



Dubois County Museum E Newsletter

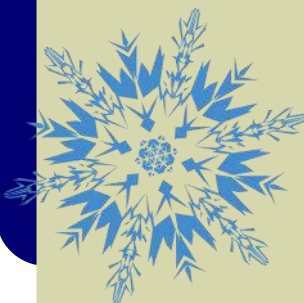
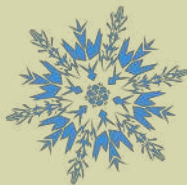
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Special points of interest:

FREE Nifty Night

Boy Scout
Exhibit en-
hanced.
Opening on
Thursday,
January 21
from 5:30-
8:00 p.m.



It Bears Repeating...*Thank You and Please Take Our Survey!*

We announced in the September 2020 Membership Newsletter that we were awarded grants for our Shared Heritage program. This program was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Heritage Support Grants provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by the Lily Endowment Inc., as well as, a community grant from the Dubois County Community Foundation for \$20,000. Thank you to these two entities so much for your generous support of this program at the Dubois County Museum.

What does all this mean? Well, it means we are taking a selection of the museum artifacts on the road to you by displaying museum items in public facilities such as libraries, community centers, schools and senior living centers (to name a few). The satellite exhibits will include audio, visual, and tactile/touch senses to assist you in learning about this artifact and the display. Some of the grant will be used to insure safe transportation of these treasured heirlooms with the proper packaging.

Themes are being developed. Some themes discussed were Woman's Suffrage (voting rights), Township baseball teams, Poultry and Egg Industry, Patoka Lake Reservoir, One Room Schools and Ancestral origins (Genealogy).

A survey, asking for your input, ran in June and is again repeated now on our DCM Facebook page. Please take the survey and give the DCM some of your thoughts and insights. We are especially looking for venues to take our exhibits.
Thank you.

What a Great Collaboration of Museum Staff this Christmas!

This holiday season saw a wonderful collaboration of areas of the museum identities. The Exhibit Team went all out and created a picturesque backdrop for a Photo Booth area, decorated the museum with festive Christmas decorations, laid out a wonderful miniature Dickens Village and displayed more

of the Hummel Collection. Our wonderful volunteers again displayed the Santa Collection of Kay Smock, decorated trees and created a Memory Tree of those special volunteers that have died. The Festival of Trees committee coordinated the county communities and assisted them wherever it

was needed. The Community volunteers did an outstanding job decorating their trees this year. Our maintenance personal helped prepared the trees again. It was a great spirit of working together to make the holidays bright.

Thank you to all that helped.

2021 Themes and Ideas



The Exhibit team met with Director Shirley Ray and brainstormed ideas to coordinate new exhibits with the monthly Free Nights program that began in 2020.

The first exhibit will feature the Boy Scouts Exhibit. The present exhibit will be updated and will be ready for the January Free Night.

Possible Free Night Programs on tap are:

January - Boy Scouts
 February - Lincoln
 March - Childhood, "Oh Baby" temporary display opening
 April - Rustic, Bands, Music
 May - STEM Toyota Grant-mechanical engineering
 June - Railroads
 July - 4-H

August -Natural Resources
 September - Fall Art Show
 October - Spooky Streets
 November - Home Economics
 December -Christmas

The first FREE Nifty Night is Thursday, January 21, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Monthly Free Nifty Nights will be scheduled on the third Thursday of the month.

The next new exhibit to open in the Temporary Exhibit space that housed the Photo Booth in December will be featured items from childhood. "Oh, Baby" will open March 1 and run to

October. This new exhibit will feature Vintage baby and children clothing, beds, strollers, toys, etc. Can also display some of our doll collection.

Temporary Exhibit ideas discussed included Genealogy (Shared Heritage satellite exhibit launch), Lincoln, Photography, Barber/Beauty Shop, Vintage clothing and possibly Rustic/bars/taverns.

Be sure to check out our Facebook and Twitter sites and our Website to new happenings.

The Roof Repair is Finished!

Schmidt Contracting of Jasper finished the roof replacement in December. Work had begun on September 14 and involved replacing the old roof, tearing off the older factory vents and putting down a new white colored roof and extra insulation. The

DONE!

extra insulation and white color will help in keeping the heat inside in winter and reflect the sun in summer.

Maintenance volunteers had taken large sheets of plastic and covered the collections from the falling debris and years of collected sawdust in the rafters left from the

factory years. Those were taken down. Board members moved in and swept and dusted. Members of the Jasper High School national Honor Society put in some service hours and helped finish the clean up.

We have a great facility again.

In Sympathy

The Dubois County Museum Board of Directors express their sympathy to the families of Betty Hoffman,

Ray Larkin and Elfrieda Fleck who have passed away during the month of December 2020. These

three were involved volunteers at our museum and we will miss them.



