

**A Pictorial REVIEW of the
Effingham County Courthouse Museum's
*Second Annual Ladies' Tea Party ~ July 14, 2018***



The focus was on fellowship, fashion and food!





**The wait staff was attentive and the decor was delightful.
Two of the four volunteers waiters were MARK RIES
and CHUCK HOELSCHER.**



The ladies enjoyed sampling the delicacies prepared by volunteer SANDI WERNING and her assistants, as well as inspecting the gowns displayed by volunteer JANE RIES and her assistants.



Volunteer SUE HOELSCHER crocheted for months to create the tiny hats for individual gifts and centerpieces.





The ladies commented on the vintage recipe booklet created by volunteer LINDA RUHOLL.



Volunteer JANE RIES provided historical context to the display of fashions from the 1940s-1950s-1960s-1970s. She introduced each model, and provided a rich description of each outfit, along with its provenance.



Volunteer MARILYN HEUERMAN's Grand-daughter modeled her grandmother's First Communion dress.

She is holding a photograph of Marilyn on her First Communion day.

The dress was made by Marilyn's mother.

MARILYN also contribute to the Tea Room decor by decorating the chairs with red and white net bows, each accented with a spray of flowers.

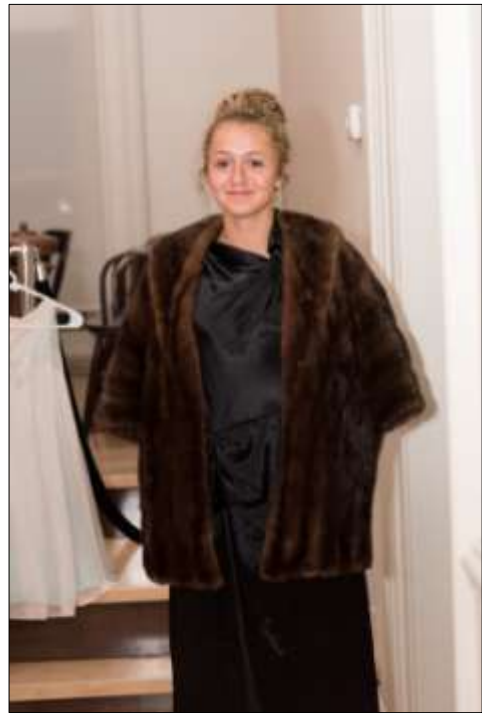


Colorful vintage fashions topped by beautiful smiles!





Volunteer PATTY WINN reported on the event for the *Effingham-Teutopolis News Report*.



Although some models were relatives of museum volunteers, the Museum is very grateful for the efforts of **KELLY THOELE, of St. Anthony High School, who convinced other busy young women to participate.**



The afternoon's program closed with a Power Point presentation, *A Bridal Retrospective*, which was a review of local wedding attire with multiple examples drawn from the Museum's collections and area newspapers. The presenter was volunteer LINDA RUHOLL who was assisted by her grand-daughter, volunteer and model CAILEY DASENBROCK.



Additional photographs will be published in the Museum newsletter, *History Matters!* (Fall issue, Vol 5 Issue 4).

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