HERITAGE SUPPORT GRANTS BONUS CYCLE

Apply by March 29 – We are excited to announce a bonus mini grant cycle! This will be the only round of Heritage Support Grants offered this year.

In this cycle, grants of up to $4,999 are available for Indiana's local history organizations to meet high-priority needs in areas of: Collections Stewardship; Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion; Sustainability; and Planning. Projects must take place between May 20 and September 30, 2024. No extensions of the grant period end date will be given.

Heritage Support Grants are provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on March 29. Learn more and apply today!

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.
NEWS
The Historic Preservation Fund Grant Priorities are available for public comment. Please provide any comments to the DHPA Grants Staff by April 8. (Indiana DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology)

INVerse, the state poetry archive, is now accepting entries. All eligible residents of Indiana are encouraged to submit poems to the archive for review. Entries are due April 30. (Indiana Arts Commission and the Indiana State Library)

An article shares the history of Lyles Station, which for more than a century served as a safe haven for Black Americans migrating north in search of freedom and opportunity. (Courier and Press)

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.

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)

Black History Month Unity Concert
Feb. 18, Evansville – Celebrate Black History with the Evansville African American Museum and an inspiring and uplifting performance of the 2024 Unity Choir. (Event at Old National Events Plaza's Aiken Theatre)
In Unity: Black History, Labor Reflections, and NEA Big Read Kickoff
Feb. 19, Indianapolis – In partnership with the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library, Indiana Landmarks hosts a discussion on the history of Black labor in Indiana. (Event at Indiana Landmarks Center)

Chew on This: What's on Your Plate?
Feb. 21, multiple locations – Share a meal from a local restaurant at one of eight locations for a fun, insightful conversation about what we consume, how we consume, and the impact of what we put on our plates. (Indiana Humanities)

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)

Voices from the Past: Storyteller Series – The History of Indianapolis’ Black Hospitals
Feb. 24, Franklin – Norma Erickson, Education Manager at the Indiana Medical History Museum, will give a talk on the history of Black hospitals in Indianapolis. (Johnson County Museum of History)

Grants and Tax Incentives for Historic Buildings
Feb. 24, La Porte – Learn how to get grants and tax incentives for preserving historic buildings. (Preserve Historic La Porte)

The Women Who Saved
March 23, Madison – Tour three historic sites and learn about the women who helped to save them for generations to come. (Historic Madison, Inc.)

TRAVELING EXHIBITS
Indiana organizations can borrow professional-quality traveling exhibits from the Indiana Historical Society. You can visit exhibits at the sites below. Please check with the hosting organization regarding any on-site COVID-19 restrictions.

Endangered Heritage
Through April 1, La Porte (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

FROM THE BLOG
Are We Related? Gilliom
We uncover the closest connection (yet) between a collection item and a staff member.

One Major, Many Paths
Our reference services intern reflects on the broad and growing world of careers rooted in
a love for history.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All-Star Weekend Showcase – The INDex

Feb. 16-18 – We are proud to partner with the Capital Improvement Board of Marion County to provide traveling basketball-centric exhibits at the lower level of the Pan Am Tower during the upcoming NBA All-Star weekend.

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 are happening around the state, and we are seeking volunteer judges. Learn more and sign up today!

What We're Reading This Week

Violet Reynolds Making a Film about Walker Products, ca. 1950 (Madam C.J. Walker Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Nominations are due March 1 for the 2024 Leadership in History Awards that recognize excellence and innovative achievements in projects, programs, exhibits, publications, and...
people in state and local history. (AASLH)

Do you need walls to be a museum? (ExhibiTricks)

What makes a great museum label? (MuseumNext)

A case for the preservation of abandoned places. (Atlas Obscura)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
How to navigate the early days of DEI implementation. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY
Six ways to immediately boost volunteer signups. (Podcast from Tobi Johnson and Associates)

Volunteer training: tips and best practices to align your team. (Classy)

FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING
Demystifying spending patterns in small museums. (Engaging Places)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
The restorative power of small habits. (Harvard Business Review)

Self-awareness, the foundation of leadership. (Forbes)

NEED A BREAK?
Read about 10 Black inventors who changed the world, and learn even more about Madame C.J. Walker in this video. (Mental Floss; Black History in Two Minutes or So)

Go down the rabbit hole of invention timelines with this collection of history articles. (ThoughtCo.)

