

# INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMUNIQUE ONLINE

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## Updates from Local History Services



[Midwestern Bridge Club Valentines Day Event, 1953](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0649)

## FREE VIRTUAL BROWN BAG

[The U.S. 250th: Doing History](#)

**Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Eastern)** – Join us on Zoom for a moderated panel discussion on the topic of how we do history – what history is, the many ways it is done, and why it matters. The discussion will last approximately one hour, with an additional half hour for audience Q&A. [RSVP here](#).

**Around Indiana**



[Dancing at the SMC. ca. 1957](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1225)

## NEWS

The DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archeology has announced the [2024 Historic Preservation Month Photo Contest](#). Grab your camera and take photos of your favorite historic place in Indiana! **Submissions are due April 5.**

Indiana Landmarks is accepting nominations for the [Sandi Servaas Memorial Award](#), which recognizes outstanding achievement in historic preservation. **Nominations are due April 15,** and self-nominations are welcome.

Venerable venues: Inside Indiana's [most historic state basketball tournament sites](#).  
(Wane.com)

[Baptisttown](#), the neighborhood surrounding the Evansville African American Museum, is now on the National Register of Historic Places. (Evansville Living)

[Evansville's USS LST-325 left its dock on Jan. 14](#) for a one-week voyage to Texas for a Coast Guard inspection. (Evansville Living)

## 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.*

### [Black History Month Exhibit](#)

**Now-Feb. 29, La Porte** – This exhibit celebrates black businesses and influential black residents of La Porte County. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

### [Valentines Workshop](#)

**Feb. 10, Franklin** – Learn about the history of Valentine's Day, see beautiful historic valentines for inspiration, and then create a holiday masterpiece of your own. (Johnson County Museum of History)

### [Pioneer Land Spinners](#)

**Feb. 10, La Porte** – Learn how pioneers made their textiles from these knowledgeable women. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

### [Conversations in Indiana African American History and Culture](#)

**Feb. 15, Indianapolis** – Leon Bates, local historian, veteran, and educator, will present a talk on the life of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Ward, M.D. (Freetown Village; event at Indiana Landmarks Center)

### [No Rolling Stones: A Landscape Perspective of the Dry Stack Stone Walls of Monroe County](#)

**Feb. 17, Bloomington** – Join Susan Snider Salmon as we look at the stories of what is known and examine what remains to be rediscovered. (Monroe County History Center)

### [Documentary Screening: Reviving the West Baden Colored Church](#)

**Feb. 22, Indianapolis** – See a 2023 documentary that chronicles the growth, decline, and restoration of West Baden Springs' First Baptist (Colored) Church. (Indiana Landmarks Center)

### [Hidden Figures: Celebrating Notable African American Women of Delaware County](#)

**Feb. 22, Muncie** – Hear stories about some of the bold and amazing women who made history but were hidden from the history books. (Muncie Public Library)

### [Roberts Settlement: Our Roots, Our Legacy](#)

**Feb. 23, Carmel** – Learn about the fascinating history behind Hamilton County's Roberts Settlement, a community founded by free Black families in the 1830s. (Carmel Clay Public Library)

### [Ancestry 101](#)

**Feb. 24, Frankfort** – FCPL Genealogy Manager Jill Garrison will talk about the variety of records found on Ancestry.com as well as the different types of subscriptions available. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

### [Gallery Talk: The Curious History of Cursive Writing](#)

**March 5, Elkhart** – Beth Hall, Docent, will present this Gallery Talk on the topic of cursive writing. (Ruthmere)

[Kickoff to St. Patrick's Day at St. Michael's](#)

**March 10, Madison** – Enjoy the historic space, learn a little history of the building and the people who once frequented it, and taste a selection of Irish teas. (Historic Madison Inc.; event at St. Michael the Archangel)

## Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

### FROM THE BLOG

[Why is there a China, Indiana? \(And Other Questions Answered\)](#)

Learn about some of the places and names in Indiana that were inspired by the cities and countries of Asia.

