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FREE VIRTUAL BROWN BAG – WE THE PEOPLE
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” – why inclusion and belonging matter, how local historical organizations, historians, and communities can tell broader stories, and more. The discussion will last approximately one hour, with an additional half hour for audience Q&A.

RSVP here.

Around Indiana

Root Store Record Department, 1944 (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS
The 2024-2025 Indiana state historical marker application cycle is now open. The application deadline is July 18, 2024. Additionally, National Historic Marker Day is April 26. It’s a great opportunity to learn about and help preserve the history of our state. (Indiana Historical Bureau)

Restoration work has begun on the House of Tomorrow in Beverly Shores. (WGN9)

USA Today’s Reader’s Choice 2024 picked two Indiana towns that made (and topped) the list
of the 10 best small towns in the Midwest. (USA Today)

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana is slated for its 46th Honor Flight from Fort Wayne on April 24 with 85 veterans from the Fort Wayne area. A welcome home celebration is scheduled at the Fort Wayne International Airport that evening. (HFNI)

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
Century of Progress Homes
April 25 – Join DAADS + CADS for a presentation on "Century of Progress" with Todd Zeiger, Director, Northern Regional Office of Indiana Landmarks. (Detroit Area Art Deco Society)

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.

Palatines to America Indiana Chapter Spring Meeting
April 20, Indianapolis – The event will feature two presentations by Vicki Casteel from the Indiana State Archives, followed by an attendee group interaction about various aspects of German genealogy. (Event will be held at Indianapolis Public Library Michigan Road Branch)

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)

Where in Indiana are These Landscape Photos
April 21, Irvington – Ed Fujawa, author of Vanished Indianapolis, will share how mysterious places can sometimes be identified by the bridges, roads, waterways, and buildings they depict. (Irvington Historical Society)

Historical Society of Harrison County 20th Birthday Party
April 23, Corydon – See highlights and accomplishments of the organization’s past 20 years. (Event at the Wright Interpretive Center)

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)

Spring Swing Mini Golf Tournament
April 24, Wabash – This is a four-person team event supporting the museum’s education fund. (Wabash County Museum)

No Rolling Stones: A Landscape Perspective of the Dry Stack Stone Walls of Monroe County
April 25, 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)

INconversation with Dr. Tiya Miles
April 25, Indianapolis – Dr. Tiya Miles is the award-winning author of All That She Carried:
The Journey of Ashley’s Sack, a Black Family Keepsake. (Indiana Humanities; event at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art)

Rescue Party
April 27, Indianapolis – Party for a good cause at Indiana Landmarks’ annual fundraiser for the Endangered Places programs. (Indiana Landmarks)

The History of Anderson University
April 28, Anderson – Dr. Merle Strege will present this program at the general meeting. (Madison County Historical Society)

Exhibit: Praise the Lord! The Precedence, Practitioners, and Power of Gospel Music in Bloomington
April 30-Aug. 24, Bloomington – In this exhibit guest curated by Dr. Alonza Lawrence, learn about the history and ongoing impact of several area choirs. (Monroe County History Center)

Miami Indian Heritage Days – Miami Beadwork
May 4, Fort Wayne – Katrina Mitten will offer a demonstration on Miami Beadwork. (Chief Richardville House, or akima pinšiwa awiiki)

Book Launch: The Ghostly Diva
May 11, La Porte – Join Sandra Young to celebrate the launch of her third book, The Ghostly Diva, which is set at the museum. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

Pine Lake Cemetery Tour
May 18, La Porte – The tour will walk you through the scenic cemetery grounds, highlighting the stories of ten monuments and the people they commemorate. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

FROM THE BLOG
Seeing Double: Twins in the Digital Collection
Explore images of twins in our collection in this post written by a reference librarian, who is also a twin!

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.

Hoosier Asian Celebration
May 7-31 – For more than three weeks visitors can celebrate Asian cultures through displays, resources, and additional activities on specific dates including performances, food demonstrations, and arts and crafts.

