

# INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMUNIQUE ONLINE

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## Updates from Local History Services



*Harriet Noble Scrapbook, Vassar Eclipse Viewing August (actually July) 1878, Denver, CO (Indiana Historical Society, M1093)*

## **FREE VIRTUAL BROWN BAG**

[The U.S. 250th: We the People](#)

**April 24, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Eastern)** – Join us on Zoom for a moderated panel discussion on the topic of “We the People.” The discussion will last approximately one hour, with an additional half hour for audience Q&A. [Register here](#).

## **Around Indiana**



*[Mrs. Leonard Lawrence Models, 1968](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0513)*

## NEWS

Indiana Humanities has announced that the [official poet for the April 8, 2024, eclipse is Linda Neal Reising](#), a prolific writer and award-winning poet from New Harmony. Read her poem, along with the second and third place poems, [here](#).

Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau welcome nominations for the [2024 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation](#). **Nominations are due April 15.**

Indiana Landmarks moves its [Eastern Regional Office](#) from Cambridge City to Richmond.  
(Pal Item)

## 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.*

### [Exhibit: Rolling Prairie History Pop-Up](#)

**Now-April 30, La Porte** – Learn about Rolling Prairie in the third “Towns of La Porte County” pop-up exhibit. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

### [Eclipse Jennings County: “Total Eclipse of the Arts”](#)

**April 5-8, Vernon** – Enjoy arts programs, local history and cemetery tours, food, and an eclipse viewing party and picnic. (Eclipse Jennings County)

### [DNA Q & A](#)

**April 6, Frankfort** – Biologist and Genetic Genealogist Robert Sliwinski will discuss DNA tests and genetic genealogy. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

### [Total Solar Eclipse Community Weekend Tour Pass](#)

**April 6-7, New Harmony** – Five New Harmony organizations are partnering together to offer area visitors a special opportunity to explore the community's rich cultural and historical sites during the weekend before the Total Solar Eclipse. (University of Southern Indiana)

### [In the Beginning and the Mounds](#)

**April 7, Anderson** – This presentation will be given by Madison County Historian Stephen T. Jackson as part of the 2024 First Sunday Presentations. (Madison County Historical Society)

### [A Performing Arts Theatre and a Civic Vision](#)

**April 7, Fort Wayne** – Miriam Morgan will share the history of how a need in the local arts and culture sector produced a bold vision for a cultural district. (The History Center)

### [Total Solar Eclipse Event](#)

**April 8, New Castle** – Settle in on the front lawn of the museum to safely view the eclipse with some popcorn and pop. (Henry County Historical Society and Museum)

### [Historic New Harmony's Total Solar Eclipse Fundraiser Watch Party](#)

**April 8, New Harmony** – Witness this dazzling celestial event on top of the internationally acclaimed Atheneum Visitors Center. (Historic New Harmony)

### [Zionsville Train Depot Historic Plaque Dedication](#)

**April 10, Zionsville** – The dedication ceremony for a new historic plaque for the Zionsville Train Depot will be held at 10 a.m. at the entrance to the Nancy Burton Trailhead off Starkey Road. (SullivanMunce Cultural Center)

### [Genealogy Bus Trip to Allen County Public Library](#)

**April 17, departing from Michigan City and La Porte** – Take a genealogy research trip to the Allen County Public Library. (Event from the LaPorte County Genealogical Society and the Michigan City Library)

### [Mary Stewart Carey and the Origins of the State Flag](#)

**April 20, Greensburg** – The 2024 Annual Dinner and Program will be presented by Author David B. Reddick. (Historical Society of Decatur County; event at First Baptist Church)

### [Indianapolis German Heritage Bike Tour](#)

**April 20, Indianapolis** – Bike through downtown Indy and Fountain Square on a leisurely guided tour exploring the enduring impact of German heritage on the city. (Indiana

Landmarks)

[Riding the Rails: Discovering the Hobos and Vagabonds in Your Family History](#)

