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DUBOIS COUNTY MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Regular Hours:
 Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Closed Monday (all times are EST)

**Christmas trees and
 decorations displayed till
 January 6, 2019.**

December 1-2 O'Tannenbaum Days:

Saturday, December 1-9 am Breakfast with Santa - plus Christmas crafts, activities, and visits with Santa; Reservations required. Contact csermersh@hotmail.com

December 1, 2 pm Violin concert by The Strings, Inc. Don't miss.

Sunday, December 2 - 2pm Violin - musical entertainment on the front porch by Lisa Hoppenjans.

December 7

6pm-10:30am Girl Scouts work on a space science badge during a "Night at the Museum." Limited to Girl Scouts and their supervisors.

December 8

Cookie Walk - 10am-2pm
 10:30 storytime by the log house. Theme: Cookies

December 9

Cookie Walk - 1-3pm
 Dubois County Country Cloggers perform at 1:30. Refreshments.

December 15

10am-4pm Christmas Lego Model Train Display by Lori and Donald Richardson, Storytime at 10:30am. Theme: Train stories, 12:30pm - movie and popcorn

December 16

1:30pm Blake Buechlein will be showing his live reptiles including snakes, lizards, turtles, etc. Fascinating for all ages!

Dec 24, 25, 31 & Jan 1 Closed

January 12

10:30am Storytime
 Guest reader Molly Rupert, Theme: Snow Dance

January 24

6pm Charles Moman presents a program "My Journey to Auschwitz". In collaboration with the Jasper Public Library. Program in front of the log house. Refreshments.

Membership Dinner Thursday, January 31, 2019 Celebrating Our History, Our Heritage, Our Legacy

The Dubois County Museum Board invites all members to the Annual Membership Dinner on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at the museum. Fellowship will begin at 6:00pm, with a delicious meal served at 6:30pm. Displayed on the tables will be a small showing of the Mae and Don Metzger Hummel Collection. This collection was bequeathed from the Metzger Estate to the Dubois County Museum in 2018. The Museum Board is investigating several options for the collection. Members, come early to dinner to enjoy each and every Hummel figurine displayed on the

tables. It truly is a wonderful collection and the Museum is very appreciative of the Don and Mae Metzger Estate. The tickets are \$20 and the deadline to make reservations is Sunday, January 23, 2019. A flyer about the dinner is included in this newsletter. Please mail the dinner reservation by January 23, 2019.



Janet Kluemper Announces her Retirement as Program and Exhibit Chairman



Janet Kluemper announced her intent to the Museum Board of Directors in October 2018 to retire as the Chairman of the Programs and Exhibits Committee on December 31, 2018. In 1998 Janet involved herself with a group of people who were gathering with the sole purpose of launching a county museum. She remembers sketching out the first exhibits layout for the original museum, located in the historic Gutzweiler Gramelspacher Building. She continued to work with exhibits and all the many artifacts that were donated to the museum by county residents, and then in 2004 at the new location on 2704 N. Newton Street, she added the Program Chairman to her responsibilities. In 2002 she was a part of the hard working volunteers that produced the Military Review book. The book was so popular and people submitted even more pictures and information concerning our county's veterans, that the group published a second edition, Military Review II. In 2016 Janet submitted plans and descriptions to the Indiana Bicentennial Commission for a newly reimagined German exhibit and the exhibit was awarded a Bicentennial Remembrance Award from the commission. She has enjoyed meeting with so many people and working to spotlight the many artifacts donated to the Museum. Janet has certainly left her stamp on the Dubois County Museum and the Board thanks her for her 20 plus years of service. She will have some big shoes to fill. Janet will remain a member of the Board of Directors.

Calendar Continued

January 31

6pm Museum Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting
 "Celebrating Our History, Our heritage, Our Legacy"
 A night to celebrate. Come see the Hummel Collection displayed that were bequeathed from the Don and Mae Metzger Estate.