[Gene Stratton-Porter: A Hoosier Renaissance Woman](#)

As an outspoken naturalist, Stratton-Porter advocated for the preservation of Indiana's Limberlost Swamp through her photography and stories.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[Library Show-and-Tell](#)

**Feb. 10** – Join the librarians of the William H. Smith Memorial Library for an informal conversation about unique objects in the Indiana Historical Society collections.

[Stories from the Stacks: Indiana's Circus History](#)

**Feb. 17** – Get a special look at the collections of the Indiana Historical Society on the topic of circus history.

### VOLUNTEER FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN INDIANA

The 2024 National History Day in Indiana contests begin around the state in February, and we are seeking volunteer judges. [Learn more and sign up today!](#)

## What We're Reading This Week





[Smalls Candy Kitchen, ca. 1900](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0003)

## RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

**Applications are due Feb. 15** for the [Museum Assessment Program](#), a one-year process of self-assessment, institutional activities, and consultative peer review with a site visit and recommendations. (AAM)

The free virtual [Interpreting African American History and Culture Resource Kit](#) features a collection of recorded conference sessions, webinars, History News articles, books, and other resources. (AASLH)

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Seizing the moment: how museum outreach and programming can [champion overlooked communities](#). (AAM)

## AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY

[Nonprofit Advertising 101](#): what it is & how it helps. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

## FUNDRAISING

10 strategies to [celebrate nonprofit donors](#) on Valentine's Day. (Clairification)

How nonprofits can [leverage organic social media](#) to increase fundraising. (Nonprofit Tech for Good)

How to plan a fundraising gala: [12 planning tips + 5 elegant ideas](#). (Wild Apricot)

## **LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Five lessons for creating an [effective \(and accountable\) nonprofit board](#). (Blue Avocado)

[Three types of overthinking](#) – and how to overcome them. (Harvard Business Review)

