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Updates from Local History Services



[Tuckaway House. Drawing Room. ca. 1915](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0060)

PREPARING FOR THE WINTER SEASON

The winter season is nigh upon us, and it is a great time to prepare our buildings and collections for colder weather and the holiday season.

[Tis The Season for Cold Weather, Holiday Parties and...Pests?](#) (IHS Collections Advisor)

[Why Can't We...Sit in the chair? Drink from the teacup? Wear the clothes?](#) (IHS Collections Advisor)

[Seasonal Affective Disorder: Caring for Collections During Seasonal Special Events](#)
(Connecting to Collections Care Recorded Webinar)

[Hibernation – Not Just for Bears: Putting Your House Museum “To Bed” for the Season](#)
(Connecting to Collections Care Recorded Webinar)

[Winterizing Historic Buildings](#) (CCAHA)

Around Indiana



[First Snow of Winter, 1984](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS

The Allen County Public Library has partnered with Vintage Aerial to [bring an aerial photography database to patrons](#) through the Genealogy Center. The new database will allow users to access millions of aerial photographs from across the county, with more than 50 thousand from Allen County alone. (WBOI)

How [Kurt Vonnegut's board game](#) was revived from IU's Lilly Library to store shelves. (The

Herald Times)

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.

[2024 Festival of Gingerbread](#)

Now-Dec. 22, Fort Wayne – See new creations crafted by gingerbread artists of all ages and skill levels. (The History Center)

[First Friday Art Show – Sifting](#)

Dec. 6, Indianapolis – Through photography and found objects, the exhibit explores artist Alexander Toms' relationship to an out-of-use die casting facility in Kokomo, Indiana. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Christmas at the Canal](#)

Dec. 7, Delphi – Step back in time and experience a traditional holiday celebration in one of Indiana's most picturesque and historic settings. (Wabash & Erie Canal Park)

[Open House](#)

Dec. 7, Delphi – See the the Christmas Parade in Delphi and visit an Open House at the Museum. (Carroll County Historical Society)

[A Visit with Santa](#)

Dec. 7 and 14, Franklin – Meet Santa and get one free 4x6 photograph with him, and enjoy a free craft activity. (Johnson County Museum of History)

[Indianapolis Holiday Church Tour 2024](#)

Dec. 7, Indianapolis – Explore the architecture, history, preservation, and tradition of churches in Indianapolis's Irvington neighborhood. (Indiana Landmarks; event begins at Irvington Presbyterian Church)

[Pearl Harbor Remembered](#)

Dec. 7, Knox – Reenactors will share WWII memorabilia, including a vintage jeep, and the Henry F. Schricker home will display some items showing life on the home front. (Starke County History Center)

[Holiday Artisan Fair](#)

Dec. 7, La Porte – Visit local artisans offering unique holiday gift items. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Tea with Mrs. Claus](#)

Dec. 8 and 15, Elkhart – Celebrate the holiday season and hear the secrets that only the wife of the "jolly ole' elf," himself would know. (Ruthmere)

[Annual Meeting + Local Jewish History Trivia Challenge](#)

Dec. 8, South Bend – Join the Michiana Jewish Historical Society for a friendly trivia competition, a look back at the last year of activity at the Society, and more. (Michiana Jewish Historical Society)

[Christmas on the Avenue Historic Homes Tour](#)

Dec. 14, Greendale – Visit five homes on historic Ridge Avenue in Greendale and one bonus home in Lawrenceburg. (Dearborn County Historical Society)

[Christmas Open House](#)

Dec. 14, Greensburg – Tour the museum and enjoy holiday decorations from yesteryear, hear live musical performances, take your picture with the iconic Minear's Department Store Santa, and more. (Historical Society of Decatur County)

[Historic Posey House Holiday Tours](#)

Dec. 15, Corydon – Visit the Historic Posey House and see wooden models built by local woodworker Charles Schaffer which will be decorated with lights for the holidays. (Historical Society of Harrison County)

[Holiday Concert](#)

Dec. 21, Franklin – Matinee Musicale will perform a selection of Holiday favorites and cookies and punch will be served. (Johnson County Museum of History)

[Night at the Giese Church](#)

Dec. 21, La Porte – See an amazing miniature mechanical church and learn the history behind it. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

FROM THE BLOG

[Finding Phillip Gomez, an Indianapolis World War I Veteran](#)

Researching Phillip's life has initiated multiple discoveries, and he has served as a teaching tool on how we have statistically defined Latinos throughout history in Indiana and the United States.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[2024 Holiday Author Fair](#)

Dec. 7 – Mix and mingle with more than 60 authors during our annual Holiday Author Fair!

[2024 Festival of Trees](#)

Now-Jan. 4 – This year's Festival of Trees features a winter wonderland of more than 80 trees representing individuals, families and companies from around Indiana.

[Library Show-and-Tell](#)

Dec. 14 – Join the librarians of the William H. Smith Memorial Library for an informal conversation about unique objects in the Indiana Historical Society Collections.