February 9

10:30pm Storytime
 Theme: Love and Valentines

Board of Directors

- Amy Weyer, *President*
- Mary Ellen Baker, *Vice President*
- Margaret "Reg" Wagner, *Treasurer*
- Kathy Bachman, *Secretary*
- W. Jean Hoffman
- Janet Kluemper
- Charlotte Schneider
- William Weikert
- Beverly Schmutzler
- Kurt Vonderheide
- Ryan Flanion
- Janet Kluemper
- Mark Kunkel
- Sandy Miller
- Bruce Heeke
- Joe Shelton

please cut and mail

2019 memberships can be paid at any time. Check date above address and see if your dues are due. If the date is 12/31/2018 or before, then your dues are coming due. We appreciate your continued support to the Dubois County Museum.

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Renewal New Member(s)

DUBOIS COUNTY MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

Letter from the PRESIDENT

DEAR MEMBERS, DONORS, AND VOLUNTEERS,

It's hard to believe 2018 is coming to a close. It feels like I was just drafting my introduction note as I assumed the role of president. This past year has been an honor for me. I have gotten to meet and work with many passionate and talented people. For some, this year has been a challenge as I have pushed for new initiatives. Change is scary, but inevitable to progress.

I'd like to first thank Janet Kluemper, our Exhibit and Program coordinator, as she has decided to officially retire from her many duties. Visionaries like Janet have made this museum what it is. Thank you Janet for your tireless work.

I'd also like to acknowledge the train club for their effort to reinvigorate the train room. While things aren't moving as quickly as anticipated, we all acknowledge your hard work and determination to make the best space possible and look forward to what it is in store.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all of you, our members. I appreciate the kind words of encouragement many of you have shared regarding the direction I hope to continue to take the museum. Your openness to my ideas and enthusiasm for our children's program initiatives is inspiring. I hope to engage even more Dubois County residents in the coming year as we look to expand our offering to different groups.

Dubois County is a place of pride—it is a place where we celebrate our achievements and look forward to the future. We are a community steeped in tradition, but mindful of what we need to do to continue to make this place a desirable location. The Dubois County Museum is a space that enables the community to look back at where we have been while keeping an eye on where we are going. A deeper understanding of our past helps us to better navigate our future.

The future here at the Dubois County Museum is bright and I thank you for your support. Happy holidays to all of you.

Sincerely,
Amy Weyer
President,
Dubois County Museum

Programs and Exhibits

The Indiana State Museum is collecting an ornament from each county for its huge tree this year. The 2018 artist from Dubois County is Joseph "Swampy" Schoenbachler of Jasper. He has been carving wood since the age of 10. His impetus to sell artwork came when he was in a Huntingburg store looking at another artist's artwork, and he remarked, "I can do better than that." Hearing him, the store owner Judy Rohleder challenged him to bring his artwork in. He did and that year he made \$800. His style is folk art. He does anything small up to storefront Indians. In August of 1990 Swampy began carving Santas. He produced a 25-year series of Santas. They can be found as tiny ones up to the 2-footers he has sold all over the region.



Swampy with Christmas ornaments.

VOLUNTEERS SPOTLIGHT

The Volunteer Spotlight this quarter is on W. Jean Hoffman. She joined together with a group of strangers (at the time) to organize a committee to collect items for the first Dubois County Museum. Little did she know that 20+ years later she would still be involved at the Museum. Jean is married to William "Bill" Hoffman for 58 years and they have two sons and five grandchildren. She is a lifetime member of St. John's Lutheran Church, in Boone Township. She served in various offices at her church and continues to serve as Treasurer. She retired after thirty years in 1996 at the Bank of Ireland/German American to spend more time with her family. In 2000 she decided to become a volunteer with the Collections Committee at the Museum. She meets each Tuesday with the committee to catalog, mark, photograph and properly store or display items received from our generous donors. She became a DCM Board member in 2002 and served as Secretary of the Board for eight years. She has chaired many Annual Membership Dinners (including 2019). She states, "There are many organizations that need volunteers. I am grateful that so many volunteers have chosen to help the Museum". Every Tuesday brings a variety of challenges in Collections. They "take a trip down memory lane" as they have been called to check items brought in, as well as, to visit homes, basements, etc. for interesting items. She is thankful each day that she is a part of the DCM volunteer family and considers many of them her friends. She truly believes "that in giving you receive". She encourages all to visit the 50,000 square feet of museum space, stroll through the 1900's village, check out the antique farm machinery and read the story about our trader's rifle on display. She finds that artifact fascinating.