**April 23, Lebanon** – This presentation by Amber Oldenburg will introduce attendees to the history of itinerant workers between 1870 and 1940. (Clinton County and Boone County Genealogical Societies; event at the Lebanon Public Library)

[Heritage Artisans Days](#)

**April 24-26, New Harmony** – During this kid-focused event, artisans show what life was like in Indiana in the early 1800s. (Historic New Harmony, event held on the Atheneum grounds)

[Preserve Your Family Treasures](#)

**April 29, Indianapolis** – A team of experienced conservators will be on hand to show individuals how to best care for antiques and artwork. (Indiana State Library)

[Trails to Rails in Indiana's Calumet Region](#)

**May 3, Porter** – Learn about the history of centuries-old routes used by native inhabitants, freedom seekers, and rail lines in northwest Indiana. (Indiana Landmarks; event at Indiana Dunes National Park)

[Logs to Lustrons Tour 2024](#)

**May 4, Porter** – Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Dunes National Park team up to present 13 sites spanning a century of architecture. (Indiana Landmarks)

## 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.

***Faces in the Crowd***

Through May 9, Indianapolis ([IUPUI University Library](#))

***From Pencils to Pixels: Hoosier Cartoons and Comics***

Through May 12, New Carlisle ([Historic New Carlisle](#))

***Indiana Disasters***

Through May 12, Walkerton ([Walkerton Heritage Museum](#))

***Endangered Heritage***

Through May 13, Columbus ([Bartholomew County Historical Society](#))

## Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

### FROM THE BLOG

[Hoosier Experiences of the 1869 Solar Eclipse](#)

The Indiana Historical Society is fortunate to have several diaries, letters and journals documenting the August 7, 1869, eclipse, giving us a glimpse of how Hoosiers experienced the event nearly 155 years ago.

[“Unbound: A Collection of Indiana Stories” Season 2 Premiere](#)

Join us for season two of an exciting and at times unexpected journey through Indiana's history in our “Unbound” podcast.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

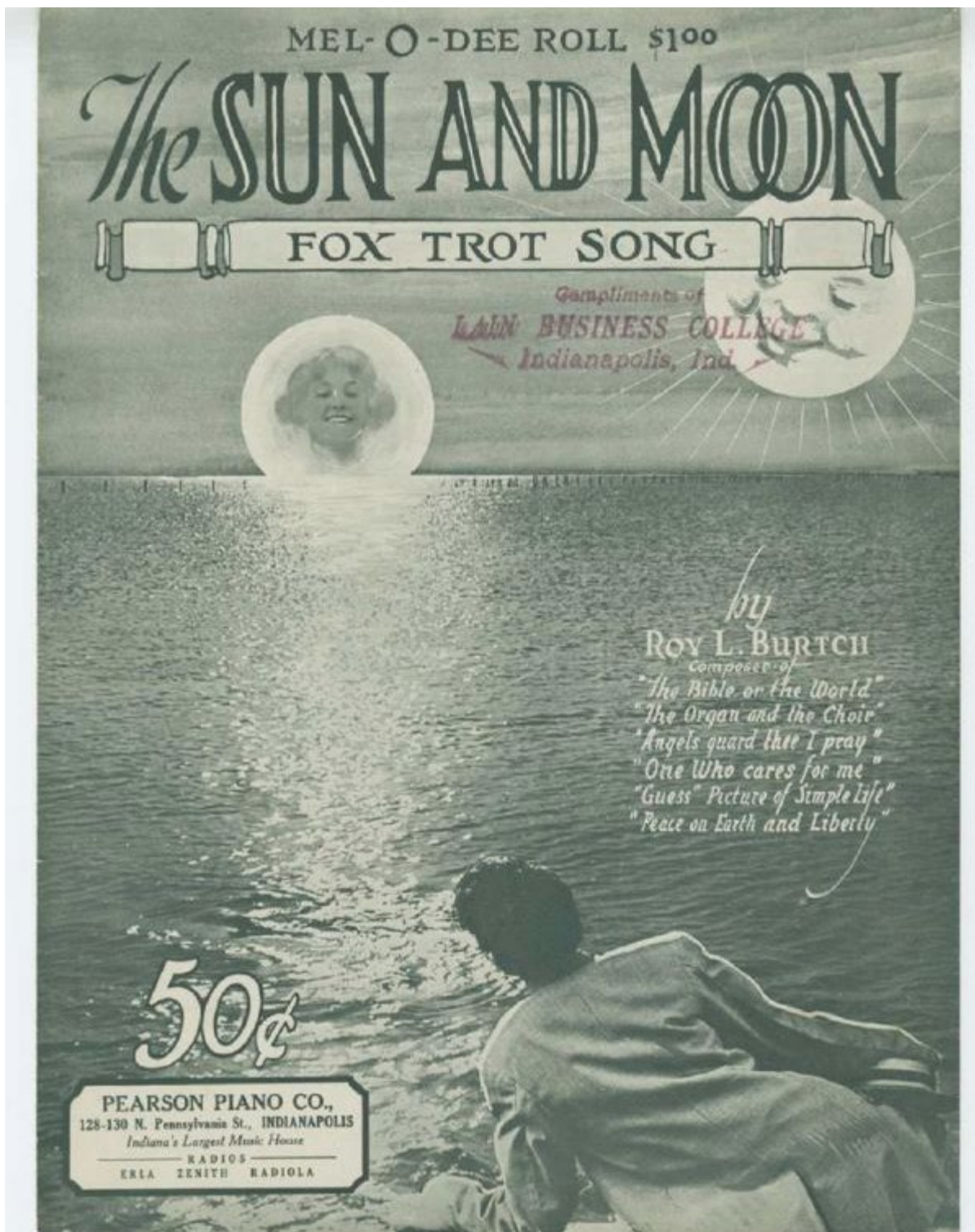
### [Library Show-and-Tell](#)

