



Dubois County Museum ENews



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Well, Hello December

December is here! This month is such a magical time at the Dubois County Museum. Come stop in to see why.

The museum exhibit team has been working since early fall on two very special temporary exhibits. "Christmas Traditions" exhibit takes a look at the many traditions associated with Christmas: stockings, Christmas trees, bells, etc. Come in and read all about these traditions and more. Take your picture at the photo op and fill yourself up

with the Christmas spirit.

The second temporary exhibit is "A Military Christmas from WW1" features special pieces of our collection of the WW1 era. Uniforms, items, pictures and a Liberty truck are on display.

The Christmas tree decorators stepped up their games and put together an awesome array of decorated trees this year. Forty-seven trees in all. We invite you to vote for your favorite trees-choosing your three favorites. We know it

is hard to just choose one tree!

Strings, Inc. will give a concert on Saturday morning, December 2 at 10:30 a.m. Come listen to these amazing violin students.

December 9th will be a full day. Breakfast with Santa, Cookie Walk and Story time.

The Cookie Walk returns on the 10th from 1-3 p.m.

On Thursday, December 21 we gather to enjoy the season and all the hard work put into the season.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The museum will be closed for the Holidays Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan 1.

Let's Celebrate the Season Dec 21

Thursday, December 21 will be an evening to celebrate the season. Volunteers, community tree decorators and the general public are welcome to cheer out the year on

this free evening at the museum. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and for the next few hours all are invited to share food, refreshments and fellowship. The winners of the

tree decorating contest will be announced at about 7:00 p.m. Winners will receive a box of chocolates and remembered on our Tree Winners list.

Strings, Inc. to Perform Dec 2



Students of Strings, Inc., a local group of violins students, will present their Christmas program at the Dubois County Museum on Saturday, December 2, at 10:30 a.m. This is a change from the usual concert time

of 1:30 p.m.

They will perform in the Log House area in front of the home. Sit back and enjoy a selection of favorites and holiday tunes. They are under the direction of Rafaela Schaick.



Breakfast with Santa Dec 9

Our popular Christmas program, Breakfast with Santa, returns on Saturday, December 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The theme is "The Night before Christmas". December 9th looks to be a busy day for us. The Breakfast is traditionally the first Sat-

urday of December, but there was a conflict with the jolly elf, so, we moved it to our Story time and Cookie Walk Weekend. We may start a trend with this date, who knows!

Reservations for the breakfast are now

closed.

The morning begins at 9:00 and offers a yummy breakfast, with crafts and activities and a visit with Santa. Breakfast participants may also enjoy Story time and the Cookie Walk this day.

Cookie Walk

Sat. Dec. 10, 10am-2 p.m.
and
Sun. Dec 11, 1-3 p.m.
at the Dubois County Museum

2104 N. Norton Street, Jasper, IN 47532-7713
Purchase cookies and treats by the pound.
Cookies and treats made by museum volunteers and ladies from Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority

Cookie Walk Dec 9 and 10

You are invited to purchase some homemade Christmas cookies at the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10. Times are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 9th and 1-3 p.m. on the 10th. The Walk will again be set up in the Board Room off the

front entrance to the museum. A Wide variety of cookies will be made by our volunteers, friends, and members of the Beta Gamma Sorority of Alpha Delta Kappa. Select and purchase your cookies by the pound.

Story Time to be December 9 at 10:30 a.m.



Join Pre-school owner and teacher, Carrie Holdsworth, for Story Time on Saturday, December 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m. She will read stories and offer crafts relating to the theme of "Cookies". Participants will gather in the Children's Little Pioneer area.

It will be a great morning to be at the museum on December 9th as the museum will also host a "Breakfast with Santa" at 9:00 a.m. in the log house area, (Must have a reservation), Story Time at 10:30 a.m. and a Cookie Walk from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Board room off the front entrance.

By the Numbers

Every year the museum Events Team strive to see 10,000 visitors come through our doors and register as visitors. Last year we had recorded 9,813 visitors that signed in. Our sign in book is very important to us.

We are moving very close to that magic number of 10,000 visitors. The Indi-

ana Historical Society says for a community our size, to record 10,000 visitors is excellent.

As of November 28 we have recorded 8,332 visitors. Here is a breakdown of visitors through the months:

Jan-623, Feb-726, March-853, April 1,032, May

450, June-1,412, July-685, Aug-571, Sept-424, Oct-883, Nov-663.

Our volunteers are looking forward to several tours visiting in December and area people to come in to view the Christmas beauty and to vote on a favorite decorated tree. Don't let this month slip by without visiting the museum.

In Need of Volunteers for Exhibits and Lobby

We are in need of your help. We are needing people who can give several hours a month to work in the lobby area. You would be working with a partner in welcoming and recording visitors, taking money, selling Gift

Shop items, and offering insights on what our museum has to offer to those who come through our doors.

The Exhibit Team would welcome help with researching artifacts, labeling and displaying

items and breaking down and setting up displays.

Contact the museum at 812-634-7733 and leave your number for Kathy (lobby) or Cheryl (Exhibits) and they will get back to you.



Dubois County Museum

2704 N. Newton Street, (US 231 N)
Jasper, IN 47546

Call 812-634-7733

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.

Groups Using our Facility

Our museum facility is home to several groups.

The Model Train Club maintains the model train set and meets several times a year. Check out their Facebook page Dubois County Model Train Club.

Chess on Mondays is a group of people who enjoy getting together on Mondays, anytime from 5:30 -8:00 p.m., to gather and play the game of chess. Any one is welcome to attend. Small fee to play. Middle school or older.

The **Stone carvers** meet on Mondays and are honing their carving skills. Anyone is welcome to come.

We have a program that invites walkers to come in to **Walk the**

Museum for physical exercise. It cost \$1 to walk our parameter space during our open hours for your determined healthy walk if you are not a member. Free to members.

On Wednesdays a group of young mothers from a Memorial Hospital Wellness Program comes in to walk and socialize. It is called **Walk and Talk**. Officially they are Memorial Hospital Perinatal Services and Healthy Start. Communities that CARE. They are a HRSA grant that supports pregnant women, mothers, fathers, and families, and babies up to 18 months of age living in Dubois, Martin, Daviess and

Greene counties. The Healthy Start Communities that CARE team at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center offers free education and resources in English and Spanish to eligible women, fathers and infants. Some of the services include education and support groups, infant safety, pregnancy planning and mental and emotional support through home or office visits and check-ins. Walk and Talk groups at the museum provide support to moms and connect them with other moms. If you wish to be a part of this Walk and Talk group, come in on Wednesdays at 10:00. Thanks to Natalie Werner for the explanation. Mrs. Werner is the social worker with the program.