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PLEASE NOTE: COMMUNIQUE TO RETURN IN JANUARY

Communique Online will not be published on Dec. 27 or Jan. 3. Regular issues will resume on Jan. 10. Happy holidays!

Updates from Local History Services



[Skating on Canal Basin. n.d.](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0468)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We hope you enjoy the holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Around Indiana



[Recorder Women Sponsors. 1984](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS

Indiana Humanities is accepting applications to [host the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street exhibition Voices and Votes: Democracy in America](#). In 2026-2027, six towns of under 10,000 residents will host the exhibition for six weeks each. **Applications to host the exhibition are due Jan. 31.** (Indiana Humanities)

The Indiana Historical Bureau invites undergraduate history students to submit research papers relating to midwestern history for the [2025 Bennett-Tinsley Award competition](#). **Submissions are due Feb. 7.** (IHB)

A new program at the IU Center for Rural Engagement offers IU students unique experiential learning opportunities that [support community goals in rural Indiana](#). (IU Bloomington)

SullivanMunce Cultural Center has [received a grant](#) from SIA Foundation to upgrade microfilm equipment and improve the ability to view, save, and print microfilm images of historic newspapers from Zionsville and Lebanon, Indiana. (Star City News)

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.

[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)

[Prancer Film Exhibit](#)

Through Dec. 28, La Porte – Learn about the classic Christmas film *Prancer* and its connection to La Porte, and see props and other memorabilia on display. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Picturesque Lindenwood Cemetery](#)

Jan. 5, Fort Wayne – Learn about the beauty and historical value of Fort Wayne's Lindenwood Cemetery and its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. (The History Center)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

UPCOMING EVENTS

[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.

[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.

[Family Workshop: Winter in Indiana](#)

Dec. 31 – Learn about our feathered friends and create ways to support Indiana birds and wildlife in winter.

What We're Reading This Week



[My Best Wishes. 1911](#) (Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Riley Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Nominations are due Jan. 10 for the [National Preservation Awards](#), which honor inspirational projects, individuals, and organizations that have demonstrated excellence in the field of preservation. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

How one history museum teaches [appreciation for buildings and design using gingerbread](#). (NPR)

U.S. 250 NEWS AND RESOURCES

Made By Us, the national coalition of museums and historic sites connecting young adults to credible sources, has announced the selection of 100 dynamic young Americans for the inaugural national [Youth250 Bureau](#). (Medium)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Sheffield Museums' [community-centered programming](#): a model for well-being and inclusion. (MuseumNext)

AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY

Crafting an [effective content strategy](#) for nonprofits. (Forbes)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

[Six questions](#) to find out how your employees are really doing. (Harvard Business Review)

NEED A BREAK?

Explore the [glorious world of sweet holiday salads](#). (Atlas Obscura)

Get inspiration for the [perfect holiday tablescape](#) with examples from these historic sites. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

The not-so-Grimm [story of gingerbread houses](#). (Mental Floss)

Eat, drink and be merry: [festive holiday dishes from history](#), plus some gorgeous antique tableware. (M.S. Rau)

Learning Opportunities



[*Indiana State Teachers College Laboratory School Group Around Christmas Tree. 1947*](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Care of Newspaper Clippings](#)

Jan. 7 – Learn about why newsprint deteriorates so rapidly and discover a range of different approaches to newspaper preservation. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[How to Create a 2025 Fundraising Game Plan](#)

Jan. 14 – Gain actionable tools and insights to confidently close out last year, reflect on successes and challenges, and hit the ground running to achieve your goals in 2025. (GrantStation)

[Introduction to the AASLH Awards Program](#)

Jan. 15 – Learn about the Leadership and History Awards. (AASLH)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[Building Community Through Murals](#)

Jan. 8 – Learn how the art of mural making can transform public spaces and individual lives. \$49; free for members. (National Art Education Association)

[Making Friends with Funders](#)

Jan. 9 – Learn what grantmakers love, what makes them grumpy, and how you can be sure you're delivering what they really want, every time. \$69. (GrantStation)

[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)

[Designing Accessible Online and In-Person Presentations](#)

Jan. 30 – Learn the basics of accessible presentation design for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Blind/Low Vision communities. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

[250 Con](#)

Feb. 27-28 – Learn about U.S. 250th national and state planning opportunities, identify actionable ways to participate, and more. \$75; \$50 members. (AASLH)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

Applications are due Jan. 15 for the [2025 History Leadership Institute](#) that will be held both in-person and virtually throughout next summer. Scholarship assistance is available. (AASLH)

[Small Museum Association Annual Conference](#)

Feb. 17-19, Gaithersburg, Md. – At SMA 2025, small museum professionals will share their tips and tricks for how they make their exhibits, programs, and fundraisers happen. Cost varies. (SMA)

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Society of Indiana Archivists invites [proposals for its 2025 Annual Meeting](#), *When Cloning Coworkers Isn't an Option (Yet): Practical Tips and Tricks in Archives*. **Proposals are due Dec. 31.** (SIA)

Funding Available



[Maple Neighborhood Girl Scout Troop #571 Gives Basket to Recorder Charities. n.d.](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#)

Due Jan. 9 – Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized organizations preserve and manage humanities collections, ensuring their significance for a variety of users, by building their capacity to identify and address physical and intellectual preservation risks. (NEH)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[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)

[Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections Grants](#)

Jan. 10 (NEH)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Refreshment Booth at Holiday Mart, 1970s](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1530)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Assistant Curator](#)

Bloomington – Monroe County History Center

[Reference Archivist](#)

Indianapolis – Consolidated City of Indianapolis & Marion County

[Archivist/Assistant Professor](#)

Terre Haute – Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

[Executive Director](#)

Indiana Statewide – Indiana Barn Foundation

REGIONAL

[Museum Supervisor](#)

St. Paul, Minn. – History Center Museum

[Executive Director](#)

Cleveland, Ohio – International Women's Air & Space Museum

[Director of Development & Advancement](#)

Manitowoc, Wis. – Wisconsin Maritime Museum

PAID INTERNSHIPS

[Dangremond Museum Studies Internship](#)

Hartford, Ct. – Connecticut Museum of Culture and History

[Education Intern](#)

Erie, Pa. – Erie Maritime Museum

Orphans Corner

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