**April 27** – Join the librarians of the William H. Smith Memorial Library for an informal conversation about unique objects in the Indiana Historical Society collections.

### [2024 Independent Bookstore Day](#)

**April 27** – Celebrate Independent Bookstore Day with the Basile History Market! The day will include special book discounts, author signings and free admission to IHS.

## What We're Reading This Week



[Sun and moon : fox trot song. ca. 1925](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

## RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

[STEAM for historic sites](#): a case study for interdisciplinary programs. (AASLH)

Do you have memories of Route 66? The National Trust for Historic Preservation invites community members, travelers, historians, and enthusiasts to [share stories and photos about Route 66](#) in preparation for its centennial in 2026.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

[Consensual curation](#) and our common future. (AAM)

## FUNDRAISING & FINANCE

Your nonprofit's budget: [a window to finding your priorities](#). (Blue Avocado)

These [fundraising appeal fallacies](#) will cost you money. (Clairification)

## LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

From bored to blazing: [7 steps](#) to get your board reconnected, reengaged and enthusiastic. (Gail Perry Group)

Mistakes will happen. Experiment with these [7 mental models](#) to manage more effectively. (Fast Company)

## NEED A BREAK?

[5 things you probably didn't know](#) about solar eclipses. (Exploratorium)

Get ready for the eclipse with [Atlas Obscura's fascinating collection of stories](#) at the intersection of science, history, travel, and pop culture.

