



Dubois County Museum E-News

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Here Come the Holidays

As the calendar flips to November, most thoughts turn to Thanksgiving. Well, not at the Museum. Our plans and work turns to Christmas. On Thursday, November 16 the museum will open for a FREE Admission evening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Festival of Trees (our annual Christmas event) will again showcase the decorating marvels of the talented community tree experts and the added creativeness of several community organizations invited to showcase their



organizations. Decorating trees again will be our fifteen Dubois County communities and those from Columbia Township. These trees will be displayed in the Mural Room.

In addition to these groups, several organizations and churches have been asked to participate. A full list of decorators will be posted in the December newsletter. Possibly forty trees will be displayed.

Beginning November 16,

visitors are asked to vote for their favorite tree. Winners will be announced on Thursday, December 21 at the Holiday Open House.

On November 16th the museum welcomes the Patoka River Dulcimers to entertain.

The museum recently added ninety-seven additional Santa figurines to the Kay Smock Collections. Be sure to check out these wonderful pieces of art displayed through-out the museum.

Veterans Program Nov. 12, 1:30p.m.

Please join the museum on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 1:30 pm for a hour long program to honor veterans for their service to our country.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1918 to honor the end of World War I. In 1938, November 11 became a legal holiday dedicated to honoring World War I veterans. This act was later amended to include all veterans by chang-

ing the word "Armistice" with "Veterans."

Two guest speakers will be joining us to speak about their time serving our country, Christine Benitos (Office Manager at Benitos Group) will talk about her time in the military and what it was like being a woman who served. Ed Walston (professor at VUJC) will talk about his time serving in Vietnam.

Your admission this day enti-

ties you the opportunity to view our large military exhibit and all 50,000 square feet of exhibits at the museum. Check out a new exhibit on WWI called "A Military Christmas from WWI". Featured in the exhibit will be additional WWI items from the museum's collections and a 1918 Liberty truck lovingly restored by Robert Demuth of Ferdinand. The display will be in the Farm Equipment area.



Storytime-Being Thankful Theme



Storytime will be November 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Pioneer's Area. Join Mrs. Carrie Holdsworth, local Preschool owner and teacher, as she shares stories on the theme of "Being Thankful". Following the stories, she will introduce the crafts and activities that accompany this theme.

The Optimist Club of Jasper

is our sponsor for this program.

December 9th is the next date for Storytime. The 9th will begin with a breakfast with Santa called "The Night Before Christmas". It has moved to a new day and given a new title. Storytime will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the Cookie Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. and continues till 2:00 p.m.

1918 USA Liberty Truck

You want to check this out! Our Exhibit team has moved into the Farm Equipment Area a recent addition to our museum; a 1918 USA Liberty Truck. Here is a little history of this truck. After WWI the Liberty was owned by the US Army. A total of 10,000 trucks were surplused after WWI, where they were dispersed to cities and towns, and some were sold. This Liberty was one of two that the Ralph Roger's Co. owned in Bloomington. Then it moved in the 1940's to Louisville, KY to be used in Louisville Crushed Stone Quarry. It later traveled to other towns before being acquired by Francis Lindauer & Sons and then lastly purchased by Robert and Shirley Demuth of Ferdinand in 2011. The cab and chassis was restored by Lyle Dumont of Sigourney, IA.. The truck bed was built by Cornell Kemper in about the 1950's and the truck was used on the Emil Niehaus farm.



We are so
blessed to have a
large area to
display these
magnificent
items.

Patoka River Dulcimers to Play Nov. 16



The Patoka River Dulcimers

(we mistakenly called them the Patoka Valley Dulcimers) graced our Log House "stage" for Fall Harvest Day and were a big hit. If you missed them, they will return to the "stage" for the Opening of the Festival of Trees on

Thursday, November 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. They will be filling us with holiday enthusiasm as they play holiday selections on their instruments and will invite the audience to sing along on the familiar tunes of the season. Thank you for being part of the evening Patoka River!

