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“Tales from the Vault” Features 19th Century Fashion on June 13
Free Public Program at ISM Research and Collection Center

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Underneath every beautiful Victorian gown was a complicated set of underpinnings to support it. Join the Illinois State Museum's curator of decorative arts and history, Erika Holst, to learn about what 19th century folks wore under their clothes. See examples from the ISM's collection and learn about corsets, chemises, petticoats, and hoops, as well as men's undergarments. This program takes place at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 at the Illinois State Museum's Research and Collections Center, 1011 E. Ash Street, Springfield, and is free and open to the public.

Please note that there is construction on Ash Street, so the Collections Center can be accessed from Laurel Street to 10 1/2 Street.

"Tales from the Vault" is a collaborative program hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the Illinois State Museum which allows the public to discover some of the treasures from these institutions' collections. Each program will include the chance to view an artifact or document not normally on display, commentary by a staff member or local scholar, and a chance for group discussion. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch. All programs are free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact events@illinoisstatemuseum.org or (217) 558-6696.

