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Naperville Heritage Society celebrates its 40th anniversary

Naperville, Ill. — The Naperville Heritage Society is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2009. Incorporated as a not-for-profit on Feb. 5, 1969, the Naperville Heritage Society's first objective was to save historic St. John's Episcopal Church, which was in danger of being demolished. The early volunteers' efforts were successful and they moved the church (now named Century Memorial Chapel) across town to a location that would someday be known as Naper Settlement, a historic museum village. Since 1969, the Naperville Heritage Society has relocated, reconstructed or adapted 28 historic structures at Naper Settlement. Original to the site are the Victorian-era Martin Mitchell Mansion and Carriage House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, visitors to Naper Settlement, who were born in 1969, will receive free admission (exclusive of special events) and a souvenir Conestoga Wagon pin.

For more information about the Naperville Heritage Society and Naper Settlement, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

History comes to life at Naper Settlement, an outdoor museum village, located in downtown Naperville at 523 S. Webster St. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, Naper Settlement has 30 historic structures ranging from a rustic log cabin to an elegant Victorian mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open year round, for more information about hours and admission prices, visit www.napersettlement.museum or call (630) 420-6010.

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