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Updates from Local History Services



[Nursery Children on the Lawn of the National Surgical Institute. ca. 1890s](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0017)

UPDATED SPEAKERS LIST

The Local History Services department maintains a [Speakers List](#), which is provided as a service to groups and organizations throughout Indiana seeking history programs and presentations. We have recently updated the list, and it is now available online in Excel and PDF formats.

[Find the Speakers List here.](#)

If you have questions about this list or wish to submit corrections or be added to the list, please email localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org.

Around Indiana



[*Mattie Coney in a Garden. ca. 1970*](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1086)

NEWS

May is National Historic Preservation Month! Find resources from the [Indiana DHPA](#) and [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#).

In partnership with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Destination Development Corporation have launched [The Motorsports Circuit IN Indiana microsite](#) to tell Indiana's rich racing history.

The Lilly Library at Indiana University has launched a new digital collection titled [Land, Wealth, Liberation: The Making & Unmaking of Black Wealth in the United States](#). (Ebony)

A step back in time: Historic Madison Inc.'s [recently renovated Dr. W.D. Hutchings' Office &](#)

[Museum](#) shows what a doctor's office was like in the 1800s. (Courier Journal)

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

[Lincoln at the Library: Artifacts Tell Their Stories](#)

May 4 – Daniel Weinberg will discuss the import of Lincoln artifacts and highlight some remarkable items from his bookshop and the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection at ACPL. (Allen County Public Library)

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.

[Wine, Cheese, and All That Jazz](#)

April 27, Franklin – Enjoy wines from local wineries, a variety of cheeses, live jazz music, a silent auction, and more. (Johnson County Museum of History)

[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)

[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)

[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)

[Preserving Architectural Heritage: The National Register vs. the National Trust](#)

May 2, Elkhart – Membership Coordinator Mark Doddington will present this Gallery Talk. (Ruthmere Museum)

[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)

[Harmar's Defeat: The 1790 Battle of Kekionga](#)

May 5, Fort Wayne – Author William Heath will talk about this crucial military conflict. (The History Center)

[Indianapolis Meatpacking History: Kingan & Company](#)

May 5, Indianapolis – Learn about the history of Kingan & Company and its enduring impact on the city of Indianapolis. (Indianapolis Public Library)

[Booth Tarkington's Indianapolis](#)

May 7, Indianapolis – Architectural historian Benjamin L. Ross shares the people and places that inspired novelist Booth Tarkington. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Indiana State Library Digital Collections Lunch and Learn](#)

May 9, Indianapolis – Learn about the Indiana State Library's Digital Collections which include a vast range of gems such as historic state documents, rare manuscripts, and maps. (Indiana State Library)

[National Historic Preservation Month Event](#)

May 16, Zionsville – Enjoy a Century Structure walking tour, hear about the Century Structure program, learn about the latest historic marker, and more. (SullivanMunce Cultural Center)

[Preserve Your Family History Scanning Event](#)

May 18, Frankfort – The event will feature a webinar on photo organizing, photo/object scanning sessions with a Vivid-Pix Memory Station, and more. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

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.

A Visual Journey: From AIDS to Marriage Equality

Through May 20, Jasper ([Jasper Dubois County Public Library](#))

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

FROM THE BLOG

[Celebration Days in April](#)

Along with more popular holidays like April Fool's Day and Earth Day, April also has some lesser-known, yet still noteworthy, National Days.

[The Headwear Information Bureau's National Straw Hat Month](#)

Founded in 1989, HIB promotes hat making (or millinery) through contests and public relation promotions.

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 – Free Admission](#)

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.

