

**Grand Island Historical Society**  
**Programs, Events and Open Houses**  
**September 2024 - January 2025**

Please join us for our monthly meetings and interesting lineup of programs and speakers. Meetings are at River Lea unless otherwise stated. Members are free. Nonmembers are asked for a \$5 donation. Delicious refreshments are always served!

**Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024 - 6:30 PM POTLUCK PICNIC for members OR become a member and join us!** Please bring your **own place setting** and a **dish to pass**. Beverages and desserts will be provided. Save a stamp and bring your membership dues to the dinner too! Member Denise Dewey will share a short presentation about the history of Sidway School.

**Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024, OPEN HOUSE AT RIVER LEA - 1:00 - 4:00 PM –during Grand Island History Weekend**

**Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024 - 7:00 PM** - general meeting and program. Marla Bujnicki, a certified Buffalo tour guide and previous guest speaker, will return to present a power point presentation on “Bawdy Buffalo.”

**Sunday, October 20, 2024, OPEN HOUSE AT RIVER LEA-1:00 - 4:00 PM**

Theme is Toys. If you have a toy to share for the display please see Carolyn Doebert, Sharon Nichols or Maggie Gushue.

**Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024- 7:00 p.m.**- general meeting and program. Back for a third time by popular demand, singer Don Dwyer will entertain us with stories and “Music of the Women of the Civil War.”

**Friday, December 6, Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8, 2024 RIVER LEA OPEN HOUSE AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM each day.** Enjoy the decorations and sounds of the season in our historic farmhouse. Shop in our boutique for gifts, decorations and homemade cookies. Enjoy some refreshments while listening to live music by Grand Islander and retired music teacher, Betsy Thomas.

**Celebrate the New Year with a members’ New Year’s Party at River Lea, Saturday January 4, 2025, 2 PM – 5 PM.**

Please bring an hors d’oeuvre to share. Desserts will be provided. Please bring a wrapped “white elephant” gift if you wish to participate in the New Year gift exchange game. A white elephant gift is something you already have and you don’t like it anymore, you think it is ugly, or you’re tired of it and want to get rid of it!! Search those closets for some unique, amusing or impractical gift to wrap up and bring to the party for the white elephant game.