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Our Interview with Wings Over Alma President Kathy Jepsen

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Alma, WI is a quaint tourist town with unique buildings, restaurants, inns, pubs, and shops. The colorful downtown stems from a rich history of railroads, logging and the river. Alma has hiking paths, a winery, and the Buena Vista Overlook which provides an amazing view of the

river valley and lock and dam #4 in the center of town. The community also has many special places to visit including the Nature and Art Center, [Wings Over Alma](#) located at [118 North Main Street - Alma, WI 54610](#).

Kathy Jepsen, museum board president says, “Wings over Alma is a non-profit organization that is totally run by volunteers. The facility is located downtown on the Mississippi River and even has a deck where you can see the Lock and Dam as well as eagles, swans and pelicans as they travel through the area on their migratory path, in fact during the winter visitors can watch eagles feeding as they congregate, often in large numbers, to fish the open waters below the Dam”.



In addition, there is a gallery that features local artists, a gift shop with items from local crafts people and Mississippi nostalgia items. Throughout the year they highlight special programs, artist receptions, and presentations on several topics, such as the migratory flight of monarch butterfly and the plantings that support them. They of course feature migratory bird information and with the added benefit of being able to watch them from inside the comfort of the WOA Center.



As a nonprofit organization [Wings Over Alma](#) relies on donation and revenue from special events like the annual “Birding by Train” events where riders can board the Chippewa Valley Motorcar Association’s Mini-Train with a bird guide and a train historian while traveling through the Tiffany State Wildlife Area and the Chippewa River Bottoms during the Spring and Fall migrations. Truly an unforgettable experience! This year’s, 2026, events are scheduled for May 2nd and September 5th.

And while you are in Alma you can also visit the [Castlerock Museum](#) which features war history with armaments, swords and other wartime items or the [Alma Area Museum](#) featuring local history.

If you would like more information on the beautiful town of Alma, WI, you can visit their website: [Explore Alma Wisconsin - Alma WI Tourism Commission...](#)