

***The Story of Illinois:  
The Illinois Bicentennial through Museum Objects  
Online Exhibition***

The Illinois State Museum and the Illinois Association of Museums are collaborating on a new website in celebration of the State's Bicentennial. The Story of Illinois will include objects and artifacts from museums and other cultural organizations that tell the history of Illinois. The website will be changing throughout the year with additions from museums across the state. The URL for the website is:

<http://story.illinoisstatemuseum.org>

We hope you will consider being a part of this exciting virtual exhibition. We welcome submissions of objects and artifacts representing the history of Illinois in the areas of anthropology/archaeology, botany, decorative arts, fine art, geology, history, and zoology. Institutions may submit up to five objects that best showcase the story of the Illinois from their collection. All objects remain the property of the contributing institution and objects will be credited throughout the website. All submissions must have a connection to Illinois or an Illinoisan and may not be buildings or places. Please send your submission and/or questions to [karen.everingham@illinois.gov](mailto:karen.everingham@illinois.gov).

Submissions must include the following:

1. Object Label to include:
  - a. What the object is
  - b. Where the object comes from
  - c. When the object was made or used
  - d. Proper name of the object for works of art, books, etc.
  - e. Author or artist if applicable
2. Interpretive or context label of 150 words or less explaining why the object is relevant to Illinois and the story behind it.
3. The discipline the object falls in.
  - a. Anthropology/archaeology i.e. fossils, pottery, stone tools
  - b. Botany i.e. plants, trees, leaves
  - c. Decorative arts i.e. quilts, embroidery, tapestry, basket weaving
  - d. Fine arts i.e. paintings, sculpture, drawings
  - e. Geology i.e. rocks, minerals, metals
  - f. History i.e. documents, records, objects
  - g. Zoology i.e. bones, hides, taxidermy
4. A digital image of the object that meets the following criteria:
  - a. 150 resolution
  - b. jpg format
  - c. 5" x 7"
  - d. Sharp image with good contrast between the object and the background.
5. Museum or institution submitting the object
6. Name of contact person
7. Address
8. Phone number
9. Email and website
10. Credit Line
11. Your institution's logo