

Special Exhibit: At Home in Oswego's Past

The exhibit opened March 2020 for less than a week before stay-at-home orders and closures throughout Illinois were put into place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In August 2020 the exhibit was able to reopen and remained through October 2020. The Oswegoland Heritage Association in partnership with the Oswegoland Park District hosted the exhibit.

Conversation with the Curator

Oswegoland Heritage Association member and longtime volunteer Stephanie Just curated the ***At Home in Oswego's Past*** exhibit. Below is an excerpt from a behind the scenes interview of the exhibit creation.

What was your inspiration for this exhibit?

I wanted to do something different and show how people from Oswego lived.

Do you have a favorite piece you like to point out?

The dress form made from leather is a pretty cool piece. Almost Gothic looking in a way.

What were some of the challenges in curating the exhibit?

The whole exhibit! Working full time and doing this on the side was a challenge.

What do you hope visitors take away from the exhibit?

I hope that they will see how people used to live and not take everyday things for granted.

Anything else you'd like to share?

I love the stage and the living scene we created on it. That turned out so cool.

