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Prairie Du Chien, Wis. – After the sun sets, listen to the legend of the ghosts of St. Feriole Island come to life at the Villa Louis Mansion on Saturday, October 28! This entertaining, sometimes spooky event, “Spirits of St. Feriole Island”, is fun for all ages and will take place from 5:30 – 9:00 pm.

“The whole family can enjoy a night of Halloween fun,” said Susan Caya-Slusser, southwest sites regional director. “Guests will have the opportunity to explore a different side of Villa Louis through a variety of immersive experiences both inside the mansion and on its grounds that date back to Victorian times.”

The “Spirits of St. Feriole Island” will feature lamplight tours of Villa Louis and its grounds, an authentic Victorian wake in the parlor and plenty of “spirits” around to tell weird and mysterious tales from the era of the fur trade through the time of the Dousmans.

The Villa Louis mansion is the centerpiece of a Victorian estate built by the family of Hercules Dousman, an entrepreneur who amassed a fortune through the fur trade

and other investments. Villa Louis is now one of the most authentically furnished Victorian historic homes in America.

The event is being held on Saturday, October 28 from 5:30 – 9:00 pm. The cost to attend the event is \$12.50 for adults, \$6 for children, and children ages 4 and under are free. For more information visit villalouis.org or call 608-326-2721.

About Villa Louis

The historic Villa Louis mansion is the centerpiece of a grand Victorian estate built by the family of Hercules Dousman, a frontier entrepreneur who amassed a fortune in the fur trade and other frontier investments. The mansion has just undergone a top-to-bottom documentary restoration that has returned the Dousman home to the splendor of its 1890s heyday, using British Arts and Crafts interior designs inspired by famed designer William Morris.

About Wisconsin Historical Society

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