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INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARDS

Nominations are due Aug. 1 for the 2023 Indiana Historical Society Awards that recognize outstanding individuals and organizations who do outstanding work in Indiana’s state and local history.

Submit your nomination today!
NEWS
Indiana has a long history with fire towers, with 33 that were in operation by 1952. You can still visit 13 fire towers in Indiana today. (Tristate Homepage)

The Calumet Heritage Partnership and the Little Calumet River Underground Railroad Project have received a $5,000 grant from Indiana Landmarks to identify and document how the Underground Railroad ferried slaves to freedom in Northwest Indiana. (The Times)

IN-PERSON EVENTS AND EXHIBITS
PLEASE NOTE: For in-person programs, please check with the hosting organization regarding any COVID-19 restrictions and/or requirements.

Gallery Talk: American Jazz
Aug. 1, Elkhart – Larry Dwyer, Assistant Director of Bands and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Notre Dame, will present “American Jazz: A Paradigm of Racial Unity.” (Ruthmere)

The Thursday Parlay: Indiana Landmarks and Wabash County
Aug. 3, Wabash – Paul Hayden will discuss the historical homes in Wabash County that Indiana Landmarks plans to restore. (Wabash County Museum)

Miami Indian Heritage Days: Miami Beadwork
Aug. 5, Fort Wayne – Katrina Mitten will offer a demonstration on Miami Beadwork. $7 adults; $5 students and seniors. (Chief Richardville House, or akima pinšiwa awiiki)

Meet the Author: Madam C.J. Walker’s Gospel of Giving by Tyrone McKinley Freeman
Aug. 6, Chesterton – Join Dr. Tyrone McKinley Freeman for a discussion of his richly

**Breaking the News: Family Day at the History Center**
**Aug. 12, Bloomington** – See the exhibit *Breaking the News: The Past and Uncertain Future of Local Print Journalism* and learn about the history of journalism in our community. (Monroe County History Center)

**Hall of Legends**
**Aug. 17, Kokomo** – This event will inaugurate a new class of inductees who have improved life for others in Howard County, the state of Indiana, and nationwide. $60. (Howard County Historical Society; event held at the Venue at Brookstone)

**Documentary Premiere: Reviving the West Baden Colored Church: A Labor of Love**
**Aug. 20, West Baden Springs** – The documentary tells the story of the founding, growth, decline, and rebirth of the First Baptist Colored Church of West Baden Springs. (West Baden Church Renewal Project)

**Great Squirrel Stampede Fun Run/Walk**
**Sept. 16, Carmel** – Mark the historic squirrel invasion of Hamilton County with a family and pet-friendly Fun Run. (Carmel Clay Historical Society; event at Coxhall Gardens)

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**Indiana Historical Society Spotlight**

**SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!**
**Visit the Indiana History Train at the Indiana State Fair**
**July 28-Aug. 20** – All aboard! While you’re at the Indiana State Fair, visit the Indiana History Train to check out an exhibit celebrating the heart of basketball in the United States.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**
**Hoosier Voices from the Korean War; The Byford Lee Reed and Lt. Verde O’Neill Collections**
**July 29** – Learn more about the Korean conflict through Hoosier voices — letters home, photographs of camp and landscapes along with Korean comrades and civilians.

**Concerts on the Canal – The Bishops**
**Aug. 3** – Reserve a table on the Terrace or bring your own chair or blanket and sit on the grassy areas along the Central Canal, if available. The History Center is free on Thursdays during concert season and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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**What We're Reading This Week**
RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD
Collecting institutions should be especially vigilant during the hotter months. Here are five tips for protecting collections this summer. (DHPSNY)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
Closed Captioning: It’s crucial for video content. (Firespring)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY
Quirky museum marketing ideas to get noticed! (MuseumNext)

How to find and use the best Instagram hashtags. (Sprout Social)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
Mastering the art of nonprofit budgeting: Key principles & best practices. (Classy)

Your in-person presentation skills need a refresh. (Ascend HBR)

Go the retro. 5 ways you can build in reflection to improve performance. (Suzi McAlpine)

