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Updates from Local History Services



[Photographs of Dr. G.H.A. and Edith Clowes, ca. 1910s-1950s](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1028)

Happy New Year! We look forward to working with you this year.

As we close out the holiday season, revisit our [Timely Tips: Packing the Holidays](#) short video, where Tamara and Karen demonstrate how to pack up your decorations to keep them safe for next year.

Around Indiana



[Ice Gorge at Panama Dam, 1910](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0468)

NEWS

Applications are due Jan. 31 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. (Indiana Humanities)

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: The American Revolution Experience](#)

This touring exhibit is visiting four sites in Indiana in early 2025. The exhibit is a collaborative project of the American Battlefield Trust and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The exhibit will visit these Indiana sites:

- **Jan. 9-18, Alexandria** – Madison County Farm Bureau 4-H Building
- **Feb. 3-12, Brookville** – Franklin County Courthouse
- **Feb. 14-28, Franklin** – Johnson County Museum of History
- **March 1-12, Madison** – Madison-Jefferson County Public Library

[Gallery Wall Exhibit: Cultivating La Porte County](#)

Now Open, La Porte – See various items including photos, paintings, advertisements, and more that showcase the rich agricultural history of La Porte County. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Exhibit: Artwork and Photographs from the Indiana Room Archive](#)

Now-Feb. 28, Plainfield – See paintings and illustrations depicting the landscapes and landmarks that have shaped the town and surrounding areas. (Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library)

[Pioneer Land Spinners](#)

Jan. 11, La Porte – The spinners from Pioneer Land will be spinning yarn from natural fibers at the Museum. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Celebration of the Interurban](#)

Jan. 12, Valparaiso – Enjoy a narrated program and concert celebrating Porter County's first electric rail line. (Porter County Museum; event at First Christian Church)

[The Capture of Gerald Chapman](#)

Jan. 18, Muncie – Join DCHS historian David Bailey for a presentation and discussion on the capture of fugitive Gerald Chapman in 1925. (Delaware County Historical Society)

[January Quarterly Event with Dr. Ronald Van Stockum](#)

Jan. 28, Corydon – Dr. Ronald Van Stockum will speak about his recent publication *Surrounding Fort Knox Including Southern Indiana*. (Historical Society of Harrison County; event at the Harrison County Community Foundation)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

SIGN UP TO JUDGE FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN INDIANA 2025

We are seeking [judges for National History Day in Indiana 2025](#) regional competitions. Competitions take place on Saturdays from mid-February to mid-March and judges are needed from about 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteer hours and PGP points for teachers are available. [Sign up here.](#)

FROM THE BLOG

[Are We Related?: Johns](#)

Learn about the search for the surname Johns in our collection, and a resulting match with Art Johns, a circus painter from Peru, Indiana.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Free Admission](#)

Jan. 20 – Explore the past and contribute to the future at no charge.

[Asian Pacific American Treasures and Tales](#)

Jan. 23 – Dr. Gonzalves explores history and culture across the Midwest and the United States through his book *Smithsonian Asian Pacific American History, Art, and Culture in 101 Objects*.

[Homeschool Workshop: Eva Kor Education Day](#)

Jan. 28 – Join us to celebrate, honor and learn about the legacy of Holocaust Survivor, Eva Kor.

What We're Reading This Week



Photo Album of Riverdale. James A. Allison's Home. 1914 (image 16) (Indiana Historical Society, P0429)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Register by Jan. 17 to join hundreds of advocates from across the country at [Museums Advocacy Day 2025](#), Feb. 24-25 in Arlington, Va. and Washington, D.C. (AAM)

Applications are due Feb. 15 for the [Museum Assessment Program](#), which offers a one-year process of self-assessment, institutional activities, and consultative peer review with a site visit and recommendations. (AAM and IMLS)

Using eye-tracking technology, researchers found that the ways in which information is presented in museum exhibit labels [affects how children view art](#). (The Conversation)

[A list of podcasts curated for museum professionals](#) for edification, inspiration, and comfort. (AAM)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

From loneliness to belonging: [five trends](#) are hacking the museum experience. (MuseumNext)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

[Designing or recalibrating a successful membership program](#) for museums, parks, and cultural institutions. (Veevart)

[Collaborative curation](#): resources for exhibition development through community partnerships. (Museum 411)

FUNDRAISING

How to write a [case for support](#). (Wild Apricot)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

[New year's resolutions](#) for board members. (Gail Perry Group)

Five [internal controls](#) for the very small nonprofit. (Blue Avocado)

NEED A BREAK?

