

ELSAH FESTIVAL



Saturday, September 28 from 11-4pm

LIVE MUSIC at the Gazebo, Riverview House, & the Methodist Church

FOOD & DRINK VENDORS

- Big Boys Q & Southern Soul Food (village front)
- PLZN SQZN Lemonade (village front)
- JB's Authentic Italian (gazebo)
- Mo'z Sweet Treats (mobile)

ACTIVITIES

**Tours, Wetlands, Art, Photography, Crafts, Nature, Imported Goods,
T-Shirts, Pottery, Folk Art, Museum, Wild Life Center**

RIVERVIEW HOUSE — 2 Mississippi Street, built in 1847, the 175-year-old historic treasure is Elsay's oldest structure and the first home you see as you enter the village from the Great River Road. Pre-dating Elsay, which was founded in 1853, the building was known for years as the Riverside Hotel - a reliable stop for river traffic on the Mississippi.

- *Tour the QEM fire truck and say "hello" to their mascot.*

Entertainment: All day music provided by E&J's Variety DJ - featuring Eric Weeks

Local Vendors - Outdoor

- Jodelle Langdon-Columbia General Store
- Nikole Lewis-Bath Items, tinctures, Scrubs, etc..

Local Vendors - Inside Riverview House

- Jan Wright-Crocker & Springer
- Betsy Pike - Handmade and imported jewelry
- Kaitlin Gauthier-Taxidermy Insect and Nature Jewelry
- Nicole Thompson-Wooden Flowers

THE ICE HOUSE — 2 Mill Street, built in 1850's, this was one of the five functioning ice houses in Elsay.

WETLANDS TRAIL & POLLINATOR GARDEN TOUR — 12 Mill Street

Walking distance from the 4-Way-Stop! Find a free pamphlet in the Wetlands (on the trail near the creek) to explore this leisurely tour through our creek ways. Focused plantings, designed by village volunteers, attract pollinators and revitalize our wetlands. Parking is available nearby, either at the lot near the "Stone Gatehouse," in the front of the village, or the lot near the church, at the Maple and LaSalle. **Have fun identifying many labeled species!**

SCHNEIDER-GENT HOUSE — 7 Mill Street, built 1850's. The rear portion was added in 1897.

Local Vendors

- Sabra Beatty – Village Salsa and Sweets

GREEN TREE INN BED & BREAKFAST 15-17 Mill St, built 1986.

- Visit our on-site Antique Gift Shop
- Enjoy a Homemade "Sweet Treat"
- Walking History Tours of the Village - 12 noon and 2:00 pm - Gary Davis - owner

GAZEBO behind GREEN TREE INN

Entertainment: *Dusty James & Abalone Pearl – 11:00-1:00pm*

In the 2021 Great American Song Contest, this duo was named top Finalists out of 1900 other quality songwriters from 42 countries. The acoustic duo performs folk & traditional, playing guitars, banjo, dulcimer & harmonica. Walk back in time and listen to songs that speak of a simpler era, showcasing America's unique musical history.

Entertainment: *Jay Sabo - 1:30 to 4:00 pm*

Back by popular demand, Jay is a seasoned guitarist, singer, and performer in the Riverbend area. He is the driving force behind the local band "The MadBaileys". He has performed internationally in Cologne, Germany, and Ireland. His solo performance spans various genres punctuated with a healthy dollop of fun and a few sing-a-longs.

Local Vendors

- Anne Hunter-Everything Shiny Creations
- Hayley Schlemer-Jewelry
- Kathi Beyer-Riverwind Farms Alpaca's

BUGGY SHOP — 12 Selma Street, erected in 1877 as a wagon shop and later used as a blacksmith shop. The lettering is still visible across the gable end of the shop: "Wagons and Buggies Made and Repaired".

FARLEY MUSIC HALL — 37 Mill Street, built 1885.

Come visit Historic Elsay Foundation's booth in our headquarters, Farley Music Hall. Learn about our foundation that is more than fifty years in operation. Become a member. Items will be available for purchase.

Local Vendors

- Historic Elsay Foundation
- Lori Hoffman-Jewelry, Painting, and photography
- Elyse Kasparian-Local Historic Landmark Paintings
- Marty McKay-Photography, puzzles, and paintings
- Rosa Renner-Photography and gifts
- Vicki Roberts-Chris Robert's watercolor paintings
- Pat Syano-Charcoal Paintings & Notecards

THE LOOK FACTORY & BARN — 43 Mill Street, built 1856. European boho boutique.

CIVIC CENTER/SCHOOLHOUSE — 51 Mill Street, built 1857.

Local Vendors

- Dawn Oates-Paparazzi
- Samuel Odhiambo Photography
- Shawn Schmidt – My Hatz
- Trudy Carins - The painting Bee
- Art by Rozann
- *Located in the Lower Level of Schoolhouse*
- TreeHouse Wildlife – Meet & greet with wildlife animal ambassadors

RUMFORD FIREPLACE - Between Civic Center and Methodist Church, near bridge. Invented in the mid 1700's by Count Rumford, a British Tory. Designed and installed in 2016 by a resident and a Principia student.

- Children and adult games near the firepit

ELSAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — LaSalle and Valley St, built 1874

- Quilt Display inside Church

Entertainment: *Rivers of Life Clergy Band -1:00 to 3:00 pm*

Composed of five United Methodist pastors, this group began when founding member, Rev. Dan Perry, was asked to put together a contemporary Christian band for the IL Great Rivers Annual Conference several years ago. They continue raising money to give away to various missions and charitable causes.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH — 53 LaSalle Street. Built and active since 1947. The church stands at the site of a 19thc. paper mill, destroyed by fire in 1868. Open and providing refreshments.

VILLAGE OF ELSAH MUSEUM — 26 LaSalle Street, built in 1887 as Village Hall. Open 11- 4:00pm.

ELSAH GENERAL STORE — 22 LaSalle Street, built 1877. A visit here is like taking a step back in time. The storefront, built in the 1870s, was home to the local dry goods store in Elsay's early days. Today, it is a working general store with grocery essentials, old fashion candy, vintage bottled soda, ice cream, bakery goods, specialty foods, collectables, and the Goodies Table.

HISTORIC KELLER STORE — 20 LaSalle Street – built 1850's. Originally the home of Christian Serini before the Civil War, in 1879 Edward Keller bought the building, and turned it into a confectionery, a business that survived until 1970. The rear of the building was added in 1883, and the upstairs living quarters in 1891.

Local Vendors

- **Burt Vandermark - Animal Portraits**
- **Carolyn Schlueter - Photography and watercolor**
- **Phoenix Novak - Elsay Folk Art by Phoenix**
- **Donna Kennedy - Author**

PEACE WORKS — 18 LaSalle Street – The Mott Building, former home of the renowned Elsay Landing Restaurant - built 1894. • Mission-oriented shop with fair trade goods. Colorful displays feature a wide array of gifts and creative artwork by local artisans. Featuring next door:

Local Vendors

- **Ellen Connoyer Case – Artwork on Canvas**
- **La Donna Sanson – Pine Needle Baskets**
- **Elizabeth Moreland Kern – Oil Paintings**

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM — 17 LaSalle Street. Built in 1931 by Bernard Maybeck, principal architect of Principia College, this gas station was designed for the Spatz brothers as a filling station. Renovated into a gallery in 1980, currently the Reading Room. Open Saturday.