NEED A BREAK?
Barbenheimer has become the cultural phenomenon of summer 2023. Here’s an interesting look at the social media rise of Barbenheimer over the past year. (Daily Dot)
What do 'Barbie' and 'Oppenheimer' have in common? More than you might think. (Mashable)

Learn more about the real history of Barbie and Oppenheimer. (Smithsonian Magazine)

Check out the 48 biggest summer blockbusters of the past half century. (Mental Floss)

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**Learning Opportunities**

*Six-hundred block of Indiana Avenue, 1956* (O. James Fox Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

**FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING**

**Interpretive Planning for Historic Sites**

**Aug. 15** – Learn the key elements of an interpretive plan, how to express your site’s mission, what background information to include, and more. (Texas Historical Commission)

**DIY Preservation: From Monitoring to Management**

**Aug. 23** – Hear about a recent collaboration that yielded some surprising finds about low-cost housing alternatives that work just as well as the more expensive museum quality options. (CCAHA)

**VIRTUAL TRAINING**

**Communicating Your Impact in Grant Applications**

**Aug. 17** – Learn how to build program goals, objectives, and outcomes that will shine in your grant proposals. $69. (GrantStation)

**Writing a Collection Management Policy: Step-by-Step**

**Aug 31** – Learn how to write a collection management policy that standardizes the acquisition, management, preservation, and provision of access to collections. $95. (NEDCC)
**IN-PERSON TRAINING**

*Exterior Carpentry Workshop*

**Aug. 2, South Bend** – Get an overview of carpentry basics and repair techniques for historic buildings. $10; $5 members. (Indiana Landmarks, South Bend Tradeworks, and the South Bend Historic Preservation Commission)

*Preserving Historic Places*

**Sept. 19-22, Muncie** – Preserving Historic Places: Indiana’s Statewide Preservation Conference offers inspiring lectures, educational sessions, tours, and networking opportunities. $175 early-bird by Aug. 1. (Indiana Landmarks, Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, and Indiana University)

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**Funding Available**

*Candy Display at Loews Theatre, 1950* (Indiana Historical Society, P0569)

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT**

*Climate Smart Humanities Organizations Grants*

**Due Sept. 14 (optional draft due Aug. 9)** – These grants offer federal matching funds for comprehensive organizational assessments that lead to strategic climate action and adaptation plans. With these funds, organizations can undertake activities such as energy audits, risk assessments, and meetings with consultants. (NEH)

**UPCOMING DEADLINES**
ARCS Conference Travel Stipends
Due July 31 (ARCS)

Public Humanities Projects Grants
Due Aug. 9 (NEH)

Community Development Block Grants: Planning Grants
Due Aug. 18 (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

Community Collections Grants
Due Aug. 18 (Library of Congress)

INcommon Grants
Due Aug. 31 (Indiana Humanities)

Connecting Communities Digital Initiative Grant
Due Sept. 7 (Library of Congress)

Local & Regional Job Openings

*Film Crew at Paul Dresser's Home, 1934* (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

**LOCAL**

*The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!*  
See open positions [here](#).
**Director**  
Aurora – Indiana Landmarks Southeast Field Office & Veraestau Historic Site

**Museum Educator**  
Crawfordsville – Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County, Crawfordsville District Public Library

**Grants Coordinator**  
Indianapolis – Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art

**Community Preservation Specialist**  
Terre Haute – Indiana Landmarks Western Regional Office

**REGIONAL**  
**Special Collections Coordinator**  
DeKalb, Ill. – Special Collections and Archives Department, Northern Illinois University

**Director of Learning**  
Frankfort, Ky. – Kentucky Historical Society

**Head of Research Library**  
Frankfort, Ky. – Kentucky Historical Society

**KHS America250KY Research Specialist**  
Frankfort, Ky. – Kentucky Historical Society

**Curator of Maps and Graphics**  
Ann Arbor, Mich. – William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan

**College Archivist**  
Lansing, Mich. – Lansing Community College

**Curator**  
Duluth, Minn. – St. Louis County Historical Society

**Architectural Historian**  
Madison, Wis. – Museum Archeology Program

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**Orphans Corner**

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