



*The Calumet City Historical Society
presents:*

Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad

By Connie Martin



Discover the untold history of secret safe routes and codes used on the Underground Railroad, including special stitching in quilts that was used throughout our Illinois counties. This included the use of Illinois rivers and streams by freedom seekers, who followed these routes with the assistance of abolitionist guides who risked their lives to help them travel north to Canada.

"Quilt Whisperer" Connie Martin, MA. provides an informative presentation on the historical American experience, revealing secret codes in quilts through research on her family history as a 6th-generation descendant of enslaved Africans in Kentucky.

Sunday, February 8, 2026 ~ 3:00 p.m.

Location:

Calumet City Historical Society Center



**760
Wentworth
Avenue**

*Open Tuesday 2-4 p.m., Thursday 1-4 p.m.,
and 2nd Sunday 1-5 p.m.*

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Schedule:

2:00 p.m. –

**General Membership Meeting,
followed by refreshments.**

3:00 p.m. –

Program begins.

Road Scholars Speakers Bureau



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