[Good Cheers and Ugly Sweaters](#)

Dec. 20 – Don your gay apparel and join us for a special happy hour!

[Stories from the Stacks: Hoosier Holidays](#)

Dec. 21 – Stories spring to life in this special look at the collections of the Indiana Historical Society.

What We're Reading This Week



[Harry Isamu Suzuki Holding Icicle. 1946](#) (David Akira Suzuki, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AASLH is now accepting nominations for the [2025 Leadership in History Awards](#) that recognize excellence for projects and individual lifetime achievement. Nominations are due March 1. (AASLH)

The [2024 Annual National Snapshot of United States Museums](#) offers a window into the state of the museum field in 2024. (AAM)

Discovering inspiration: [innovative ideas](#) from Texas museums. (Engaging Places)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

[The next horizon of museum service](#) – voluntary repatriation, restitution, and reparations.

(AAM)

FUNDRAISING

Gratitude in action: [creative ways to thank your donors](#) this giving season. (AFP)

Five ways to [steward one-time or first-time donors](#). (The NonProfit Times)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The strategic power of [hope](#). (Harvard Business Review)

How to plan, scope and define a project: [best practices for managing a project](#) at your nonprofit. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

NEED A BREAK?

Explore a [winter wonderland of art](#), from ice skating to gorgeous landscapes to a photograph of a single snowflake. (Smithsonian)

Page through an 1863 exploration of snowflakes in [Snowflakes: A Chapter from the Book of Nature](#). (Public Domain Review)

See [stunning photos](#) from one man's 40-year quest to capture Antarctica's mountains. (Atlas Obscura)

Warm up with these [olde-timey holiday drinks](#). (Mental Floss)

Learning Opportunities



[Transportation of Tree Logs, Circa 1890](#) (Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection of the Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Processing Priorities: Setting Goals for Your Collections](#)

Dec. 10 – Learn how you can prioritize collections for processing and determine the appropriate level of processing. (DHPSNY, CCAHA)

[Revitalization & Culture: Revitalizing Historic Black Neighborhoods](#)

Dec. 12 – Learn about preservationists and developers who are leveraging the significance of historic communities, assets, and cultural legacies to rescue vacant buildings and revitalize historic Black neighborhoods. (Saving Places)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[Civic Learning Week 2025: Youth, Your Site, and the Reinvigoration of Faith in Our Democracy](#)

Dec. 10 – Learn how your site can empower youth to find place and faith in our communities and democracy. \$15; \$10 members. (AASLH)

[Fundraising Research – Getting Our Ducks in a Row](#)

Dec. 11-12 – Learn about the nitty-gritty of development research for foundations, state and federal funding sources, corporations, and individuals. \$89 early bird by Dec. 3. (Friends of the Texas Historical Commission)

[Fundraising from the Business Sector](#)

Dec. 12 – Learn about practical methods for translating your nonprofit's mission and funding opportunity to business sector funders. \$19.74. (Lilly Family School of Philanthropy)

[Activating Environmental Care and Strength at Museums and Historic Sites](#)

Jan. 28-29 – This virtual summit will address how museums and historic sites are impacted

by the environment and contribute to greater environmental sustainability. \$75; \$60 members. (AASLH)

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

[AASLH is accepting session proposals](#) for the 2025 Annual Conference to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. The 2025 conference theme is “The American Experiment.” **Proposals are due Dec. 13.** (AASLH)

[The Indiana Association of Historians is accepting presentation proposals](#) for the 45th Annual Conference to be held April 4-5, 2025, at Hanover College. The 2025 theme is “Revolutionary Eras: Long Past, Gone Astray, and Still Underway.” **Proposals are due Dec. 15.** (IAH)

Funding Available



[Snow Scene, 1910s](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0269)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Action Grants](#)

Due on a rolling basis at the end of each month – These grants provide tax-exempt organizations with funds to develop and implement responsive and meaningful humanities programming. (Indiana Humanities)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Save America's Treasures Grants](#)

Due Dec. 12 (National Park Service)

[Advancing Informal STEM Learning Grants](#)

Due Jan. 8 (U.S. National Science Foundation)

[Media Projects Grants](#)

Due Jan. 8 (NEH)

[Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#)

Due Jan. 9 (NEH)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Broadway Looking East from Third Street, Logansport, Indiana, ca. 1900](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0391)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Museum Archivist](#) (part-time)

Greensburg – Historical Society of Decatur County

[Museum Educator](#)

New Albany – The Floyd County Library

REGIONAL

[History Learning Specialist](#)

Chicago, Ill. – Chicago Metro History Day

[Museum Curator](#)

Union, Ill. – McHenry County Historical Society & Museum

[Executive Director](#)

Frankfort, Ky. – Liberty Hall Historic Site

[Education & Programming Coordinator](#)

Manitowoc, Wis. – Wisconsin Maritime Museum

Orphans Corner

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