New Temporary Exhibits Displayed

Our Exhibit team has *many irons in the fire* currently. The “Stitch in Time” exhibit of quilts and stitchery items was a large hit. That temporary exhibit came down in October to make way for a temporary Christmas exhibit in that space behind the military. “**Christmas Traditions**” will debut in November and run to February 2024. We invite you to learn again the meanings of the many

Christmas traditions that many follow. The exhibit is also a great photo op area for your Christmas family pictures!

“**A Military Christmas from WWI**” is opening in Room 2-Farm Equipment Room. The 1918 Liberty truck is in place and more WWI items will fill this space.

Work is progressing on the **Wood Industry in Dubois County** exhibit. Recently 2 Sign Guys hung the lettering for the exhibit. More signage is planned. Planned April opening.

County school information has been moved by the schoolhouse in the Main Street Area. We are looking for large rocks to complete this area. Do you have some? Call 812-630-9891 for Cheryl.

More updates are planned in the **Religious Area** soon.

Welcome Area Florists

Museum volunteer and retired area florist, Beth Seidl, has invited some of the area florists to give of their time to decorate the museum’s lobby and outside windows for the changing seasons. And they have responded YES. Janet Schit-

ter, retired from The Ivy Manor, will bring the Christmas spirit into the museum for the Christmas season.

Other florists getting involved include Natalie Combs from Green Thumb in Jasper, Keith Bauer from Huntingburg Greenhouse,

Erin Rust with Erin’s Events Inc. in Huntingburg and Kathy Welp from Ferdinand House of Flowers in Ferdinand.

We are excited to have them involved in the museum and are looking forward to enjoying their talents.



Recent Tour Groups Enjoy Museum

Our Museum tour guides have been active with several groups coming into the museum for a tour.

A September tour of Agape-Homeschool saw families and students enjoying the many exhibits at the museum.

On October 5 a bus full of vet-

erans and wives from the USS Kretchmer made the museum a must stop for a catered lunch and a tour. They contacted the caterer and we provided the space for them.

Siblings and cousins returned to Dubois County for a chance to reacquaint themselves with

their hometown on October 20.

A Tour Bus on a Mystery Tour from Terre Haute stopped on October 24 and were amazed at our museum. (We hear that a lot).

An 80 year old birthday girl will enjoy a tour and a sweet treat with friends and family on October 29.

Several tours are booked in the coming months.

Contact Kathy 812-630-8696 for tours or helping.



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Hours are 10 a.m.-2p.m. Tuesday-Friday,
10a.m.-4p.m. Saturday,
1-4p.m. on Sunday. Closed
Monday.

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

Members are admitted 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. The DCM staffed entirely of volunteers. 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 Stacy at the museum at 812-634-7733.

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

Looking Ahead to December

There is a lot to enjoy at the museum in December.

Through December- "Festival of Trees" Christmas Season at the museum. Come in to view the trees and to vote on your favorite decorated Christmas tree. The museum will be decorated with many beautiful trees trimmed by museum volunteers and sixteen community tree decorators will trim their special community tree as well. Service clubs and several churches will also decorate a tree.

Seasonal temporary display-available November 16 till January 7, 2024 located in Room 1 behind Military Exhibit 2023 Exhibit is called "Christmas Traditions". Christmas items displayed with explanations of the symbolic and biblical meanings of why we display these

items. Also, temporary exhibit on WW1 military with special WW1 truck, uniforms, memorabilia items and explanations of how the men and women overseas had to celebrate Christmas away from their families.

Chess nights on Mondays. Come in from 5:30-about 8:00pm to enjoy playing and learning the game of chess with likeminded others. Contact Bob at DuboisCounty-Chess@Outlook.com

9- Night Before Christmas/ Breakfast with Santa 9:00 a.m. NEW NAME, NEW DATE Registration deadline Nov. 20. See flyer.

9- Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by Optimist Club of Jasper. Enjoy stories, crafts and activities centered on a theme with preschool owner and teacher Carrie Holdsworth. Theme is Cookies.

9 and 10- Museum Cookie Walk Fundraiser. Purchase a pound of cookies and help support the museum. 10am-2pm on Saturday and 1-3pm on Sunday.

21-Celebrate the Season and the year with a free evening from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Free admission. Donations accepted. Winners of the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest will be announced and prizes given.