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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

The Dubois County Museum is planning to hold the following programs and to cancel some of the annual programs that are typically held at the museum in the fall, but due to the COVID 19 virus, will not be held. Please check the museum's Facebook or Twitter page for the most up-to-date listings or cancellations.

September

30 Nifty Night Free Night at the Museum
5:30-8:00 p.m. Celebrate Cider production. See the presses.

October

24 Trivia night at the Museum Fundraiser TBA
29 Nifty Night Free Night at the Museum
Spooky Streets - Bring your ghosts and goblins of all ages for indoor Trick-or-treating in our candle lit village.
5:30 - 8 p.m.

November

19 Free Night at the Museum 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Open house. Opening of the Festival of Trees

Open House on Thursday, November 19 from 5:30-8:00pm. Christmas at the Museum: Community Connections--Celebrate Christmas with us-- view decorated trees from local communities and enjoy displays that feature items from museum's collection that have special meaning for the communities in Dubois County. Glorious Santa figurines, a large collection of delightful Hummel figurines and a scale model Dickens village will also be on display. Stroll through our candlelit village and stop by our Christmas photo booth to capture a special image to commemorate your visit. On display from Nov. 19 till January 5
26 Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December

5-6 O'Tannenbaum Days Come in and enjoy the Community decorated Christmas trees, the Santa figurines, the Hummel collection of figurines and scale model Dickens village. Stroll through our candlelit village. Capture the day with a photo taken at our special photo booth.
12 Thru 13 Cookie Walk TBA
17 Free Night at the Museum 5:30-8:00pm. View the trees and decorations. Refreshments served. Wonder of Wassail
24 and 25, 31 and January 1 Closed for Christmas Holiday

DCM presents...Shared Heritage

We are very proud to announce that we have been successful in our quest for grant funding for our *Shared Heritage* Satellite Exhibit program. We have received \$10,000 from the Heritage Support Grants provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by the Lilly Endowment Inc. We were also awarded a community grant from the Dubois County Community Foundation for \$20,000.

These funds will be used to develop satellite exhibits which will travel throughout the county, highlighting our shared history and love of community. As you all know, communities are held together by interpersonal relationships: friends, neighbors, family, and loved ones. Our social ties and shared experiences create cohesion, mutual understanding and fortitude. We believe that objects of material culture are the key to communicating experience from one generation to the next. Currently, our exhibit galleries present this opportunity to visitors and yet, with this satellite exhibit program, we will transcend beyond our gallery walls to share artifacts and their stories with the people who live and work in

Dubois County. Beginning in January of next year, *Shared Heritage* will bring curated exhibits to public facilities such as libraries, community centers, schools and senior living centers. The satellite exhibits will include audio, visual, and tactile components to aid in the interpretation of the objects.

Artifacts speak to all of us about times past. Just as your family heirlooms are cherished, cared for and treasured, so too are artifacts in the museum. Preserving these memories require a great deal of specialized care and handling. These grant funds will also allow DCM to provide special care to artifacts travelling with these exhibits.

As we develop our exhibit themes for the *Shared Heritage* program, we want to hear from you. Our initial community survey shows that exhibits relating to Foodways and Culture are crowd favorites. If you have not yet taken our survey, please go to our facebook, twitter or website to find the link to our survey and share your thoughts.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Please note our calendar of events has been streamlined due to COVID-19 restrictions. We look forward to welcoming you all to special holiday events designed with health and safety protocols in place.

About the Dubois County Museum

The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00-2:00pm, Saturday from 10:00-4:00pm and Sunday 1:00-4:00pm. Closed on Monday.

The Dubois County Museum is a local nonprofit organization committed to the collection, preservation and interpretation of historical artifacts and information important to the citizens of the county. Museum operations are funded by annual memberships, admissions, donations and gifts from visitors, area residents and businesses. It is located in Jasper at 2704 N. Newton Street (US231). Call (812) 634-7733. Please allow two hours to view exhibits. Visit the museum web site at www.duboiscountymuseum.org. Follow on Facebook and Twitter. Funded in part by the Dubois County Visitors Center. www.visitduboiscounty.com - 800-968-4578
Come see, discover, and celebrate our Heritage at the Dubois County Museum.

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2020 memberships can be paid at any time. Check date above address and see if your dues are due. If the date is 12/31/2019 or before, then your dues are coming due. We appreciate your continued support to the Dubois County Museum.

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DUBOIS COUNTY MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

Letter from OUR DIRECTOR

DEAR MEMBERS, DONORS, AND VOLUNTEERS,

The current challenges we are facing as a society in a pandemic remind us all of the value of preserving memories. It may not seem like the ideal time to document our experiences but this is an essential moment in our lives. Once we are all gone, the memory of this time will remain in the historical record which we are creating now.

History is the story of change, of times of transition. When viewed in retrospect, history contains lessons that help us all face the obstacles present in our own lives.

We have all read inspiring stories of overcoming adversity and in many of these the constant factor seems to be “community”. Social networks provide support, comfort, and sometimes, a road map for recovery. Large scale challenges are met by individuals coming together as a group, whether it be a club, school, religious organization, family, or neighborhood. As we continue to do our utmost to ensure the continuity of the historical record of Dubois County, we hope that you will look for instances in your own lives where a kind word, good deed, or gesture can raise the spirits of those around you and remind them of the power of community.

In the spirit of gratitude, thank you all for continuing to support the museum as members, donors, and friends.

Shirley J. Ray
Director

CONSTRUCTION

Work will begin on replacing the museum's roof on Monday, September 14. Room Two will be closed, but Room One, Room Three and Main Street areas will remain open.

Photo of Jasper High School cast of The County Minister from May 1, 1908.