2020 Year in Review

In some ways the year 2020 will not be easily forgotten and written off as a difficult and trying year. Kathy Bachman took stock of the year and came away with a review of the year. The year may surprise you.

January 2020 saw the year start with Storytime with the Optimist Club Special Needs Club joining in for a tour and Storytime Wintertime crafts and activities. Train and Coin Club met. The DCM Membership Meeting and Dinner was held and DCM welcomed our new director, Shirley Ray. A Satellite Exhibit was set up at Ferdinand Library. Many more were planned.

February saw a Celebration of Life gathering for long time museum volunteer and German language interpreter, Marilyn Nathan. A month of programs were held on learning Chess, Storytime (Hearts Theme), JHS Boys Basketball Booster Club celebrated milestone season from past, Lincoln Days for 2nd Graders, a school 5th grade tour, and Train and Coin Clubs met. Lee Bilderback spoke about Agriculture in Crossroads program.

March opened with many programs and rentals planned. A Preschool Tour was held, Storytime celebrated Dr. Seuss and the Marketing team participated in the Jasper Chamber of Commerce Home Expo at St. Joe's, Jasper. The many items planned for later half of

March were cancelled as the COVID 19 pandemic closed the museum on March 17. The museum remained closed till June 14.

Shirley Ray and Marketing Chairman, Kathy Bachman, began recording videos of museum exhibits and shared them on Facebook and Twitter beginning in May. These videos continued daily for some months and then periodically.

June saw the opening of the Athene Exhibit. The Rotary Club of Jasper worked to create a lovely exhibit honoring women leaders. Free Nifty Nights were begun with Fly Fishing lessons on building a fly. A Saturday program to learn how to make a Fly Fishing fly was also held.

July saw the beginning of Tai Chi classes being offered on Tuesdays at the museum. Joe Weigant is the instructor. Those classes continue every Tuesday. A tour was arranged for A Kids Place in Huntingburg. Free Nifty Nights continued but the speaker on woman's suffrage, was unable to come due to being quarantined. How often did we hear that this year?

August saw Tai Chi continue, our second Car Show in the Park, and a Free Nifty Night (but no program on Apple Cider presses. A apple Greet-

ing Card was offered instead).

September saw Tai Chi continue and a Free Nifty Night to learn games of Chess and Mah Jong. No Lions Radio Auction this year. Roof work closed Room 2 till December.

October saw many volunteers working to set up Spooky Streets in our Main Street area. The public's response was terrific and reservations had to be halted as the numbers grew too large for COVID safety. Actors Community Theater members participated and dressed as scary shop owners as they and museum volunteers handed out pre-packaged and safe candy. Fun night. Tai Chi continued.

Traditionally November is a time to decorate for Christmas at the museum. Volunteers from the museum and community came forward and made the museum a holiday and winter wonderland. The Opening of the Festival of Trees was held as an open House and a Free Nifty Night. Joe continued Tai Chi.

December programs of Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk were scrapped due to rise of COVID cases. Tai Chi continued and a Free Nifty Night featured the Wonder of Wassail.

Collections continued to take in items, including Chase Studio negatives, and our number of items rose from 44,000 in 2019 to 47,500 in 2020.

The number of visitors in 2020 was understandably down: from 9,721 to 3,387. Not many people venturing out.

Marketing continued with specials on WJTS, WITZ, News Now, WNIN, local newspapers and social media.





Dubois County Museum

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Hours are 10 s.m.-2p.m.
Tuesdays-Fridays, 10a.m.-
4p.m. Saturdays,
and 1-4p.m. on Sundays.
Closed Mondays.

Admission is \$5 per adult, \$3
high school age, \$2 middle
and elem. school, under 4-
free.



The Dubois County Museum is a local non profit 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. Call 812-634-7733. The DCM staff consists of a director and volunteers. Please allow two hours to view exhibits. Visit the museum web site www.duboiscountymuseum.org. Like us on Facebook and Twitter at Dubois County Museum. Funded in part by the Dubois County Visitors Center-www.visitduboiscounty.com .800-968-4578.

Book a tour by calling Kathy at 812-630-8696. Contact Kathy at 812-630-8696 if interested in volunteering.

For Room Rentals, contact the museum at 812-634-7733 and ask for Shirley, Peg or Joe.

Support the museum by making a Memorial Gift in memory of or in Honor of someone.

Membership Application

Membership levels: Please circle Individual-\$25, Couple-\$40, Family-\$50, Bronze-\$100, Copper-\$250, Silver-\$500, Gold-\$1,000, Platinum-\$3,000, Benefactor-\$5,000

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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Amount enclosed _____ May pay by Check, Cash or Credit Card .

Credit Card Type (circle) Visa MasterCard Discover Card # _____

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Please contact me: I am interested in volunteering in Exhibits, as Tour Guide, with Trains, Cleaning, Membership, Marketing, Children's Programs, Special Events, Greeter/Gift Shop, Other _____ (Circle those interested in).