NEW EXHIBIT NOW OPEN
RESIST! Notre Dame Students Stand Up to the KKK
At the height of the power of the Ku Klux Klan in May of 1924, they planned a rally in the
city of South Bend, Ind. The city is home to a large concentration of Jewish and Catholic residents and the University of Notre Dame, where many Catholic students attended. This set up a major flashpoint between the KKK and a religious group they had villainized and persecuted.

What We're Reading This Week

Grissom and Young at McDonnell Aircraft, 1964 (NASA photo, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD
AASLH’s Standards and Ethics Committee is seeking nominees for terms beginning Oct. 1, 2024. If you are interested in museum and public history ethics or know someone who is, this may be an ideal opportunity. (AASLH)

How to save a historic place: become an advocate. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

How one museum is using A.I. to facilitate visitor conversations with World War II veterans, home front workers, nurses, USO dancers, and others. (Smithsonian Magazine)

Culture warriors – on both sides – are wrong about America’s history classrooms. (Time)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
Effective exhibitions should provoke! Done right, an exhibition can make history a practical tool for justice by recovering silenced narratives and prompting audience reflection on...
history’s afterlives in the present. (AAM)

**FUNDRAISING**
A nonprofit guide to [fundraising raffle ideas](https://example.com/fundraising-raffle) (20+ prizes). (Classy)

**LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**
5 characteristics of [stress-resilient people](https://example.com/stress-resilient) (and how to develop them). (Harvard Business Review)

[Intergenerational leadership](https://example.com/intergenerational) is key to organizational success. (Forbes)

**NEED A BREAK?**
There’s a [new library on the moon](https://example.com/moon-library) that contains 30 million pages of books, 25,000 songs and a whole bunch of art. It might last billions of years. (Mashable)

Solar storms, ice cores and nuns’ teeth: [*the new science of history*](https://example.com/new-science-history). (The Guardian)

An insightful map reveals [literal translations of U.S. city and state names](https://example.com/literal-translations). (My Modern Met)

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**Learning Opportunities**

[Science Experiment at Attucks, 1957](https://example.com/science-experiment-at-attucks) (*Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society*)
FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

AASLH History Hour: Research and Action at History Organizations
April 23 – Join colleagues to discuss the connection between research and action at history organizations. (AASLH)

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

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 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)

Caring for Museum Collections
May 20-July 19 – This eight-week online course will deal with the physical care and preservation of your museum collections. $315; $215 members. (AASLH)

Interpreting the History and Legacies of Slavery in School Programs
May 30-31 – This virtual workshop will cover pedagogically-sound and emotionally-aware techniques for developing school programs on the subject of enslavement. $65. (NCPH)

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)

2024 ALHFAM Annual Meeting & Conference
June 7-10, Titusville, N.J. – Registration is now open for the annual conference of the Association for Living History, Farm, and Agricultural Museums. A virtual symposium will be held Sept. 9-10. (ALHFAM)

Funding Available
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants
Due May 21 – This program supports projects that develop and implement educational programs for professionals who preserve and provide access to humanities collections. (NEH)

Research and Development Grants
Due May 21 – This program supports projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources, including finding better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation’s cultural heritage and developing advanced modes of organizing, searching, discovering, and using such materials. (NEH)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Challenge America Grants
Due April 25 (National Endowment for the Arts)

Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships
Due April 30 (Indiana Humanities)

Cultural and Community Resilience Grants
Due May 21 (NEH)
Local & Regional Job Openings

Nickel Plate Railroad Switchboard Controller, ca. 1940 (Richard Simons/Indianapolis Star Magazine, Indiana Historical Society)

LOCAL
The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!
See open positions here.

Architectural Field Surveyor Positions (contract, temporary)
Central Indiana – The Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology is seeking surveyors to help with the new Indiana Historic Sites and structures inventory for counties in the Central Indiana area. For more information or to apply, contact amward@dnr.IN.gov.

Assistant Archivist
Bloomington – Black Film Center & Archive, Indiana University

Associate Director of Experience & Education
Muncie – Minnetrista Museum & Gardens

Orphans Corner

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