Here are 25 surprising things Hoosiers have contributed to the world. (IndyStar)

Learning Opportunities
FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

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

Bridging Generational Communication Gaps in the Nonprofit Workplace
Feb. 20 – Learn ways to address or eliminate common sources of friction, leverage the communication strengths of each generation, and more. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

Connecting with Your Audience: Effective Communication Strategies for Understanding and Engaging Your Target Market
Feb. 22 – Learn the process of understanding what motivates your target audience and how to identify strategies that will motivate them. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

AASLH History Hour
Feb. 27 – Join a free and informal conversation and networking event about volunteer programs, language accessibility, community needs, and history organizations. (AASLH)

Next Narratives: Outside/Inside
Feb. 27 – Four presenters will do a deep dive into the complexities of museum narratives and share their perspectives on successes, missteps, and still vexing challenges. (MuseumExpert)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

Digitizing Scrapbooks
Feb. 27 – Learn about digitizing scrapbooks, photo albums, and other unique bound items. $45. (NEDCC)

Handling Book and Paper-based Collections: A Primer for Staff, Interns, & Volunteers
March 12 – This webinar will guide you through proper care and handling techniques for a wide variety of collections materials. $45. (NEDCC)
PastForward Online
April 3-4 – Hear from expert speakers on how preservation can help us mitigate and adapt to a changing climate. $25; $20 members. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

IN-PERSON TRAINING
Save the Date: Oct. 22-25 for the 2024 Preserving Historic Places Conference in Madison.

Funding Available

Fall Creek, North Bank, 1910 (Indiana Historical Society, P0004)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

2024 AASLH Workshop Diversity Scholarships
Due Feb. 16 – AASLH is pleased to offer two scholarships for individuals to attend a 2024 onsite workshop. Recipients must be paid employees of history organizations and represent a racial or ethnic minority group in the U.S. (AASLH)

Historic Preservation Education Grants
Due Feb. 29 – Funding is available for public programs that educate Indiana citizens about historic places and properties – and particularly about the need to preserve and protect them. (Indiana Humanities and Indiana Landmarks)

INcommon Grants
Due Feb. 29 – These grants provide tax-exempt organizations with funds to develop and implement public programs that use the humanities to explore subjects related to race and ethnicity. (Indiana Humanities)
**SIA Foundation Capital Projects Grants**

**Due March 31** – Grants are available to Indiana nonprofit organizations for specific capital projects in the areas of: Arts & Culture, Education, and Health & Welfare. (SIA Foundation)

**UPCOMING DEADLINES**

**Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) Program**

**Due Feb. 28** (FAIC)

**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)

**Arts Project Support Grants**

**Due March 7; Draft Review Deadline Feb. 23** (Indiana Arts Commission)

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**Local & Regional Job Openings**

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*Flanner House Health Care, ca. 1920-1950 (Indiana Historical Society, M0513)*
COMMUNIQUE ONLINE

LOCAL
Director, Exhibitions
Indianapolis – Indiana Historical Society

Assistant, Development
Indianapolis – Indiana Historical Society

Executive Director
Evansville – Reitz Home Museum

Collections Assistant (Part-Time, Temporary)
Fishers – Conner Prairie Museum

REGIONAL
Exhibit Designer
St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota Historical Society

Event Coordinator & Membership Program Associate
St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota Historical Society

Director
Cincinnati, Ohio – American Sign Museum

PAID INTERNSHIPS
Governor’s Summer Intern – IARA State Archives
Indianapolis – Indiana Archives and Records Administration

Museum Intern
Frisco, Colo. – Historic Park, Town of Frisco

Archives Intern
Milwaukee, Wis. – Northwestern Mutual

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