[A brief history of eclipse chasers](#) (they also go by umbraphiles, coronaphiles, eclipsoholics and ecliptomaniacs). (Smithsonian Magazine)

How to view the eclipse [safely](#). (NASA)

# Learning Opportunities





[Fairbanks School-Children Teacher and Globe, 1944](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

## **FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING**

### [Identify and Cultivate Meaningful Partnerships](#)

**April 8** – Learn about the different collaborative models your nonprofit can engage in to increase your odds of getting funded. (GrantStation)

### [Inclusivity Essentials: Creating Accessible Websites for Nonprofits](#)

**April 16** – Learn how to ensure that your website is welcoming to all audiences by using accessibility features and complying with ADA standards. (TechSoup)

### [Federal Funding Blueprint: Finding and Managing Federal Grants in a Changing Environment](#)

**April 24** – Learn about recent changes to SAM.gov and Grants.gov, best practices in grants management, and potential legislative changes to single audits, indirect rates and more. (Your Part-Time Controller)

### [OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program](#)

**April 25** – Learn how small and mid-sized institutions can best use the services that OSHA provides through this program. (Connecting to Collections Care)

## **VIRTUAL TRAINING**

### [Logic Models ... More Than Extra Work](#)

**April 9** – Discover how logic models can help you quantify those “hard to measure” outcomes that tell your organization’s true story. \$69. (GrantStation)

### [Climate and Weather History as Local History](#)

**April 24** – Learn how museums can engage and educate visitors about weather and the

climate crisis, as well as strategies museums to interpret local records. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

[Development Operations](#)

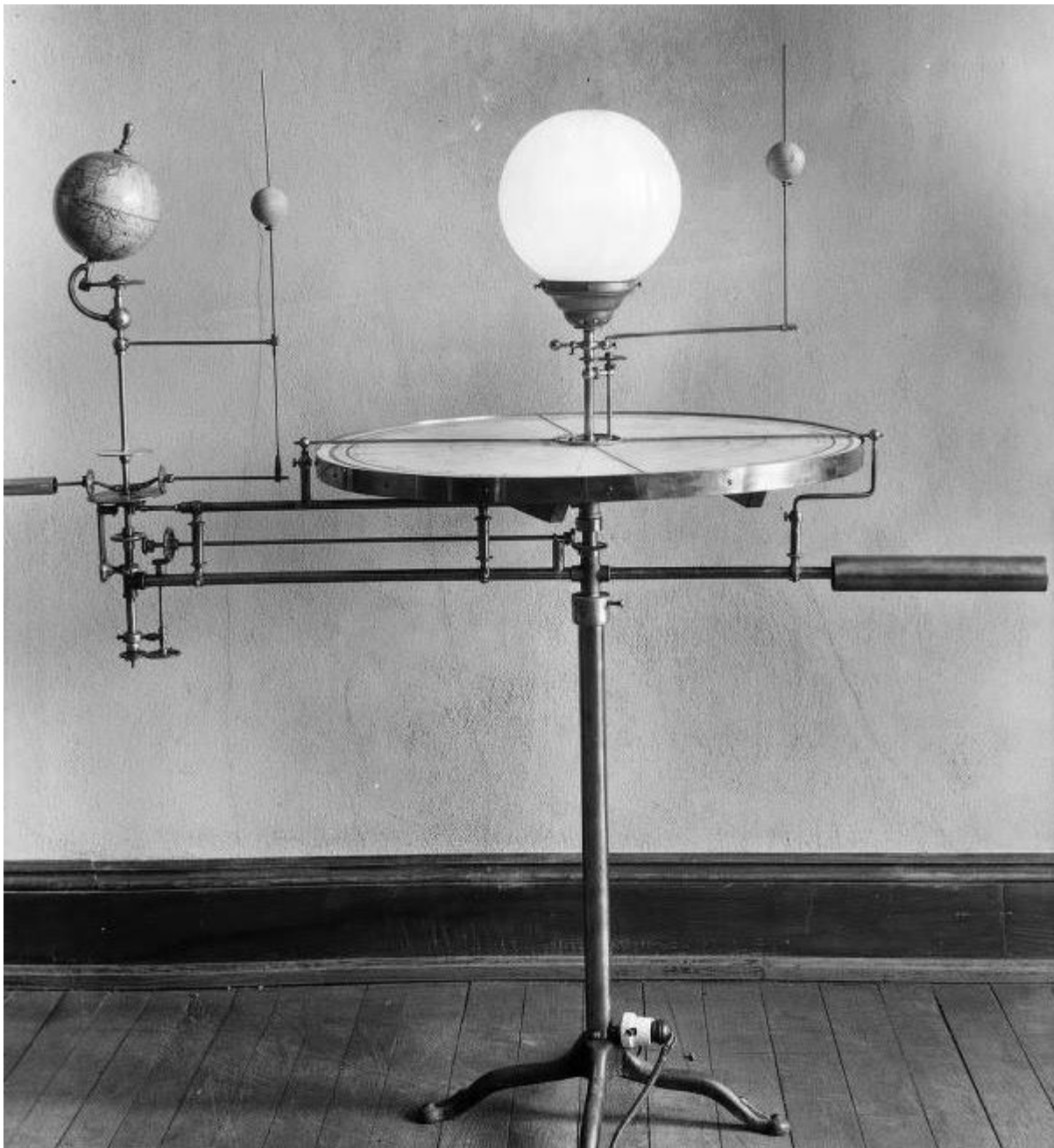
**April 24** – Learn best practices for maintaining a donor database, how to build an effective donor communications plan, and more. \$125; \$100 members. (LYRASIS)

