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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.
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)

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**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)

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**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
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](https://blueavocado.com/). (Blue Avocado)

These [fundraising appeal fallacies](https://clarification.com/) will cost you money. (Clarification)

**LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**
From bored to blazing: [7 steps](https://gailperrygroup.com/) to get your board reconnected, reengaged and enthusiastic. (Gail Perry Group)

Mistakes will happen. Experiment with these [7 mental models](https://fastcompany.com/) to manage more effectively. (Fast Company)

**NEED A BREAK?**
[5 things you probably didn't know](https://exploratorium.com/) about solar eclipses. (Exploratorium)

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

[A brief history of eclipse chasers](https://smithsonianmag.com/) (they also go by umbraphiles, coronaphiles, eclipsoholics and ecliptomaniacs). (Smithsonian Magazine)

How to view the eclipse [safely](https://nasa.gov/). (NASA)
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**
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
Orphans Corner – Items Available

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. 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 and we’ll list it for you!
To submit a news release, email 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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