Dubois County Museum

The Best Museum in Indiana

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America 250 Program
Carol Braymer-"Grandmother Speaks"

Are you a history buff? Do you enjoy hearing a storyteller/historian spin a story that is part fiction, and a lot of fact.

Come join Carol Braymer, of Holland ,IN, on Saturday, November 7, at 10:30 a.m. ET, as she tells her tale of the American Revolution as she lives in that 1776 time period. She is portraying a grandmother speaking to her young adult grandson. She has followed the news of the uprising with the Colonists and the British, she is supporting the Colonist's efforts. Now she learns that her grandson

wants to join the fight. Grandmother and grandson sit down for a discussion and talk about the meaning and consequences of this conflict.

This program will conclude the museum's programming and exhibits on the 250th Celebration.

The Dubois County Historical Society started the 250th celebration in 2025 with the reading on YouTube of Paul Revere's ride and the placing of one lantern in the County Courthouse.

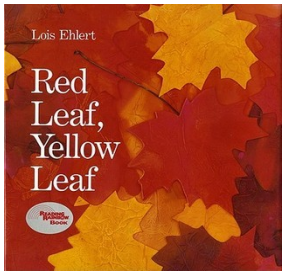
In the spring of 2026, the Historical Society presented a well planned and historical Rendezvous at Ferdinand Forest.

The local Daughters of the American Revolution and Historical Society are gathering items for a time capsule of 2026 to be stored in the museum, opened in 50 years.

Veterans Exhibits Expanding in 2027

The Exhibit Team will be working now and after Christmas on filling the former temporary exhibit area (located between Military and Sports) with more Military items and will continue to add to it as items come in. Items of interest in this exhibit are unique war bond posters, information on Pearl Harbor, uniforms and mementos from a soldier in Iraq, a stereoscope and maps, along with a tribute to local fallen soldiers from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Christmas items will be added during the season with cards and letter to home from soldiers when stationed away. This will be an ongoing project. Stop in and check on it's progress.

Storytime with Carrie Holdsworth



Noted children's author, Lois Ehlert, will be read this month during Storytime. She is known for her stories and her illustrations. She wrote and illustrated, *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf* and collaborated with Maurice Sendek on *Chicka Chicka, Boom Boom*.

Storytime will be November 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Pioneers area.

Join our Storytime coordinator Carrie Holdsworth as she shares these wonderful children authors with the children.

After the stories, Holdsworth then invites the children to participate in the crafts that are related to the featured author and the books.

Carrie Holdsworth is the owner and instructor at the Little Spruce Nature School, operating out of the former Camp Carnes property.

Welcome Home Karen Rudolph and Matt Jenkins With Open House and Program on Blacksmithing November 17

The museum welcomes former Jasper resident Karen Rudolph and her husband Matt Jenkins on November 17 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. with an Open House. Free admission this night. Learn about their Cloverdale Forge and Blacksmithing business. An artist talk and presentation will be at 6:30 p.m. Display and sale of items and a Book Signing of Matt's book, Hooked, is planned. Connect again with Karen and her husband, Matt, before they head back to their home in Manitoba, Canada. Public invited. Karen is looking forward to seeing her family and friends again. Food and refreshments served.

Art Guide Hosting Free Oil Painting Workshop November 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Dubois County Art Guild will be hosting a FREE oil painting workshop on Wednesday, November 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the museum. Instructor is Charlene Brown. All materials will be provided for the public. Bring a sack lunch. Guild members are to bring their own supplies.

This workshop is made possible through a grant to address loneliness and isolation among older adults in Dubois County. DCAG would like to encourage adults to get up, get out and get active through the joys of creating art.

Go to DuboisCounty ArtGuild@gmail.com and state you would like to attend the workshop with Charlene Brown.

Opening of Festival of Trees for Christmas

Get ready for "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year"!- Christmastime. Many hands will prepare the museum for the 2026 Christmas season on November 3. Guys and gals will bring around 50 trees down from storage and place them in designated areas around the museum chosen by our coordinators, Clara Fromme. The tall trees will be carried to the train area and by the jail. Many text messages, phone calls and emails will go out to round up our merry crew of decorators and start the process of trimming the trees. Mrs. Fromme is already gathering decorations and bright lights for certain trees. She will prepare a box of tree items and place the box by the tree. Volunteers then can delve into the box and use the color scheme she has prepared. Our community tree volunteers will be coming in and getting their special tree decorated. Local non-profits and service clubs are working to get their theme chosen and prepared for their tree. It really takes an army to get the trees looking their best. Decorators will be coming in at around 11:00 on November 4. If you would like to join us, call Kathy at 812-630-8696, to let us know you are coming.

Our crew will haul down the trees from storage on November 3 and volunteers may begin decorating them on November 4.

Extended Hours on 3rd Thursdays

In an effort to give the public more chances to visit the museum, volunteers will be keeping the museum open on the third Thursday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.. In November the third Thursday will be November 19, which coincides with our Opening for the festival of Trees. So, from 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. visitors can get a sneak peak into the trees. Starting at 6:00 p.m. the museum will officially open for Christmas. Ballots will be distributed for visitors to vote on their favorite tree and Christmas magic will be in the air. The Kay Smock Collection of Santa Figurines will be placed on display and the wooden Nativity set made by George Bauman. The Greubel Dollhouse Collection will be brought out in February.

Closed Thanksgiving November 26 and Days of Christmas December 24, 25, 31, January 1

The museum announces these holiday closings.

Thanksgiving Day, November 26

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

New Years Eve, Thursday, December 31 and **New Years Day,** Friday, January 1.

The Museum will be open on December 26 and 27, 29-30 and January 2 and 3.

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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.
Extended hours-3rd Thursday till 6:00 p.m.
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, if interested in volunteering, or wishing to ask about Room Rentals, contact Kathy at the museum at 812-634-7733 to get on calendar.

Support the museum by making a Memorial

October 2026 was a Busy Time at the Museum

Museum volunteers logged in many hours during the month of October.

Storytime on October 10 welcomed musician Chris Dixon for some musical movement fun.

October 11 Harvest Day saw about 400 people enjoy the day. Homemade ice cream was served, popcorn and apple cider were enjoyed. Yarn dolls were made and molasses and honey making were shared. Animal furs and pelts were available to touch and feel. Corn shelling was available. Pumpkins carved. Animals for viewing, petting and riding (pony rides) were here. Ruth Kuebler was here with her famous face painting and Patoka River Dulcimers played.

Dubois County Historical Society met on October 15 for their fall meeting and heard about the Buffalo Trace.

October 22 welcomed families inside to enjoy Spooky Streets. Over 200 attended. Over 130 candy bags were distributed. Partnerships with Actors Community Theatre and Dubois County Cares were welcomed.

Halloween visitors on October 30th and 31st received treats when visiting.

Thanks to all who came during the month of October and enjoyed the programs.