COLLECTIONS SPOTLIGHT

46,000 Collection Items to Date

Making Connections

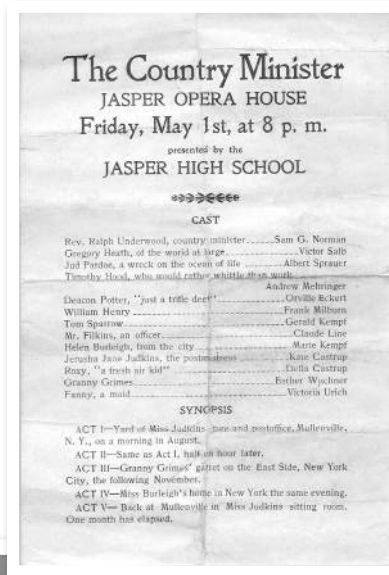
In July, the museum was gifted an interesting photo dated 1908. The handwriting on the back of the photo was in pencil that was faded badly, but the words, “The Country Minister” could be made out. A search of our computer records resulted in a match with a play bill for the Senior Play given by Jasper High School listing the Cast, including a description of each role and the names of the thirteen actors portraying the roles.

With the printed play bill, the names of the people written in faded pencil on the back of the photo could be made out. A check with the first Jasper High School Yearbook, The Ivy, 1913, resulted in learning that the students in the play were from the Class of 1908 that had six graduates and the Class of 1909 that had eleven graduates.

Collections is grateful to have the first JHS yearbook of 1913 that lists the graduates of JHS from 1898 until 1912, along with a brief description of their occupations in 1913. The graduates became successful citizens within a few years of their graduation from high school. It is interesting to compare the information with a 1908 high school photo that shows them in costume and posed as the role they portrayed in the play.

Thank you to all the donors who have gifted items to the museum. We are happy to care for your items and enjoy learning more about them.

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.



Volunteers Spotlight Mary Ann, Emma, & Ray

Our volunteers in the Spotlight today are Mary Ann Sander, Emma Schipp and Ray Larkin. They all have decided to “let the next generation” step in their shoes.

Mary Ann, and her husband, Denis, were part of the organizing and planning of the museum. They have always loved history and genealogy and were excited to join other likeminded individuals who were trying to get a county museum off the ground in 1998. They helped at and attended many programs sponsored by the museum and volunteered as a greeter to visitors at the door of the museum even while running a demanding dairy farm. Mary Ann and Denis contributed many items to the museum's collection including butter churn items and pieces of furniture from Kimball. Mary Ann spent many hours demonstrating churning butter at Heritage and Harvest Days, as well as, donating the cream needed to make butter. She donated cloth material in recent years to be used for a table cover for Home Expos. She enjoyed decorating Christmas trees for our Christmas season. It also was very common for this couple to stay late after programs to assist with clean up. Thank you Mary Ann for all your commitment to the museum.

Ray, and his wife, Nancy, always enjoyed history and learning more about the past. Ray would help at the first museum in the Gramelspacher-Gutzweiler building and later would greet visitors and try his hand as a guide at the present location. He chuckled at the early days of working at the new museum on Newton. He would be paired with John Fierst and Margaret Hochgesang. Both were historians and retired Jasper High School teachers. He heard many a story about the early county settlers and the past students of JHS from the two as they volunteered together. Ray, also, shared his memories of being in the service for a recent Veteran themed Festival of Trees program. Ray and Nancy have been contributors to the museum by way of Memorials given in memory of friends and family that have passed. They also donated an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the museum lobby and donated money for the roof replacement project. We have enjoyed Ray's stories and thank him for his hours of service to the museum.

Emma Schipp volunteered in the lobby at the museum and very much enjoyed her Saturday mornings once a month at the museum with Brenda Meyer and the late Jim Seger. They spent many an hour talking and laughing among themselves and with visitors. Emma enjoyed decorating the many Christmas trees at the museum and here she and Mary Ann Sander finish up a tree in Room 1. Thank you Emma for your many hours of volunteering to make the museum a special place.



Here Emma and Mary Ann help decorate a tree at Christmas.

Memorials & Honorariums

5/16/20 through 8/26/20

IN MEMORY OF

Daniel Kluesner *Pat & Jim Riley*
Donald Neal *Fred & Pat Hollinden*
Lana Lanman for the Lil' Pioneers Area
Louis & Linda Seng
Jane Potter
Daniel Kluesner *Michael & Kathy Bachman*
Kenneth Seger *Marietta (Mary) Bachman*
Michael & Kathy Bachman
Frieda Bellner Messmer for Collections
Don & Mary Ann Hayes
Mary Gehlhausen *Mary Ellen Backer*
Frank Reckelhoff *Tom & Donna Boehm*
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Gloria Buecher *Alice Noblitt*
Art Kapp *Rosina Schuler*
Linda Lampert *Michael & Kathy Bachman*
Linus Hassfurther *Michael & Kathy Bachman*
Anna Marie Mehringer
Michael & Kathy Bachman

IN HONOR OF

Patricia Fritch on her 90th Birthday
Dick & Joan Lampert

Norbert Krapf Books for Sale

The Dubois County Museum and poet Norbert Krapf have decided to cancel his reading planned for September 19 due to the pandemic.

For those wishing to purchase books, Norb will be selling his last two books directly from him. His Indiana Hill Country sells for \$18 and his new book, Southwest by Midwest sells for \$20. For those who order both, he will give a discount price of \$35 and shipping is free, as it is also for those who only order one book. Readers can get details on both books by going to www.krapfpoetry.com. People should write to Norb at norbertkrapf@att.net to let him know about their order and he will give information about payment. These books are not available at the museum at this time. Earlier books by Krapf are available at the Museum Store.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help fill the shoes of those volunteers that have decided to step down. If you are interested in volunteering, please give Kathy Bachman at call at 812-630-8696.