

Weird and Wonderful Toy Histories

Following up on her wonderful program last year about wedding traditions, Mary Penn is back again this year to take us on a journey back in time to visit some wonderful, kooky, and strange toys from the past. Do you remember Billy Possum? Do you know what toy was recalled for eating children's hair? These toys, and others like them, seem pretty strange to us now, but they were popular in their day. Laughter and amazement will abound as we meander through the wackiest, kookiest back stories and toy trivia that Mary has managed to unearth for our entertainment!

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Mid-20th Century Toys

Come hear local antiques expert, Dan Philips, talk about interesting toys from the middle of the last century. Dan is currently the Director of Community Ministries at First United Methodist Church of Peoria. He has a unique history as host of a local radio show and was the longtime owner of the Illinois Antiques Center in downtown Peoria. He has a wealth of knowledge about antiques and will share some of his knowledge with all of us at this program.

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Toys and Child Development

Do toys really influence human development? The answer is YES! Join Dr. Jennifer Jewell as she talks about the value of playing with toys on a child's physical and emotional development. She will touch on topics ranging from the ability to problem solve, develop social skills, develop spatial awareness, and other benefits that all come from playing with toys. If you work with children or have a child in your life, you won't want to miss this program!

7:00 pm

11:00 am

10:30 am

