

# Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

November 2009

Membership: 72

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## From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

Wow! So much is happening in and around Mount Carroll. I started to write that we had 3 new businesses coming to town. Turns out we have at least 5! And that doesn't count the Kraft Building project. Thank you so very much to the Roaches and all of the Farmer's Market vendors for another great season. They were troopers more than not, with weather often not being very cooperative. The new umbrellas that the Chamber purchased and the Remrey's printed really stood out and helped draw the attention of many a traveler's eye. AND thanks to Anna Gray and Susan O'Connor, the Chamber has been awarded a \$4200 grant to be spent on marketing our Farmer's Market in 2010! We just celebrated another Oktoberfest (formerly known as October Happenings). Tom Cravatta did a great job organizing this event, which brought folks far and wide (and close and narrow) to listen to great music, eat great food, watch a great magic show and roll along in a great cemetery tour. I know he had a lot of help. Did I mention it was great? Soon we'll be celebrating our annual Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes. Watch your emails for an invitation to advertise your businesses. I'll talk more about it at the meeting on the 5th, or give me a call in the boutique or at home if you'd like more information.

## Board of Directors

Laura Miller-DeSpain—President  
dabluz boutique

Mike Lenz—Vice-President  
Kallemezoo's

Terrie Miller—Treasurer  
H.B. Wilkinson Title Company

Christiene Gable—Secretary  
Savanna-Thomson State Bank

Three year Board Members:  
Barb Lange: THE National Bank  
Bob Hatheway: Shaw's Food Pride

Two year Board Members:  
Jeff Davis: Davis Custom Decorators  
Tom Cravatta: Area Small Engine

One year Board Members:  
Ann Crouse: State Bank of Pearl City  
Nancy Tobin: Retired

Karen Davis—Events Coordinator

Laura Miller-DeSpain—Interim  
Marketing Coordinator  
dabluz boutique

Sibyl Doty—Past President  
THE National Bank

And if I don't see you there or talk to you before then, Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours from me and mine. I'm grateful to be a part of this great (there I go again) community.

Looking forward to chatting with you on Thursday.

Need to visit with me? Here's the scoop:

Laura Miller-DeSpain, 116 E. Market Street, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053  
815-244-4058 (daytime) 815-244-1630 (home)

E-mail: [shop@dabluz.com](mailto:shop@dabluz.com)

## Chamber Meeting

**November 5th — Land of Oz**  
**Come see what Chamber is all about.**

**Social Time—6 PM**

**Dinner—6:30 PM**

**Meeting—7:15 PM**

## Chicken & Rice Dinner

**Cost: \$10 per person. Please RSVP by**  
**Monday, November 2nd at 5 PM.**

**Call 800-244-9594 (Option 1)**  
**or Email: [admin@mtcarrollil.org](mailto:admin@mtcarrollil.org)**

**Mission Statement:** The Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce is a community organization in partnership with business, tourism and government to further promote economic growth and quality of life in Mt. Carroll.

## Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 9/19/09	\$ 7,007.85	
		<u>REVENUE</u>
9/28/2009 RB Float Cash		\$ 75.00
9/29/2009 RB Float Sales		\$ 209.00
9/30/2009 Interest		\$ 0.70
10/7/2009 Dues		\$ 300.00
10/7/2009 Strip Ad		\$ 10.00
1/9/2009 Meeting Cash		\$ 75.00
10/9/2009 Meeting Meals		\$ 180.00
10/9/2009 Wine Glass Refund		\$ 120.00
10/17/2009 Dues		\$ 75.00
10/27/2009 Oktoberfest Sponsorships		\$ 1,550.00
10/27/2009 Oktoberfest Cash		\$ 400.00
10/27/2009 Oktoberfest Proceeds		\$ 685.00
SubTotal		<u>\$ 3,679.70</u>
		<u>EXPENSE</u>
10/4/2009 Mt Carroll CDC		\$ 353.91
10/4/2009 Village Voices		\$ 75.00
10/4/2009 Blackhawk Waterways		\$ 46.35
10/4/2009 Northwest Quarterly		\$ 365.00
10/6/2009 WCCI		\$ 100.00
10/6/2009 Century Tel		\$ 35.64
10/8/2009 Meeting Cash		\$ 75.00
10/8/2009 Laura Miller (Reimbursement)		\$ 19.36
10/8/2009 Kallemezoo's		\$ 180.00
10/18/2009 Village Voices		\$ 57.10
10/18/2009 Shaw's		\$ 255.37
10/18/2009 Mirror Democrat		\$ 226.20
10/18/2009 American Legion		\$ 150.00
10/18/2009 Turning Point		\$ 630.00
10/18/2009 Don Karol		\$ 900.00
10/18/2009 Oktoberfest Cash		\$ 400.00
10/27/2009 Zachary Purcell		\$ 350.00
10/27/2009 Tom Cravatta (Reimbursement)		\$ 95.23
10/27/2009 Village Voices		\$ 300.00
10/27/2009 Prairie Advocate		<u>\$ 129.60</u>
SubTotal		<u>\$ 4,743.76</u>
Balance as of 10/27/09	\$ 5,943.79	
Balance in Credit Card Account	\$ 101.75	
Balance in projects account	\$ 1,941.26	
	<u>\$ 7,885.05</u>	

## Just a minute ... October 2009

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance: President Laura Miller-DeSpain  
 Motion to Approve Minutes: Barb Lange, Larry DeSpain seconded  
 Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Jean Hutchison, Barb Lange seconded  
 Vice-President's Report  
 Committee Reports:  
 \*Events  
 \*Marketing  
 \*CDC  
 Old Business: None  
 New Business: None

