



## Kankakee County Museum

- The 2026 theme: “Celebrating Our Community”
- Tables can be decorated by displaying a setting that celebrates the community and promotes your organization/family/small business.

### Important Dates

- The First Annual Tablescapes Exhibit “Celebrating Our Community” opening party will be held **WEDNESDAY, June 3rd, 2026**. Kankakee County Historical Society members and their guests enjoy a night of kicking off the summer season at the museum. **Your organization will receive ONE free ticket** with the option to purchase additional tickets. Names of ticket holders need to be provided to the museum no later than May 22nd). Hours are 5 – 7 pm (open house style setting with appetizers and soft drinks included with ticket). Tickets must be paid in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- The 2026 Tablescapes Exhibit will open to the public **Thursday, June 4th, 2026**.
- **The museum’s hours during the month of June are Thursday – Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** The museum will have **SPECIAL HOURS** on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), to celebrate Kankakee Day. The museum will also be hosting our first bi-annual “**Night at the Musuem**” on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, during which hundreds of community members are expected to walk through the exhibit space.
- The last day the 2026 Tablescapes Exhibit will be open to the public is **June 27th, 2026** (Saturday). All votes will be counted at the end of that day.
- **The museum staff will decide the final placement for each organization’s display for the perfect fit.**
- **Tables may be decorated between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on May 28th, 29th, and 30th**
- **Tablescape decorations are to be removed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. June 28th, 2026 (Sunday).** \*Special accommodation must be arranged in advance.

### Decorating Guidelines

- A 30-inch round table will be provided to you. The table must stay in its original location. You must supply your own set up: tablecloth, dining sets, décor, etc. **No candles or organic material are permitted including dirt, hay, straw, food, or live foliage (Ex: NO REAL FLOWERS).**
- **Decorations are limited to the actual table provided.**
- The museum cannot be responsible for lost or broken dining sets, or other materials associated with your table or display area.
- The Museum will provide signage that will be placed on your table.

- Please, be mindful that many people will be viewing your tablescape.
- Any questions should be directed to the museum's Executive Director, Veronica Featherston.

## **Fees**

- All participating organizations/businesses/families are asked to donate a single item for a raffle basket! Items can relate to your business/organization or tablescape theme.
- \$30 donation due prior to May 22, 2026. **Fees are non-refundable.**

## **Prizes**

- Voting will be in four categories: **Non-profits, Small Businesses, Families & OVERALL.**
- First Place in each category: **Non-profits, Small Businesses, Families** will receive:
  - Free entry into next year's (2027) Tablescapes Exhibit
- The top three **OVERALL** prizes will be:
 

○ First Place	\$40
○ Second Place	\$30
○ Third Place	\$20

## **Volunteers**

- While volunteering is not mandatory for this month, any assistance is appreciated! If your organization chooses to provide a volunteer, they would be responsible for greeting at the front desk, making sure everyone signs the guestbook, and selling raffle tickets. A volunteer sign up sheet will be available during the decorating days. Shifts would be 9am to 1pm or 1-5pm. You can also email now to reserve your volunteer shift: [kankakeecountymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:kankakeecountymuseum@gmail.com)

**Tablescape Exhibit participant information can also be found on the Museum website [kankakeecountymuseum.com](http://kankakeecountymuseum.com)**

**Thank you for participating!! 2026 is going to be a spectacular year! We look forward to seeing your creative tablescape designs at our 1st Annual Tablescapes Exhibit – “Celebrating Our Community”.**