



Galena-Jo Daviess County
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As a tourism-related business, you understand the importance of attracting visitors to our area. Our unique and amazing history is a magnet. Our History Matters! For 85 years the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society has preserved and shared area history. Our museum is the only historic attraction in northwest Illinois open to the public **daily, year-round**. Now your help is needed to build a new, accessible and sustainable museum.

The Society will host an online auction in November 2023 featuring a variety of Galena-Jo Daviess County experiences that will appeal to visitors. Please show your generous support by donating item(s) or products from your business. Your item(s) will be bundled to create 'Galena Country Experiences' to be featured in a five-day online auction held during the most active buying season of the year: Black Friday through Cyber Monday.

100% of auction profits will go toward the new museum capital campaign. As most of the auction offerings will include overnight lodging, this event will augment the campaign's donor base by bringing in non-resident funding.

We're aware you are asked to donate to many worthy causes; this request is NOT for ongoing operations or an annual event. **Your contribution will help build a greatly-needed museum that will entice visitors to Jo Daviess County and, potentially, your business every day year round!** Please reach deep to donate a meaningful gift to the museum capital campaign.

Our goal is 100 wonderful packages including 2-night lodging, dining and retail gift certificates, plus other unique local offerings to create spirited bidding which results in positive media attention for our destination.

A few details:

- paper or e-certificate(s) will be provided by the donor with an *expiration date of December 31, 2024*.
- Lodgings: 2 night minimum, Friday/Saturday nights preferable; 3-day holiday blackouts acceptable.
- Dining and Retail: \$100 minimum donation; may be two at \$50 each.
- Attractions/Others: create your own offering valued at a minimum of \$100.

Use the link below to submit your donation(s) which will be bundled into well-rounded 'Experiences' for the online auction. **Your business will receive promotional credit and acknowledgement during and after the auction for your capital campaign donation.**

<https://www.galenahistory.org/event/auction/>

Deadline for submitting your donation(s) to the 2023 Galena Country Experiences online auction site: August 15.

Remember, this is a once-in-a-lifetime capital campaign....PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Do you have questions or need help creating your donation? Contact the Historical Society at 815.777.9129 or info@galenahistorymuseum.org.