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Traveling exhibit traces movement of Americans

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The Smithsonian is bringing an exhibit to Sycamore and attendees of the Sycamore Historical Society and Museum's November Brown Bag lunch can get a sneak preview of it.

"Journey Stories" shows the mobility of Americans and is part of the Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and the Illinois Humanities Council.

The Nov. 6 presentation will be given by Michelle Donahoe, executive director of the historical society.

"Journey Stories explores how we are all from some place else," Donahoe said in a news release. "The Smithsonian exhibit explores stories from how people came to the United States on the Mayflower to how important the mobility is to us today.

"Equally important to the exhibit are the Sycamore stories — when the exhibit looks at the Underground Railroad and transportation at the national level, we will be sharing Sycamore's connections to the topic," said Donahoe in the release. "We are also looking for current residents to share their 'journey stories' to Sycamore — why they like to live, work, or even play in Sycamore."

The presentation will also include a discussion about volunteer opportunities. To help prepare for the exhibit there are several committees: exhibit, programs, marketing and installation.

Once the exhibit arrives, docents are needed to lead group tours and greeters are needed to welcome visitors.

Brown bag lunch program

Sycamore Historical Society and Museum

Noon-1 p.m. Nov. 6

Free. Cookies and coffee are provided.

Sycamore Center, 308 W. State St.

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Topic: "Journey Stories" from the Museum on Main Street, Smithsonian Institution

<http://museumonmainstreet.org>



Images from "Journey Stories," a Museum on Main Street exhibit coming to Sycamore, will include this photo of Florida migrants. Provided photo.

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