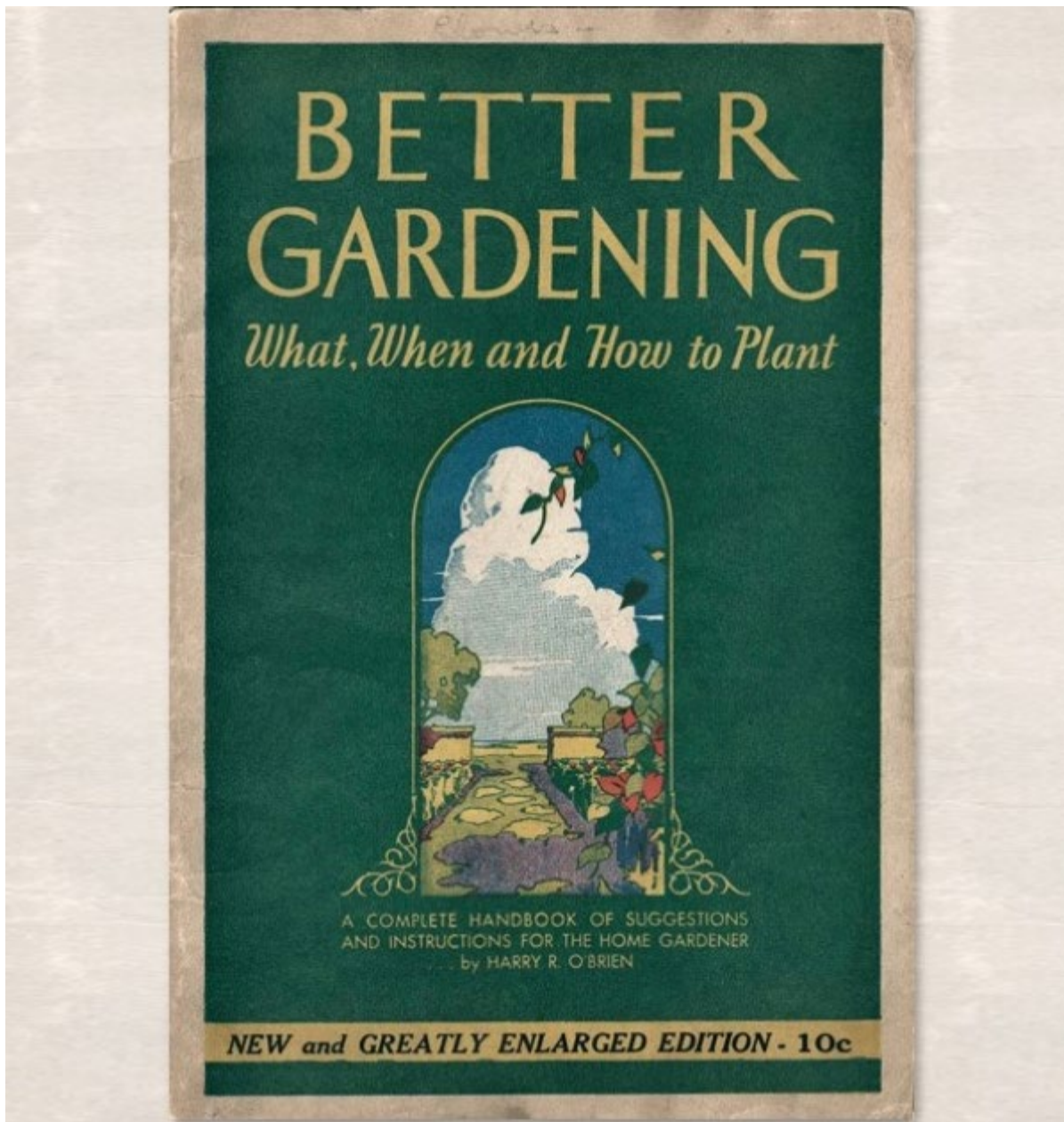
[Hoosier Asian Celebration](#)

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.

[A Legacy of Forgiveness: An Eva Kor Panel](#)

May 8 – Join us for a virtual panel to discuss Eva Kor, her relationship with forgiveness, and how that legacy made a mark on the world.

