



# Fourth Tuesday Program

## History of the Apron

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The apron that we Americans know originated in medieval Europe. You may think of the apron as woman's attire, and that perception certainly is quite common. Nonetheless, men and women have worn aprons since its European beginning. You will learn of the debate as to when the man's colorful BBQ apron came into existence. You will learn of the era when many women had to change from their kitchen aprons to their hostess aprons. There are many other twists and turns in the history of aprons.



*Apron: (n) a protective or decorative garment worn over the front of one's clothes and tied at the back: Oxford Dictionary*

Mary Conrad is a once-upon-a-time history major who retired after over 40 years as a school librarian in KCKS district.

Mary became interested in aprons when she saw a traveling apron exhibit at a KCMO public library.

**August 25, 2020**

**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

**Tonganoxie Community  
Historical Society  
Site & Museum**

210 West Washington St.  
Tonganoxie, KS 66086

TCHS presents programs on the Fourth Tuesday of every month (except June and December).

These program meetings are held in the Fairchild Knox Barn on the museum site.

The meetings begin at 7:00 pm and include a brief business meeting and historical program.

All members of the community are welcome. The program is free; and refreshments are served after the program.