

# INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMUNIQUE ONLINE

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## Heritage Support Grants for Indiana History Organizations

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## Updates from Local History Services



[Giant cash register, war savings campaign, Monument Circle, 1918](#) (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

## 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](#).

## Around Indiana



[\*Moving of the Heritage Learning Center, 1994\*](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1496)

### 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](#))

## Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

### 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



[Lyles Station School, 1888](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0500)

## 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)

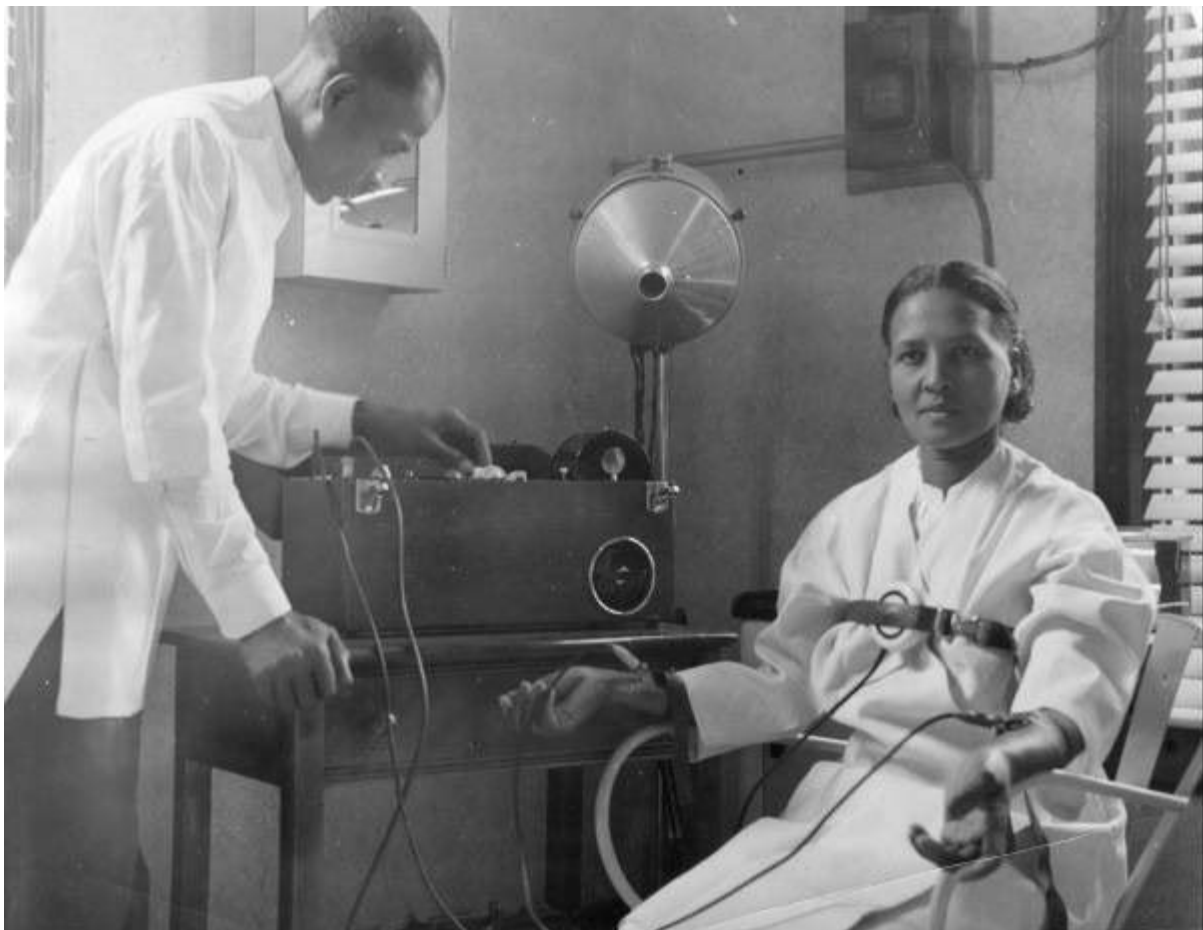
[Historic Preservation Fund – Semiquincentennial Grant Program](#)

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

[Arts Project Support Grants](#)

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

## Local & Regional Job Openings



[Flanner House Health Care, ca. 1920-1950](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0513)

## 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

## 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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