalyst for economic and community development. Our mission is to create community partnerships, business opportunities, and implement programs and projects that foster growth and development.

[SRPED Website](#)



**President:** Dana Smith  
Angela Drach, Carol Köhler, Eric Duffield, Erika Davis,  
Jason Coulter, Kevin Stephenson, and Barry Blackwell.  
**Staff Members:** Cole McDaniel and Amanda Woodruff

Canton Main Street is committed to the revitalization and preservation of Canton's historic downtown by promoting a positive community image, fostering downtown business growth and development, and encouraging ongoing efforts to improve the heart of our community.

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