## Lamp Post Decorating Contest Winners

**Judge's Favorite:**  
The Garden Eatery

**Best Representation of Business or Organization:**  
Schneider House Furniture  
Brick Street Red Hat Club

**"THANK YOU"**  
to all businesses and organizations who participated in this event.

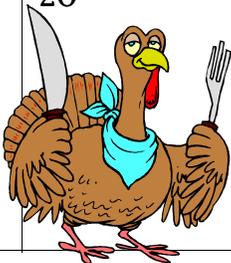
## Holiday Shop Hop

**Friday, November 13 & Saturday, November 14  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Mt. Carroll and Lanark**

Mt. Carroll and Lanark Chamber of Commerce's and the Carroll County Artisans Group have joined forces to help promote the artisans of Carroll County.

Mt. Carroll Banking Center is taking food donations for the food pantry. We will be collecting through November to help make everyone's Thanksgiving a little better in these hard economic times. You may drop the canned and/or boxed goods off at the bank during regular banking hours. If you are really creative and want to do a food sculpture with your donation, please feel free to do that in the bank's lobby. Otherwise, just put the food in a bag or box.

# November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products  <b>Election Day</b>	4 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting at Library	5 6 PM—Chamber Member Meeting at Land of Oz	6	7
8	9	10 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products  7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	11 8 AM—Marketing Committee meeting at Good Samaritan Center in Mt. Carroll  UMC Turkey Supper  <b>Veteran's Day</b>	12 6 PM—Relay For Life Planning Committee meeting at Heritage Center in Lanark	13 9 to 4 PM—Holiday Shop Hop in Mt. Carroll and Lanark	14 9 to 4 PM—Holiday Shop Hop in Mt. Carroll and Lanark  3 to 6 PM—David Alan Badger Book Signing at the Mt. Carroll Library
15	16	17	18 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz  7 PM—HPAC Historic Preservation Advisory Committee meeting at City Hall	19 9:30 AM—Carroll County Board meeting at Courthouse	20	21
22	23 6 PM—City Committees meeting at City Hall	24 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting  7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	25	26 	27	28
29	30	<b>Visit the Community Calendar online at <a href="http://www.mtcarrollil.org">www.mtcarrollil.org</a> Educational Seminars/Webinars are also listed under the Community Calendar Heading</b>				Dec 5 Mt. Carroll Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes

**Be a member of the Mt Carroll Chamber of Commerce (renew your membership).**

**Dues are \$75 for businesses and \$37.50 for individuals.**

**It is NOT necessary to own a business to be a Chamber member.**

**Mail to: Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 94, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

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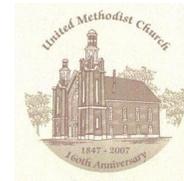
*"We take the time to care."*

## Past Chamber Ornaments

### Still Available



Green  
Lettering  
on Green Mist



Brown  
Lettering on  
Golden Mist



Red  
Lettering  
on White



Gold  
Lettering on  
Tan

## Christmas Ornaments

The 2009 Limited Edition Treasured Scenes Ornaments featuring the Pharmacy Center Building are available. Please contact JoAnn Palmer at 244-2343 or stop by Flower Fan-A-See or dabluz boutique.

Some past ornaments are still available; including Lutheran Church, Methodist Church, Colehour Elevator, & Main Street School.

## Events Committee

**Oktoberfest** was well attended Saturday night, Oct. 24 when the weather was clear. Tom Cravatta did an outstanding job pulling together a wide variety of activities for downtown, live music, assorted competitions and the annual cemetery tour. Friday's events were disappointing due to the wet, windy weather which kept people away. Next year, let's find more people able to give Tom a hand making the preparations and working the event. *Thank you Tom* for all you did.

**Coming Soon! This year's Tour of Homes**, will be **Saturday, December 5**. Five houses, never before seen on the tour promise a wide variety of decorating and architectural style. If you are interested and able to assist by hosting at one of the homes or by selling tickets, please contact Karen Davis at [kadavis40@hotmail.com](mailto:kadavis40@hotmail.com).

Thanks to the effort of Ann Crouse and Linda Anderson the tour will include the homes of Alex & Amy Veith, Ron & Marsha Foltz, Diane Manikowski, Bruce & Penny Lally (the Marlboro house), and Jim & Vivian Eaton.

**New this year: Tour hours will be 10-2**

**NO photography will be permitted inside the homes**

This will be an exciting tour. If you are a merchant who would like to take the tour but are unable due to your work responsibilities, please let Karen know that you need an invitation to this year's twilight tour, taking place the evening after the tour. Advance tickets will soon be available at dabluz boutique, local banks and Land of Oz.

**The Christmas Walk** details are coming together. It will be during business hours on Saturday, December 5. Santa will be available downtown for children to bring him their wish lists and to have their complimentary photo with Santa taken. Be sure to take your dray ride and search for the elusive prize in the Treasure Hunt. Merchant specials will be offered that day. More details will be announced as they are confirmed. If you have any ideas or are able to help out with the planning, please contact Laura Miller at dabluz boutique.

**Wreath Fluffing** will take place at City Hall. Be sure to let Jean Hutchinson know if you are available to help. Gwen has created lovely new bows for our wreaths so we need to change out the bows as well as fluff and check the lights.

**Looking ahead:** Please get your event's information to Christiene and to the Marketing Committee as it becomes available. The Calendar of Events and the website need to be current and they can only be that way when we all feed the details to them. Please be sure to be mindful of this very important detail.