

## *Joliet Area Historical Museum Announces Volunteers of the Year*

Dick Carlson, Mike Johnson and Tom Ludrovec were named as the Joliet Area Historical Museum Volunteers of the Year at the Museum's Annual Meeting on August 14.

Museum volunteers are nominated for this award by Museum staff based on their service to the Museum and their commitment to forwarding the Museum's mission of promoting awareness, understanding and preservation of the Joliet area's diverse history.

Mr. Carlson retired from BP Amoco and has volunteered at the Museum since 2003. He has volunteered in the Museum's gift shop, has given tours, helped with special events and education programs. Mr. Johnson retired from the Illinois Department of Corrections and has volunteered at the Museum since 2007. He works as a guide every Thursday morning, gives tours, tends to the Museum's landscape in the summer, and also helps with education programs and special events such as the Haunted Museum. Mr. Ludrovec retired from Caterpillar and has volunteered at the Museum since 2003. He has volunteered with special events and has worked extensively with the Museum's Collections and Exhibits Manager, Heather Bigeck, on a variety of construction-related projects. Mr. Ludrovec single-handedly secured shelving that was to be discarded from the Larkin Avenue Wal-Mart store, but has found new life shelving the Museum's collection. He also built display units that the Museum is now utilizing in the Special Exhibit Gallery.

According to Kim Shehorn, the Museum's Education Director, "the contributions of these three men are seen by every visitor to the Museum. If something has to be moved, they are here to move it. If something needs to be hung or built, these three men are here to hang it or build it. They work behind the scenes, but the work they do is invaluable to both the Museum staff and visitors. They are also fun to be around and make the Museum staff and other volunteers smile. It is the hard work and dedication of volunteers such as Dick, Mike, and Tom that help to make the Museum a wonderful place to visit."

For additional information about programs or volunteering at the Museum, contact Kim Shehorn, Education Director at 815-723-5201, ext. 235, e-mail [k.shehorn@jolietmuseum.org](mailto:k.shehorn@jolietmuseum.org), or visit the Museum's website at [www.jolietmuseum.org](http://www.jolietmuseum.org).

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