## **NEED A BREAK?**

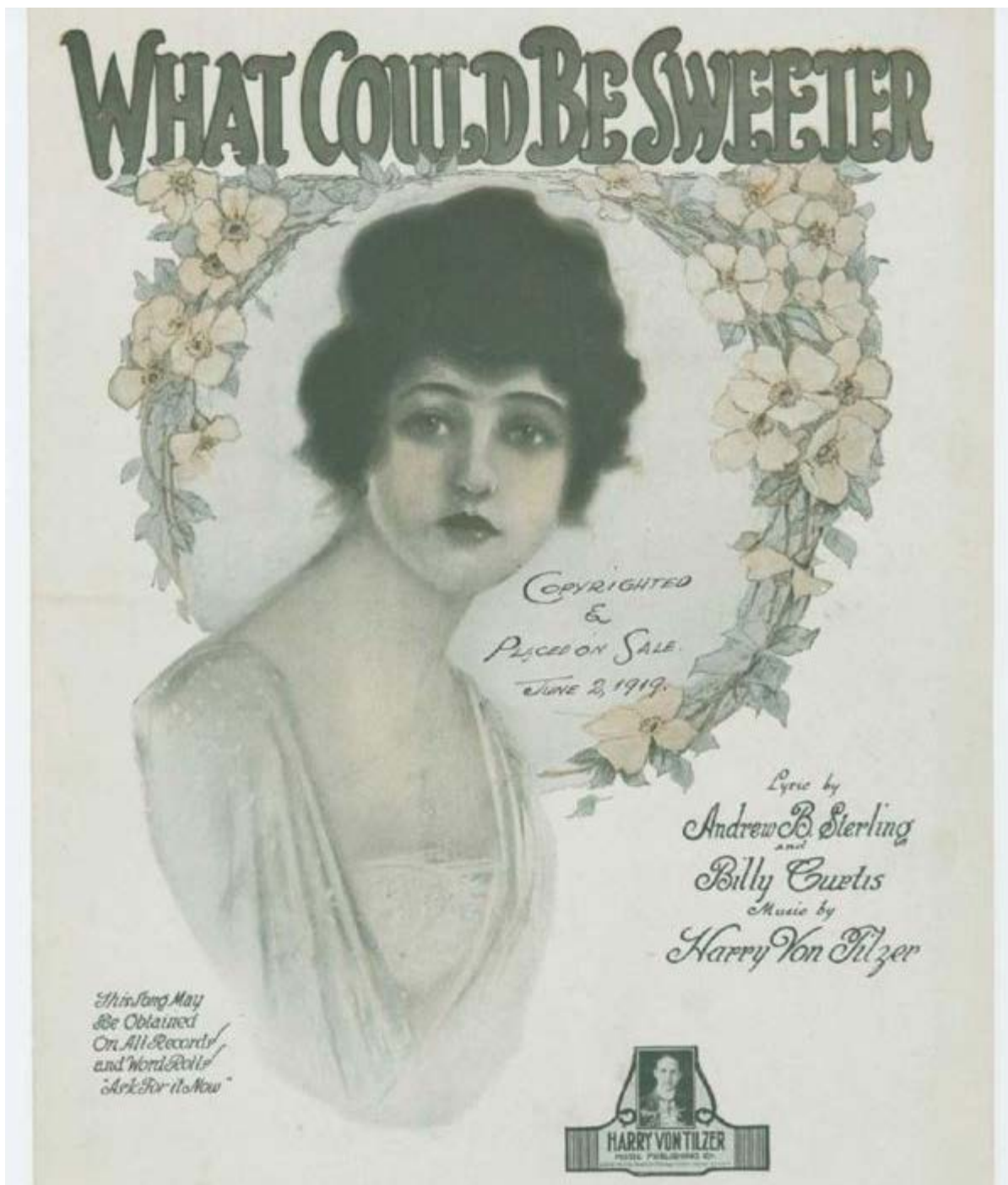
The ornate, the aromatic, the cruel – see a [stunning collection of treasured Valentine's cards](#) from the Victoria and Albert Museum. (Aeon)

[Valentine's Day and cacao](#), the food of the gods. (New York Public Library)

A short and sweet [history of the Whitman's Sampler](#). (Mental Floss)

These [20 Indiana sweets & candy shops](#) will satisfy any sweet tooth. (Visit Indiana)

# Learning Opportunities



[What could be sweeter. ca. 1919](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

## FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[AACHAF Conversation Series: Institution & Stewardship](#)

**Feb. 13** – Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. unpacks the legacy work of stewarding historic Black churches alongside four Action Fund partners representing sacred sites across the country. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

[Creative Solutions for Accessibility](#)

**Feb. 15** – This webinar will present case studies demonstrating how organizations can find unique approaches to advancing access for people with disabilities. (CCAHA)

[Deep dive into Subpart C of NAGPRA](#)

**Feb. 16** – This webinar is part of the National NAGPRA Program's series of 10 webinars on the new regulations. (National Park Service)



### [Controlled Vocabularies](#)

**Feb. 19** – Learn how structured and standardized vocabularies enhance search precision, streamline data categorization, and improve overall information management. (Backlog)

### [Working with Facilities to Create a Fuller Picture of Your Collection Environment](#)

**Feb. 29** – Learn how you can work with facilities to create a better understanding of your building. (Connecting to Collections Care)

## **VIRTUAL TRAINING**

### [Mexican and Chicano Genealogy Webinar](#)

**Feb. 10** – Dive into records from Mexico and the American Southwest and learn key research strategies in this all-day genealogy seminar. \$40. (Wisconsin Historical Society)

### [Fundraising for Small Nonprofits](#)

**Feb. 12-March 3** – Learn about effective fundraising practices for smaller nonprofits. Also offered in-person in Indianapolis March 18-19. \$199. (Lilly Family School of Philanthropy)

