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Project Description

The *Built to Last: Celebrating DuPage County's Historical Architecture* exhibit focuses on the historical architecture of DuPage County. Through this exhibit you can explore the unique architectural styles expressed over the decades and how they influenced DuPage. The array of buildings within the area now sit in harmony with their modern day counterparts as the historic buildings continue to be preserved and celebrated. While most of these buildings are used for a new purpose, their unique designs have remained the same since the day they were erected.



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Buildings listed alphabetically:

Bloomington Park District Museum (former
Bloomington First Baptist Church of Christ)
Chicago Gold Club, clubhouse, Wheaton, IL
Courthouse Commons (Former DuPage County
Courthouse), Wheaton, IL
Graue Mill, Oakbrook, IL
Kline Creek, barn, West Chicago, IL
Marcellus Jones House, Wheaton, IL
Mayslake Hall, Oakbrook, IL
Robert R. McCormick House, Wheaton, IL
St. Isidore Church, Bloomington, IL
Tivoli Theater, Downers Grove, IL
Trinity Episcopal Chapel, Wheaton, IL
Wheaton Post Office
Williston Hall, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

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Artist statement

Historical architecture is a testament to the creativity, innovation, and ingenuity of humanity through the ages. In addition to its functional aspect it is often a work of art, designed to inspire values and ideals. Drawn to the artistry in older buildings, my goal is to portray the character, grace and values found in the aesthetic of another era.

Presenting the images in black and white reveals the formal elements of art and conveys a timeless aspect. A unique perspective or a detail that creates new appreciation is not soon forgotten. I invite you to reflect on these buildings and consider what the architecture communicates. What message does a particular style say about the values and aspirations of the time? How does that speak to us today?

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*Bloomingdale Park District Museum, former
Bloomingdale First Baptist Church of Christ,
Bloomingdale, IL, 1849*

2023

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*Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, IL, 1913,
clubhouse*

2011

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*Courthouse Commons,
Former DuPage County
Courthouse, Wheaton, IL,
1896*

2020

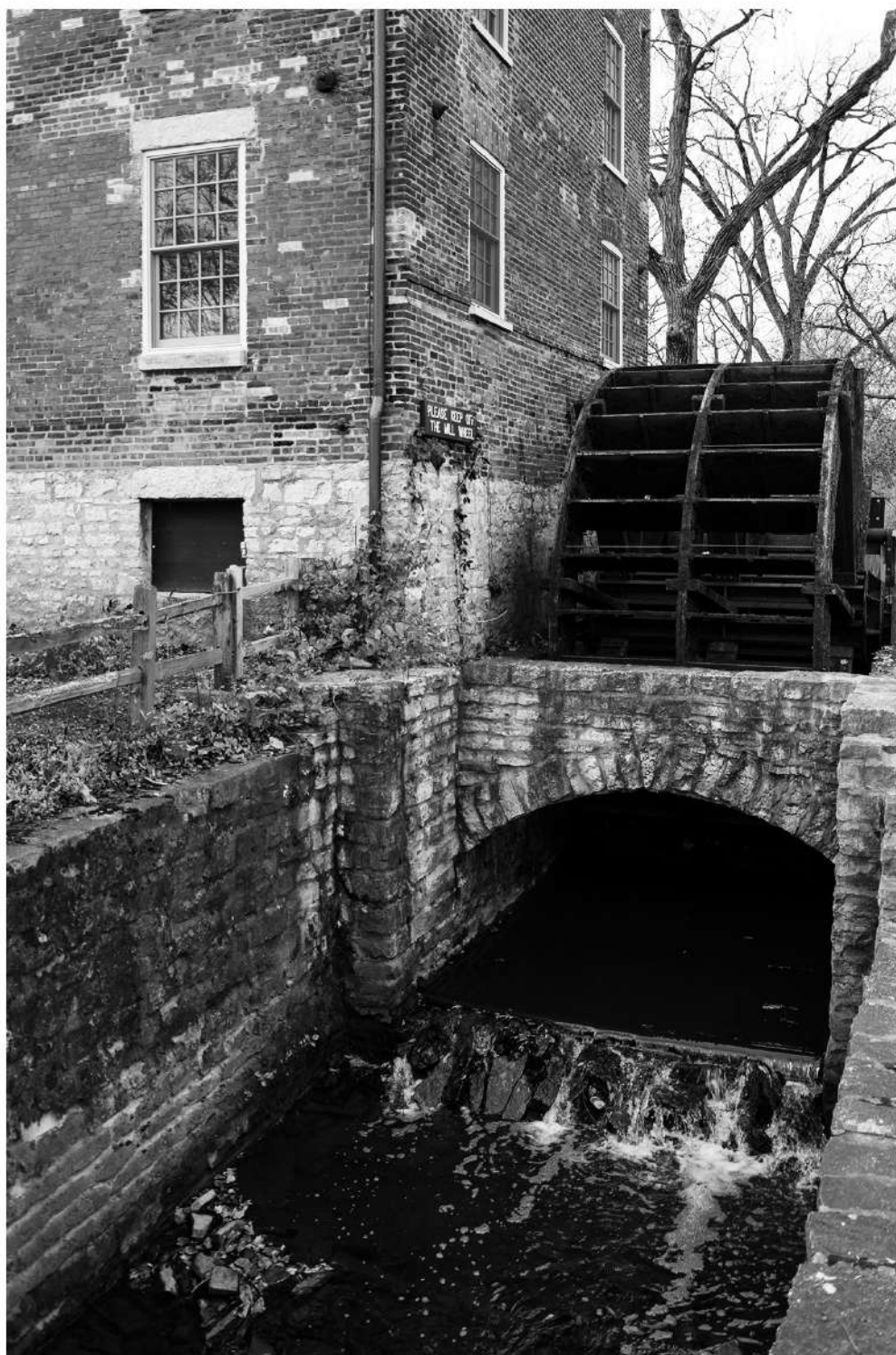
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*Courthouse Commons,
Former DuPage County
Courthouse, Wheaton, IL,
1896, west façade and bell
tower
2017
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*Graue Mill, Oakbrook, IL,
1852
2011
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*Kline Creek Farm, West
Chicago, IL, c.1890*
2017
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*Marcellus Jones House,
Wheaton, Il, 1863*

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*Mayslake Hall, Oakbrook,
IL, 1919, main entrance
2023*

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*Robert R. McCormick
House, Wheaton, IL,
1896, main entry
2020*

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*Robert R. McCormick House, Wheaton, IL,
1896, rear façade*

2024

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*St. Isidore Church,
Bloomingdale, IL, 1920,
south façade
2024
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*St. Isidore Church, 1920,
Bloomington, IL, south
entry, 1920
2022*

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*Tivoli Theater, Downers
Grove, IL, 1928*
2019
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*Trinity Episcopal Chapel,
Wheaton, IL, 1882, view
from south east*

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Wheaton Post Office, 1933
2024
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*Wheaton Post Office,
1933, entry façade
2022*

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Williston Hall, Wheaton College, 1894-1896
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*Williston Hall, Wheaton
College, 1894-1896*
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