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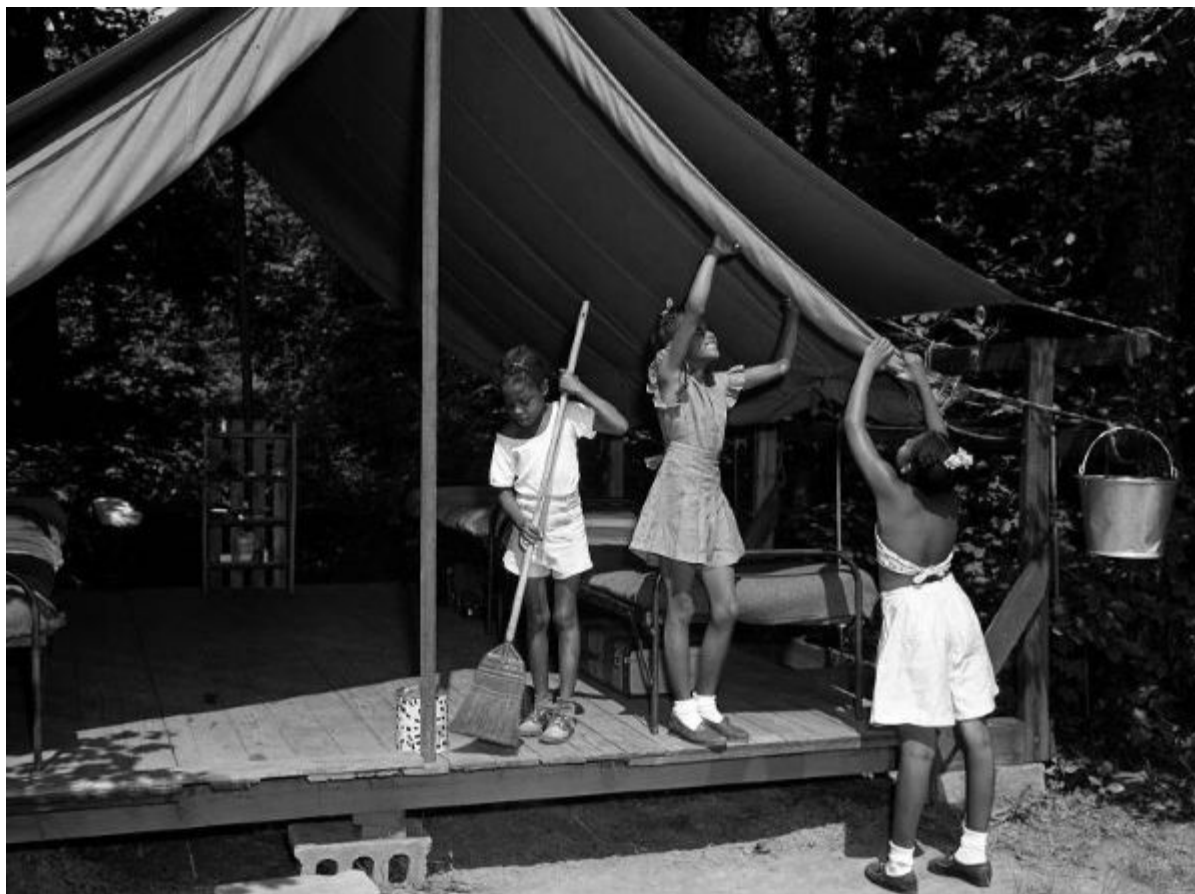
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Heritage Support Grants for Indiana History Organizations

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Updates from Local History Services



[Girl Scouts at Camp Dellwood, Ca. 1940s](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0569)