COLLECTIONS SPOTLIGHT

41,300 Collection Items to Date

Norbert Krapf Collection

The Norbert Krapf Collection at the Dubois County Museum has more than 600 items. Since he is the former Indiana Poet Laureate, a number of the items are books of poetry that he composed. On November 10, 2018, he presented a reading at the museum from his latest book THE RETURN OF SUNSHINE which he said is his twenty-ninth book.

Norbert Krapf is a native of Dubois County and a graduate of Jasper High School. Active in Boy Scouts, he has given the museum numerous Boy Scout items including his Boy Scout Eagle Award that is on display in the Boy Scout Exhibit at the museum. He also gave the museum his Edward J. Rottet, Jr. Scout Award plaque that was presented to him in 1959.

Other donations include photos, documents and objects that belonged to Norb and members of his family that reflect their life in Dubois County. Norb lettered in football and baseball at Jasper High School, and there are photos and memorabilia of his school activities.

In 2017, IUPUI Archives transferred seven cartons of research materials used by Norbert Kraft in writing his book, FINDING THE GRAIN: PIONEER GERMAN JOURNALS AND LETTERS FROM DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA, originally published in 1977. The Krapf materials are stored in the John J. Fierst Library and Archives located in the Collections storage area at the museum.

Norb and his wife, Katherine, have been members of the Dubois County Museum for more than 15 years. He was one of the first presenters when the museum opened in 1999, and he has given presentations nearly every year. Many of his books are sold in the museum's gift shop including his book, FINDING THE GRAIN.

For more information or to donate items to the museum, please contact Mary Ann Hayes, Collections Committee Chair, at 812-634-7733 or mhayes@duboiscountymuseum.org.



Jean Hoffman is shown with a display of the Metzger Hummel collection.

Memorials & Honorariums

8/17/18 through 11/8/18

IN MEMORY OF

Richard Dedrick	Kathy Goss
David Doersam	Gerald & Alice Apple
Jim Fischer	Anonymous
Robert Fleck	Alice Noblitt, Leola Heeke
Jerry Kays	Gerald & Alice Apple
Frances Kunz	Margaret Casper
John & Mary Mann	Gary & Marlene Eck
Lloyd Mann	Richard & Janice Schmarr
Robert L. Meyer	Alice Noblitt
Sally Rees	Fred & Pat Hollinden, Alice Noblitt
Lyle Schaus	Richard & Janice Schmarr
	Bernard & Norma Kress
Robert Schepers	Mike & Kathy Bachman
Lou Ann Schuler	Bruce & Denise Heeke
Frances Schultz	Alice Noblitt
Dorothy Mae Seitz	Gary & Marlene Eck
Richard L. Sendelweck	Bill & W. Jean Hoffman
	Sandra Miller, Don & Mary Ann Hayes,
	Janice E Lemon, John & Jane Burger,
	Kathy Goss, John F. Opel, Bill & Jan Rubino,
	Mike & Kathy Bachman
Laverne Sermersheim	Delbert & Sharon Himsel
Lavella Singer	Alice Noblitt
Jerry Terwiske	Gary & Marlene Eck
Mary Lynn Vonderheide	Alice Noblitt

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FOR THE YOUTH FUNDRAISER

From August 1, 2018 thru November 8, 2018

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