

# ChicagoHistoryMuseum

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### TWO NEW MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS OPENING ON JUNE 30

The Chicago History Museum is opening two temporary exhibitions that will run through the end of the year

**WHAT:** Two special exhibitions, *Is it Real?* and *Quilts: A Patchwork History*, are opening **June 30**.

*Is it Real?* explores the fascinating quest for historical authenticity. The interactive exhibition offers visitors the opportunity to be history detectives using clues and evidence to determine if an artifact is real. Some of the artifacts that visitors will examine include a pair of eyeglasses supposedly worn by Abraham Lincoln; the so-called “skin of the snake that tempted the first woman;” John Dillinger’s fake gun possibly used to escape from the Crown Point, Indiana jail in 1934; a bloody sheet on which Lincoln might have died in 1865; and the mysterious Waubensee Stone among many others.

*Quilts: A Patchwork History* features traditional quilts from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The featured quilts range in size from 61 x 51 to 94 x 92 inches, and date from 1855 to 1945. Visitors are encouraged to observe the quilts’ construction, view the quilts as objects of art and utility, and to consider the personal histories the quilts represent. This exhibition highlights only a sample of the more than one-hundred 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century quilts in the Museum’s collection.

**WHEN:** *Is it Real?* opens to the public on **June 30, 2007** and will run through January 6, 2008. *Quilts: A Patchwork History* opens to the public on **June 30, 2007** and will remain on display until December 31, 2007.

**WHERE:** Chicago History Museum, 1601 North Clark Street (Clark and North Avenue). Parking is conveniently located at the corner of LaSalle and Clark streets, enter lot from Stockton Drive. Both of these exhibitions are included in general Museum admission.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is a suggested donation of \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students, free for children 12 years and younger. General Admission is free on Mondays. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org). The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District’s generous support of all the Museum’s activities.