

# Angel Museum to reopen with sale

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BELOIT — Celestial figures can again be seen at Beloit's Angel Museum beginning Thursday, April 7, opening day for the season.

Of special significance this year, there also will be the sale of more than 90 seraphims on April 8 and Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Seraphims are limited edition, classic angel figurines, said Dee Ward, Angel Museum board treasurer who is in charge of the sale. The collection of more than 90 seraphims belonged to the late Dawn Marie Galloway. Former Beloiters Charles Galloway donated the collection to the museum. One of the angels will be kept at the museum in memoriam to the original owner and the rest are to be sold with proceeds to help fund museum operational expenses.

“We were overwhelmed,” said Bev Melton, Angel Museum board president, of the large donation.

The seraphims come with documentation, too, she said.

“All have boxes and certificates,” Ward said.

Of special note are two figures, that of the Archangel Raphael and the Archangel Michael, Ward said. They are the most valuable, she said.

There is no charge to get in to the sale. The prices of the seraphims range from \$5 to \$130 with the average price \$25 to \$35, Ward said. The sale will occur in the lower section of the Angel Museum, at 656 Pleasant St., in A Taste of Heaven Café. The Heavenly Treasures Gift Shop, and the museum on the upper level also will be open.

The Angel Museum houses the world's largest collection of angels with more than 11,000 angels and angel artifacts on display. They have been donated by Joyce Berg of Beloit, Oprah Winfrey and



## Soon to open: Beloit's Angel Museum

Dee Ward, Angel Museum Board Treasurer, sets out two of the more than 90 donated seraphims or classic angel figurines to be sold at the museum on April 8 and April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shown are two of the most valuable seraphims, Archangel Michael and Archangel Raphael. The angels to be sold will range from \$5 to \$130.

others. Six hundred angels of the collection are black angels, gifts given to Winfrey from her fans.

The Angel Museum opened in 1998 in the former St. Paul Catholic Church along the Rock River. The building is owned by the City of Beloit and is on the register for historical landmarks. The site is operated by volunteers and two part-time employees.

The Angel Museum will remain open for the season Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. from April 7 to the end of December. Admission during the month of April is “pay what you can”, either monetary or non-perishable food items to be donated to Caritas food pantry. After that, admission fee is: adult, \$7; seniors, \$6; family up to 5 people, \$20; military and student with I.D., \$5 and children 6 and under are free. The museum is wheelchair accessible.

Paid for memberships to the museum allow patrons admission to the site, voting rights at the annual meeting, to receive the newsletter and more. The cost ranges from \$15 for annual senior memberships to lifetime memberships of \$1,000.