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**Forest Preserve District to Host Presentation  
on the National Park Service in our Region**

GENEVA, IL — This August, the Forest Preserve District of Kane County will host a presentation by Dr. Norm Moline on the National Park Service in our region. This presentation is a free program as part of Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

While popular images of the National Park Service (NPS) often focus on spectacular scenic sites in the American West, or significant historic sites out east, the NPS also has a meaningful presence in and near Illinois. National Monuments and Trails, National Heritage Areas, National Historic Landmarks, and sites on the National Register of Historic Places all contribute to our understanding of our region’s cultural history.

The presentation, “The National Park Service in Our Region: Places to Experience Our Cultural History,” will take place on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Barbara Belding Lodge at Brewster Creek Forest Preserve located at 6N921 IL Rte. 25, St. Charles.

Dr. Norm Moline, an Illinois Humanities Road Scholar, who has also served on the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council, will showcase cultural National Monuments and National Heritage Areas in our state, National Historic Landmarks in northern Illinois, and National Register of Historic Places in Kane County.

This event is co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Road Scholar speakers travel throughout Illinois sharing free, dynamic presentations about literature, philosophy, theater, local history, film, music, politics, and more, at no cost to host organizations. The program

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enables local nonprofit organizations to present free-admission cultural programs to their communities.

Norman Moline, PhD is Professor Emeritus at Augustana College where he had a distinguished career as an educator. Dr. Moline connects his academic interests in the environment, urban planning and historic preservation with involvement in community and state organizations. For more information on Norman Moline, visit [www.ilhumanities.org](http://www.ilhumanities.org).

This program is for ages 18 and above. Registration is required. For more information, please visit [www.kaneforest.com/register](http://www.kaneforest.com/register), call 630-444-3190 or email [programs@kaneforest.com](mailto:programs@kaneforest.com).

### **About Illinois Humanities**

Illinois Humanities is a statewide nonprofit organization that activates the humanities through free public programs, grants, and educational opportunities that spark conversation, foster reflection, build community, and strengthen civic engagement for everyone in Illinois. Founded in 1974, we are the state partner for the National Endowment for the Humanities and supported by state, federal, and private funds. Stay connected with Illinois Humanities on social media by searching @ILHumanities.

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