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Elmhurst History Museum Closes ‘In Pursuit of Happiness’ Exhibit with Cultural Crossroads Celebration

Free special event takes place at Elmhurst History Museum on May 13

ELMHURST, Ill. — The Elmhurst History Museum’s latest exhibit, “In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities,” will soon be closing after a six-month run. The museum is presenting a special event on the exhibit’s final weekend to celebrate the many ways immigrants contribute to the colorful fabric of Chicago area communities.

The public is invited to join in the **Cultural Crossroads Celebration** on **Saturday, May 13, 2023** for an array of exciting performances, presentations, and interactions with special guests. This **FREE** all-ages event takes place in the museum and outdoors under a tent from **1 to 5 p.m.** The Elmhurst History Museum is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in downtown Elmhurst. Free parking is available on site and at nearby parking garages. More information can be found at **www.elmhursthhistory.org**.

Scheduled Activities

Throughout the “In Pursuit of Happiness” exhibit’s months of exhibition, the museum has partnered with many collaborators to share stories of immigration. The Cultural Crossroads

Celebration will showcase many of these exhibit partners, including Immigrant Solidarity DuPage, Xinlin Association and others, and offer many family-friendly activities including:

- *Mariachi Monarca DuPage* will perform at 2 p.m.
- Watch an amazing display of skill at 3 p.m. by the multi-age martial artists from the *Illinois Shaolin Kung Fu Academy*, a group that has performed at the United Center and other venues across Chicagoland.
- Students from *York High School's International Club* will be on hand throughout the day to share presentations and short performances about different cultures.
- *Free craft activities* for kids will be available while supplies last including make-your-own guitars and maracas, and paper crafts such as origami cranes, butterflies, and flowers.
- Spin the *World Trivia Wheel* to test your global knowledge.
- View the "In Pursuit of Happiness" exhibit inside the museum in the first floor gallery.

About the Exhibit

The Cultural Crossroads Celebration is presented as the final event related to the Elmhurst History Museum's exhibit, "In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities," which closes on May 14. The exhibit shares the personal stories and experiences of area immigrants and their descendants as told through first-person accounts, photographs, treasured objects, video and more. Admission is free.

Don't miss this last chance to explore the exhibit and celebrate the diversity of local communities through the Cultural Crossroads celebration. For the latest information, please visit www.elmhursthhistory.org or call 630-833-1457.

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The Elmhurst History Museum is a department of the City of Elmhurst supported by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization. The Museum is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in downtown Elmhurst. General admission is free. For more information, call 630-833-1457 or visit our web site at elmhursthistory.org.