



Dubois County Museum E Newsletter

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The Best Time of the Year!



The Dubois County Museum kicked off their holiday season on November 20 with the Opening of the Festival of Trees. Close to 150 people attended. A total of fifty-two trees are decorated and on display in and around our 50,000 square feet of exhibits. The communities of Dubois County each have a tree decorated to showcase the finer points of their communities. These sixteen trees are displayed along the mural walls.

This year a total of seventeen non-profits/service clubs have come forward to participate.

They have added a lot to the displays.



Pictured here is a sampling of the work of area artisans who have a tree displaying their workmanship.

Two trees are decorated by area florist. In the lobby, retired florist Janet Schitter, created a shimmering blue tree. In Main Street Ferdinand Flowers created a garden of roses for the large tree in that area.

Solid Waste of Dubois County also participated this year and have a tree decorated from recycled items.

Be sure to check out the Santa Paws tree that salutes our best friends.

Museum volunteers came together and fashioned several trees also on display.

Be sure to pick up a ballot and vote for your favorite.

Winners will be announced December 18 at the free night.

Decorators are asked to attend this free evening and be recognized.



Come in and Vote for Your Favorite Tree

Be sure to pick up at the Welcome Area/lobby a ballot and a paper to help you find all the fifty-two trees that are participating in our Festival of Trees voting this year.

Each tree has been given a number. Several trees that were decorated by local non-profits/clubs, special interests and communities have signs displayed to identify

them. Ballots will be tabulated by our coordinators and winners will be announced at the free evening on December 18. This years' trees are very spectacular.

Strings, Inc. Here Dec. 6 at 3:00 p.m.



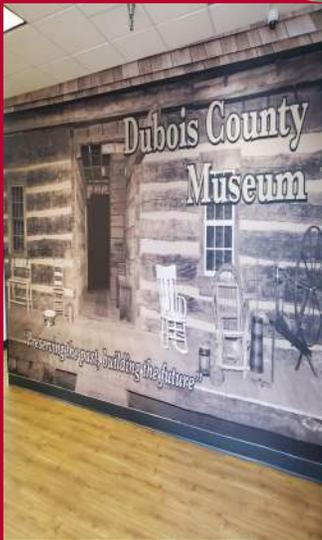
Strings, Inc., a local group of student musicians, will present their Christmas Themed concert on December 6, at 3:00 p.m. at the museum. The concert

will be held at the log house area.

Strings is under the direction of Rafaela Schaick. The concert was originally scheduled for an earlier time, but was moved back to 3:00 p.m. because Rafaela had been asked to perform with other musi-

cians at Owensboro that morning. We happily moved it back to 3:00 p.m. to accommodate Rafaela. Strings, Inc. will present a variety of seasonal selections, as well as, skill levels.

Come enjoy an hour of wonderful music to set off your holiday season.



Donation Wall of Donors

The museum recently sent out an appeal letter to members to help finance a more modern, efficient air conditioning system for our exhibit areas. Your generosity in the past has greatly supported our museum. The museum is creating a new Donor Wall in

the museum's Welcome Area. All donors who have contributed a cumulative total of \$1,000 or more over the past ten years will be recognized on this permanent display. The recognition tiers are: \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 and

\$100,000. Each year, we will recalculate the past decade's donations to determine the appropriate recognition level. Your name will never be removed from the wall. Your name will be updated to reflect a new tier.

Museum Hosts Cookie Walk Dec. 13 and 14



Our Cookie Walk coordinators, Sandy Miller, Donna Koval and Brenda Hurm, are excited to again offer a Cookie Walk at the Museum. Trays of homemade cookies, cakes and candies will be displayed

and buyers may fill up their box with a selection of sweet treats. The box is weighed and a price is charged per pound.

The cookies are prepared by museum volunteers, mem-

bers and by members of Indiana Beta Gamma Sorority. Times of the Walk are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1-3:00 p.m. on Sunday.



Sweets with Santa Dec. 13, 9:00-11:30 a.m.



Santa Claus comes for a visit on Saturday, December 13, from 9:00-11:30 a.m.. Come enjoy charcuterie spreads of sweets, refreshments, some take-home Christmas crafts, activities, a Scavenger hunt through the decorated Christmas trees, and fun at the Museum...

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY-A VISIT WITH SANTA!

COST:

**\$7 PER ADULT,
\$5 PER CHILD (12
AND UNDER)**

Make your reservation by texting 812-630-8696 or emailing Kathy Bachman at kabachman@twc.com by December 9, 2025.

Please list phone number and number of adults and children attending on text/email note.

Money will be collected at the door.

Each child will receive a Goody Bag.

No Storytime with Carrie this day.

Volunteers Invited Dec. 18 to Celebrate the Season

Our Museum Volunteers are a needed part of our museum operations. Each volunteer and a guest is invited to celebrate the Christmas Season at the Museum on Thursday, December 18, from 5:30-7:30

p.m.. There will be free food and a chance to gather with other volunteers for an evening of fun. Several door prizes will be given out and the winners of the Festival of Trees Christmas trees will be announced. Tree

Decorators are also asked to attend.

We welcome Sara Kreilein to provide seasonal music on our Kimball Grand Piano for the evening, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.



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 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 is staffed entirely of volunteers. Visit the museum web site www.duboiscountymuseum.org. Like us on Facebook 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 Kathy at the museum at 812-634-7733.

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

Planning for 2026-A Work in Progress

Planning for the 2026 programs is underway. Here is a listing of what we have planned so far. Always check our Website or Facebook page for any updates or changes to this listing.

January 23 Annual Membership Dinner at museum

March 28 Museum Hosts Annual Farm Bureau Pancake and Sausage Breakfast-Open to the Public

April 11 Day of Chess

April 15-30 Photos being accepted for Museum's 3rd Annual Photo Contest.

May 1- June 1 Public Judging of Photo Contest. Winners announced June 2 on Facebook.

May 16 Jasper Area Coin Club hosts Coin Show

August 9 Annual Car Show p.m.

September 12 Archaeology Day December 13 Cookie Walk at museum 1-3:00 p.m.

September 14-17th Dubois County Museum hosts the Jasper Lions Annual Radio Auction December 17 Free Night to Enjoy Christmas Trees 5:30-7:30 p.m. at museum

October 11 Fall Harvest Day at museum 1-4:00 p.m. Second Saturday of each Month-Storytime at 10:30 a.m.

October 22 Spooky Streets at museum 5:30-7:00 p.m. Jasper Area Coin Club meets first Thursday of the month. Doors open at 5:30p.m.

November 19 Opening of Festival of Trees at Museum 5:30-7:30 p.m. More events will be added through-out the year. Contact Kathy Bachman 812-630-8696 if wishing to schedule an event.

December 5 Strings, Inc performs Christmas Concert at museum at 10:30 a.m.

December 12 Sweets with Santa at museum 9-11:00 a.m., Cookie Walk at museum 10-2