



The Museums at Lisle Station Park

Transcript: Tour Tidbit – Tavern Hops Garden

Hi everyone! My name is Concetta and I'm the Museum Manager and curator at The Museums at Lisle Station Park. This is another Tour Tidbit, where we give you a quick background or update on one of our usual tour stops. So grab your favorite beverage, and some pictures of this mini-sode's focus, our Tavern Hops Garden.

A good place to find us is on our Clio walking tour, by going to www.theclio.com [SPELL] and typing in Lisle Illinois in the top search bar [SPELL]. You'll see all of our Clio walking tour entries pop up when you scroll down, so make sure you pick Tavern Hops Garden. If you're already on a virtual field trip with us, you're a step ahead and already have the link. Hit the pause button and pull it up, I'll wait for you.

Hops plants are herbs, that grow leaves, cones, and vines that twist and turn and grow really long. The cones are filled with a yellow oily powder called lupulin.

Herbs have been used throughout human history to flavor foods, medicine, and beverages. Hops is DEFINITELY one of these useful herbs, mostly because of the different flavors of the different varieties of hops.

Hops were used for all kinds of things, but one of my favorites is that people used to stuff their pillows with the cones to help keep little critters away. Other creatures use parts of the hops plants too, like wasps who gather the leaves to make their nests.

We are in the process of updating our Tavern Hops Garden. We've already got a tall pole with ropes in the ground so the vines can grab on and spiral up. We may start some of the plants by planting seeds, but we'll also be digging up the mature plants from our home garden and replanting them here.

Take a look at our online resources for pictures and more! And field trippers – don't forget to check your instructions page to see everything we gave you!



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Our theme song was created by Big Cats.