SPRING CLEANING AT THE MUSEUM

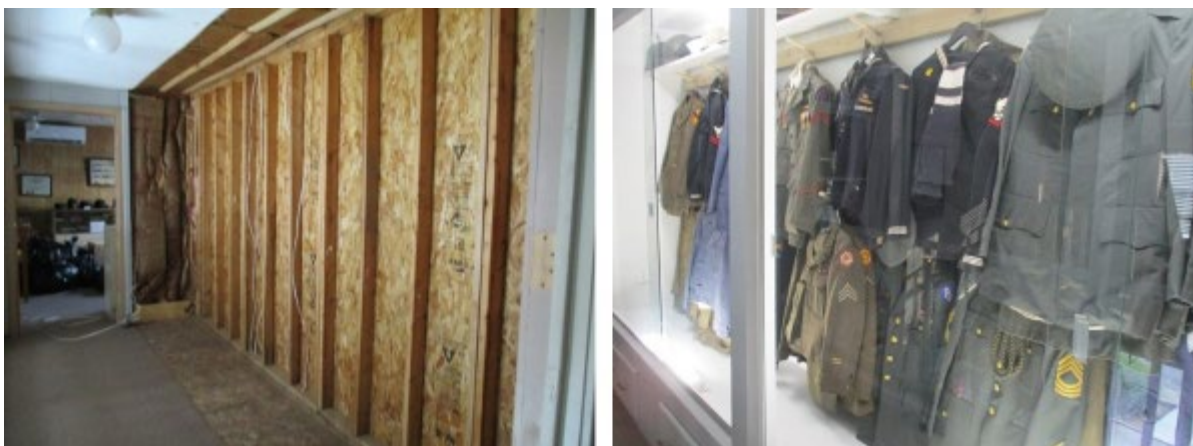
Spring officially begins next week, and as we move into the warmer season, it's a great time to think about refreshing our spaces and ensuring everything is clean and tidy. Here are some tips for cleaning our museums and artifacts from our monthly [Collections Advisor](#):

- [Spring is in the Air: Dealing with Dust](#)
- [Spring Cleaning Arsenal](#)
- [Surface Cleaning Documents](#)

Additional Resources:

- [Collection Housekeeping Guide](#)
(Conservation Center for Art and Historical Artifacts)
- [Museum Housekeeping](#)
(National Park Service Museum Handbook)
- [Cleaning Books and Shelves](#)
(Northeast Document Conservation Center)

Heritage Support Grants



Left: the project in process; right: the final case installed with uniforms on display. Images courtesy of the Jackson County History Center.

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT

[Jackson County History Center](#)

Project: Military Uniform Display Case

The Jackson County History Center was granted \$4,999 to construct a new display case for its military uniform collection. Previously, the uniforms were housed in a case with wooden tracks so worn that the glass doors could no longer open properly, making it difficult to care for the garments. This project allowed them to build a new case with metal tracks, LED lighting to maintain a stable climate, built-in storage drawers, and archivally stable fabric covering the hangers. With support from the [Heritage Support Grant](#), local contractors, and other donors, the Jackson County History Center created a display that preserves these fascinating artifacts while ensuring their long-term care.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Heritage Support Grant applications are open for projects that will help Indiana's local history organizations meet high-priority needs in areas of: Collections Stewardship; Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion; Sustainability; and Planning.

- **Applications due March 28** for Mini Grants (\$500 to \$4,999)
- **Summaries of Proposal due April 30** for Project Grants (\$5,000 to \$50,000)

[LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)

Heritage Support Grants are provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Around Indiana



[L.S. & M.S. Depot, Elkhart, Indiana, ca. 1915](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0391)

NEWS

The Office of Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs have announced that [15 organizations](#) have been recognized as Indiana Main Street programs or have moved into a new Indiana Main Street level. (OCRA)

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.

[Finding the Right Mother Genealogy Workshop](#)

March 15, Frankfort – Jennifer Van Horn will teach participants how to find and use different source types, as well as indirect evidence, to help determine the correct mother of children in a family group. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

[Celebrating Marsh Davis](#)

March 15, Indianapolis – Celebrate retiring Indiana Landmarks President Marsh Davis and his outstanding legacy. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Orchestra of Exiles Documentary Screening](#)

March 18, Fort Wayne – See the suspenseful chronicle of how one man helped save Europe's premier Jewish musicians from obliteration by the Nazis during World War II. (The History Center)

[Historical Society Meeting and South Shore Line Presentation](#)

March 18, La Porte – A program on the past and the future of the South Shore Line will be presented by Nicole Barker. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Delaware County 2027 Bicentennial Discussion](#)

March 18, Muncie – In 2027, Delaware County will mark 200 years since it was formed as an Indiana county. Join a bicentennial kickoff meeting and brainstorming session to discuss this event. (Event at Minnetrista)