### [Caring for Scrapbooks](#)

**Feb. 15** – Learn how to provide the best level of care for scrapbook collections. \$70. (NEDCC)

### [Digitization for Small Institutions](#)

**Feb. 15** – This session covers the basics of project planning, equipment selection, digitization preparation, and more. \$125; \$100 members. (Lyris)

### [Visitor Motivations for Selecting Programs](#)

**March 4-30** – Learn how to do research into what motivates your visitors. \$499. (Northern States Conservation Center)

### [Introduction to Museum Endowments](#)

**March 11-April 12** – Learn about the structure, benefits, and challenges of endowment fund management. \$275; \$175 members. (AASLH)

## **IN-PERSON TRAINING**

### [Small Museum Association Annual Conference](#)

**Feb. 19-21, Richmond, Va.** – Attend sessions on topics ranging from collections and education to staffing and board issues. \$300. (SMA)

### [Project Management for History Professionals](#)

**Feb. 29-March 1, Overland Park, Kan.** – Learn how to implement internationally recognized project management principles in a history context. \$475; \$350 members. (AASLH)

**Funding Available**



[Rost Jewelers, interior, 1941](#) (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT**

### [Collections Assessment for Preservation Program](#)

**Due Feb. 28** – The CAP program provides small and mid-sized museums with partial funding toward a general conservation assessment. The assessment is a study of all the institution's collections, buildings, and building systems, as well as its policies and procedures relating to collections care.

### [Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships](#)

**Due April 30** – Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships of \$5,000 will support humanities scholars as they conduct new research that explores anti-Black racial injustice and structural racism in Indiana and considers how Black Hoosiers have responded. (Indiana Humanities)

## **UPCOMING DEADLINES**

### [Community Development Block Grants: Planning Grants](#)

**Due Feb. 16** (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

### [Historic Preservation Education Grants](#)

**Due Feb. 29** (Indiana Humanities and Indiana Landmarks)

### [Incommon Grants](#)

**Due Feb. 29** (Indiana Humanities)

### [Center for Collections Care at Beloit College Scholarships](#)

**Due March 1** (Beloit College – Beloit, Wis.)

[21st Century Museum Professionals Program](#)

**Due March 1** (IMLS)

[Historic Preservation Fund – Semiquincentennial Grant Program](#)

**Due March 5** (National Park Service)

## Local & Regional Job Openings



[Atkins Flower Shop, 1928](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0634)

### LOCAL

***The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!***

See open positions [here](#).

[Director, Southwest Field Office](#)

**Evansville** – Indiana Landmarks

[Museum Curator](#)

**Sullivan** – Sullivan County Public Library

### REGIONAL

[Associate Director of Education](#)

**Springfield, Ill.** – Illinois State Museum

[Collections Specialist](#)

**Dearborn, Mich.** – Jackson House, The Henry Ford

[Collections Specialist – Cataloger](#)

**Dearborn, Mich.** – Jackson House, The Henry Ford

[Collections Processing & Cataloging Manager](#)

**St. Paul, Minn.** – Minnesota Historical Society

[Site Manager](#)

**St. Paul, Minn.** – Minnesota Historical Society

[Archivist](#)

**Nashville, Tenn.** – Tennessee State Library and Archives

[Executive Director](#)

**Milwaukee, Wis.** – Jewish Museum Milwaukee

**PAID INTERNSHIPS**

[Summer Internships](#)

**Indianapolis, Ind.** – Indiana Landmarks

[Education Assistant Internship](#)

**Lincoln City, Ind.** – American Conservation Experience: Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

[2024 Historic Sites' Internship](#)

**Decatur, Ill.** – Macon County Conservation District

[Education Assistant Internship](#)

**Hodgenville, Ky.** – American Conservation Experience: Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park

[Archives & Library Graduate Intern](#)

**Dearborn, Mich.** – The Henry Ford

## Orphans Corner

*Do you have an item you would like to donate to an Indiana museum or nonprofit? We'll list it here! Email us at [col@indianahistory.org](mailto:col@indianahistory.org) and we'll list it for you!*

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