



## **New Elsay Museum Exhibit ! *The Coloring Book Process* *Two Local Artists Collaborate***

**Opening July 12 thru the first week of December, 2025**

Announcing an exciting new exhibit, showcasing the creative process of two local artists, combining photos of Marty McKay and interpretive drawings of Sun Smith-Foret. The joint products are two area coloring books of ***Historic Elsay*** and ***Iconic Alton***. Their creative process is revealed in the five panel display in the Elsay Museum, with original art, photos, and explanatory text by the artists.

The artists share an appreciation of nature and historic architecture in the Great River Road/ Riverbend areas across Madison and Jersey Counties. Both have worked in this region many years. The images selected by the artists illustrate a unique blend of precision and abstraction. Sometimes a photo generates a drawing, or the reverse.

Marty and Sun considered many aspects of their image choices: Aesthetic appeal of a site, historic relevance, ease of access, mix of residential/ commercial and community use, and finally, how an image would translate into a vertical format required by the printing format.

The end result are two tantalizing coloring books available for sale at the Museum during the exhibit:

***Historic Elsay* - \$15 published in 2024 &  
*Iconic Alton* - \$15 - first published in 2022**

**Greeting Cards - both B&W or hand colored ranging from \$5-\$18 each.**

All printing is done by Schwartzkopf Printing in Alton.

Museum Hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1-4pm, 26 LaSalle Street, Elsay, IL 62028