**IN-PERSON TRAINING**

[IGS 2024 Annual Seminar and Conference](#)

**April 19 and 20, Fort Wayne** – The conference will feature eight sessions by local Indiana genealogists, and extended research hours in the Genealogy Center. (Indiana Genealogical Society; event at the Allen County Public Library)

**Funding Available**



[Astronomical Light, ca. 1920](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0224)

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT**

### [Cultural and Community Resilience Grants](#)

**Due May 21; optional draft due April 11** – This program supports community-based efforts to address the impacts of climate change and COVID-19 by safeguarding cultural resources and fostering cultural resilience. Projects should fall into one of two categories: community collecting initiatives or oral history programs. All projects must address the impacts of either climate change or the COVID-19 pandemic on one or more communities. (NEH)

## **UPCOMING DEADLINES**

### [Spark Good Local Grants](#)

**Due April 15** (Walmart)

### [Recordings at Risk Grants](#)

**Due April 17** (CLIR)

[Advancing Racial Equity Collection Development Grants](#)

**Due April 19** (Indiana Humanities)

[Challenge America Grants](#)

**Due April 25** (National Endowment for the Arts)

[Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships](#)

**Due April 30** (Indiana Humanities)

## Local & Regional Job Openings



[Indiana University, campus and Kirkwood Observatory, 1904](#) (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

### LOCAL

**The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!**

See open positions [here](#).

[Director of Individual Giving](#)

**Fishers** – Conner Prairie Museum

[Associate Director of Experience & Education](#)

**Muncie** – Minnetrista Museum & Gardens

[Museum Specialist \(part-time\)](#)

**Walkerton** – Walkerton Heritage Museum

## REGIONAL

[Executive Director](#)

**Ashtabula, Ohio** – Ashtabula Maritime & Surface Transportation Museum

[Resource Description Librarian and Cataloging Coordinator for Spec. Collections](#)

**Madison, Wis.** – University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries

[Executive Director](#)

**Superior, Wis.** – Superior Public Museums

## Orphans Corner – Items Available



*Items available from the Montgomery County Historical Society*

The Montgomery County Historical Society has two items that have been deaccessioned that they would like to gift to another Indiana museum or nonprofit.

The first item is a framed shadowbox (16.5" x 15.5" x 1.5" high) with three crests attached to the back of the box. One crest has a lion, another has three insects, and the last has six dots in the center.

The second item is a wood model of the Taj Mahal. The model measures 18.5" square and 18.5" high.

To claim these items, email [jcoates@lane-mchs.org](mailto:jcoates@lane-mchs.org). Items are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

*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!*

To submit a news release, email [col@indianahistory.org](mailto:col@indianahistory.org) by noon Wednesday for same-week publication.  
Some exceptions may apply.

We'd love your input on this e-newsletter! [Use this form](#) to give us your feedback.

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