



**Aurora Historical  
Society  
Speaker Series  
2023-2024**

Join us at the Aurora Senior Center,  
101 King Street, East Aurora.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.,  
followed by the program at 7 p.m.  
All presentations are free of charge  
and open to the public.  
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**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

**Courtney Speckmann, History of the White House**

Ms. Speckman, formerly the Director of Education at the White House Historical Association, now Director of Programs and Community Engagement at the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park, will share insights from her ten years in DC.

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

***Annual Meeting & Preservation in East Aurora***

The annual meeting of the Aurora Historical Society includes election of board members and adoption of the 2024 budget.

Following official business, Mary Ann Colopy, chair of the East Aurora Historic Preservation Commission, will speak on the important work of historic preservation in East Aurora. Ms. Colopy's experience in public history includes serving as a project historian at Tectonic Engineering and as a ranger for the National Park Service.



***Not a member yet? Please join us and find out what membership could mean to you!***

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

**Shane Stephenson, History of the Buffalo Naval Park**

“As the Director of Museum Collections at the Naval Park, it is my job to process the artifacts and collections of the museum and the three ships with focus on preservation, housing, finding aid creation, indexing and cataloging the collection.”

“The Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park is the largest inland Naval Park in the United States. Located on Buffalo's Waterfront, this unique family destination features four decommissioned Naval vessels that served in a variety of military conflicts in our nation's history.”



**Thursday, February 22, 2024**

**150 Years of East Aurora—the Music**

In celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of East Aurora, John Whitney, well-known East Aurora musician and environmentalist, will lead us in an exploration of the music of the post-Civil War era.



**A Political Party with Robert Lowell Goller  
Thursday, March 14, 2024—our annual fundraising dinner**



**Thursday, April 24, 2024**

**150 Years of East Aurora—the Fashion**

In celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of East Aurora, Nancy Sheehan Johnson, costumer for Aurora Players, will present an interactive program on the historic fashion of the era.