Explore the history of winter sports in [this historical collection](#). (Smithsonian)

Bubbles of history: the [science and history of ice core research](#); plus, dig a little deeper to learn [what exactly ice cores reveal](#) about the past. (Wellcome Collection; National Snow and Ice Data Center)

Eight [historic fireplaces](#) to warm up your day. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

Learning Opportunities



[Ice Skating on Monument Circle. 1984](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[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 in History Awards. (AASLH)

[History in the Shadows: Incorporating Dark Tourism at Historic Sites](#)

Jan. 16 – Learn how one museum introduced Halloween programming at their site, and the importance of balancing sensitive historical narratives with community engagement and tourism development. (Texas Historical Commission)

[Data for an Uncertain Future](#)

Jan. 23 – Learn about the Annual Survey of Museum-Goers. (AAM)

[Inviting Our Littlest Learners: How to Create Space and Activities for Early Childhood Education in Your Museum Spaces](#)

Jan. 30 – Learn how the Indiana Historical Society engages with a new, young audience – children ages 2-5. (Texas Historical Commission)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[Investigating Contamination and Pesticides in Cultural Heritage Collections](#)

Jan. 21-Feb. 18 – This course will cover the components of how to evaluate potential pesticide contamination and human risk. \$149. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[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)

[Makerspaces for Museums and Historic Sites](#)

Feb. 6 – Learn how interactive environments can enhance visitor engagement, spark creativity, and deepen connections to history and culture. \$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 Association of Midwest Museums [invites session proposals for the 2025 Conference, Crosscurrents](#). **Proposals are due Jan. 24.** (AMM)

Funding Available



[Main Street, Looking South, Warren, Indiana, ca. 1915](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[AAM Annual Meeting Scholarships](#)

Due Jan. 17 – Scholarships are available to attend the 2025 American Alliance of Museums [Annual Meeting](#) in Los Angeles. Applications are encouraged from individuals at various stages of their careers who would not otherwise be able to afford the cost of attendance. (AAM)

[Historic Preservation Education Grants](#)

Due Feb. 28 – Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to fund public programs that educate Indiana citizens about historic places and properties – and particularly about the need to preserve and protect them. (Indiana Humanities)

[Arts Project Support Grants](#)

Due March 4 – These grants provide funding to support a public-facing short-term arts project or a series of arts activities. Examples include performances; exhibits; arts festivals; arts and cultural planning; arts learning for specific populations such as older adults or youth; public art or some other arts-based or arts-serving activity. [Informational webinars](#) will be held on Jan. 28 and 29. (Indiana Arts Commission)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Ice Harvesters, ca. 1923](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0562)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Assistant Curator](#)

Bloomington – Monroe County History Center

[Executive Director](#)

Indianapolis – Indiana Barn Foundation

[Digital Preservation & Digital Collections Archivist](#)

Indianapolis – IUI University Library

[Director of Historic Properties](#)

Indianapolis – Newfields

[Head of Genealogy and Local History](#)

Kokomo – Kokomo-Howard County Public Library

[Historic Site Interpreter](#) (Part-Time)

New Harmony – Historic New Harmony, University of Southern Indiana

REGIONAL

[Volunteer Coordinator](#)

Union, Ill. – McHenry County Historical Society & Museum

[Archivist](#)

Frankfort, Ky. – Kentucky Historical Society

[Public Historian](#)

St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota Historical Society

PAID INTERNSHIPS

[Collections Internship](#)

Decatur, Ill. – Hieronymus Mueller Museum

[Digital Humanities Internship](#)

Remote – Connecticut Humanities

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