What We're Reading This Week



Booklet. "Better Gardening: What, When and How to Plant." 1932 (Indiana Historical Society, M1028)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The Association of Independent Museums (UK) has created a series of [Success Guides](#) that share relevant and expert advice on a variety of aspects involved in running a museum. (AIM UK)

Historical markers are everywhere in America. [Some get history wrong](#). (NPR)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Centering cultural change: how to ensure that [anti-racist engagement](#) goes deeper within the museum sector. (MuseumNext)

AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY

Tips and best practices for the [health of our volunteer programs](#). (AASLH)

FUNDRAISING

The top 15 [member retention strategies](#) to grow your community in 2024. (Wild Apricot)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Building the [nonprofit board of your dreams](#). (Bloomerang)

How [curiosity and creativity](#) can foster self-aware nonprofit leaders. (Blue Avocado)

How to give a [killer presentation](#). (Harvard Business Review)

NEED A BREAK?

Find garden inspiration with these [historical magic lantern slides](#). (Library of Congress)

Flip through more than 5,000 pages of this sprawling [19th-century atlas of natural history](#). (This is Colossal)

The fun and interesting history of [goose lawn ornaments](#) and [plastic pink flamingos](#). (Ehow; Artsy)

Learning Opportunities



[Five Children in Back Yard, ca. 1950](#) (Amanda Aguilera, Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Introduction to Measuring Your Impact](#)

April 30 – Learn the basics of shifting focus from your nonprofit's activities to its outcomes. (Candid)

[Storytelling for Impact](#)

April 30 – This marketing webinar will cover tips, techniques and tools to help you tell better and more impactful stories. (Firespring)

[Regional Emergency Networks: VACDaRN's Response to Vermont's Severe Weather and Flooding](#)

May 1 – Hear about VACDaRN's work in the immediate aftermath of the 2023 flooding, the long tail of recovery, and what they learned we need to improve before the next disaster. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[A Case Study in Finding New Donors](#)

May 8 – Learn how to use prospect research techniques to increase the impact of your organization's mission. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

[Book Preservation 101](#)

May 23 – Cultural heritage professional Rebecca Elder will cover the safe storage, handling, and display of books. (Indianapolis Public Library)

[Earthquake Preparedness](#)

May 30 – Learn about practical guidance on earthquake mitigation, prevention, and recovery that cultural institutions will be able to apply to their facilities. (Connecting to Collections Care)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[How to Get Your Board to Fundraise](#)

May 1 – This workshop will focus on equipping and motivating your board members to be great fundraisers. \$75; \$50 members. (LYRASIS)

[Increase Your Impact Through Nonprofit Partnerships](#)

May 6 – This session will explore seven critical factors essential for forging effective partnerships. \$39. (GrantStation)

[Digitization: Planning for Success](#)

May 23 – This session covers digitization project stages; selection criteria for converting various collections; and handling considerations. \$95. (NEDCC)

Funding Available



Roy E. Adams garden. 4145 North Washington Boulevard. 1927 (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships Due](#)

April 30 – Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships of \$5,000 will support humanities scholars as they conduct new research that explores anti-Black racial injustice and structural racism in Indiana and considers how Black Hoosiers have responded. (Indiana Humanities)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Cultural and Community Resilience Grants](#)

Due May 21 (NEH)

[Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants](#)

Due May 21 (NEH)

[Research and Development Grants](#)

Due May 21 (NEH)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Wally Nehrling Working in Garden. 1944](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0569)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Program Coordinator](#)

Carmel – Great American Songbook Foundation

[Historic Site Manager](#)

New Harmony – New Harmony State Historic Site, Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites

REGIONAL

[Collections Technician](#)

Dubuque, Iowa – National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium

[SVP Programs & Exhibitions](#)

Detroit, Mich. – Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

[Development Officer](#)

Detroit, Mich. – Ford Piquette Avenue Plant Museum

[Program Supervisor, History Day](#)

St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota Historical Society

[Imaging Supervisor](#)

Lebanon, Ohio – Warren County Records Center & Archives

Orphans Corner

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