[The Landscape Designs of Jens Jensen & O.C. Simonds](#)

March 19, Indianapolis – Author Bob Grese shares the history of Prairie Style landscape gardening and its connection to today's native gardens. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Conversations in Indiana African American History and Culture](#)

March 20, Indianapolis – Nichelle Hayes will discuss African Americans and Union Labor. (Freetown Village; event at Indiana Landmarks Center)

[Talking History](#)

March 20, New Harmony – Join a conversation about the people, places, and events that make New Harmony special. This month's theme is commerce. (Historic New Harmony)

[Talkin' Sports](#)

March 20, Wabash – Enjoy coffee and conversation and hear from a "team" of Wabash County sports experts. (Wabash County Museum)

[Home Away from Home: Celebrating the History of Purdue's Black Cultural Center](#)

March 27, West Lafayette – Join the Purdue Black Cultural Center at the Caretaker's Cottage Local History Center for the premiere of a new exhibit. (West Lafayette Public Library)

[Fool Hardy History](#)

March 29, Fort Wayne – Fool Hardy History challenges the public to identify unusual or mysterious objects from the museum's 30,000+ piece object collection. (The History Center)

[Talking Track with Dave Wilson and Al Unser, Jr.](#)

April 3, Indianapolis – Broadcaster Dave "The King" Wilson and two-time Indy 500 champion Al Unser, Jr. chat about racing and track culture at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Bill Smith Underground Railroad Festival](#)

April 5, Greensburg – The day will feature lectures, music, and docent-led bus tours. (Greensburg-Decatur County 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.

Auto Indiana

Through April 20, Muncie ([Ball State University, Department of History](#))

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

NEW EXHIBIT

[The Electric Railway: Indiana's Interurbans](#)

Opening March 15 – Celebrate the history of interurbans in Indiana in our latest exhibit where you can explore the interior of a rural interurban station and “ride the interurban” in a multi-sensory experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Electric Indiana: The World's Greatest Interurban System](#)

March 25 – Jump into some high-voltage history of the Golden Age of light rail and the transformative power of affordable and accessible transportation for all Hoosiers.

[Homeschool Workshop: Paper Mending and Conservation](#)

March 25 – Learn first-hand and use the tools of the pros in this workshop! (Suggested grades 3-12)

[A Heartbeat Away: The Life and Career of Thomas Marshall, Governor of Indiana and VP of the U.S.](#)

March 27 – This talk will look at Marshall's time as governor, and also why, as vice president, he did not force the issue of Woodrow Wilson resigning after he had suffered a stroke.

What We're Reading This Week



[Get yourself a broom and sweep your troubles away, ca. 1924](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

This week is Civic Learning Week, and you can find [resources from iCivics](#), plus a [Civic Education and Engagement Resource Kit](#) from AASLH.

March is [Women's History Month](#) and [Irish American Heritage Month](#), and the Smithsonian has shared resources, history, and stories to help you celebrate.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Unlocking [accessibility on social media](#): inclusive concepts and tools. (Arts Midwest)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Building lasting museum connections: [the four levels of audience engagement](#). (Engaging Places)

Six ways to [create powerful connections](#) in museum experiences. (Thinking Museum)

The power of [active engagement](#). (Twisted Preservation)

33 meaningful [gift ideas to thank volunteers](#) without breaking the bank. (Wild Apricot)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Addressing burnout: [5 practical shifts](#) for an overstretched museum workforce. (Museum 411)

Want to live longer, healthier, and happier? Then [cultivate your social connections](#). (Wired)

NEED A BREAK?

Spring is here! Learn about the interesting [science, traditions, and history of the spring equinox in this short video](#). (HISTORY® on YouTube)

A history of [spring cleaning to improve public health](#). (Johnson and Johnson)

Why are [four-leaf clovers](#) considered lucky? (Mental Floss)

Spring is springing: ring in the March equinox with [this vibrant playlist](#). (NPR)

Learning Opportunities



[*IPS 27 Spring Planting, 1994*](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1530)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[De-mystifying Environmental Data](#)

March 17 – This webinar focuses on de-mystifying the process of environmental data collection and analysis. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[Executive Orders, Federal Grant Funding, and the Future of Museum Support](#)

March 20 – Learn about the legal and financial implications for museums that rely on federal grants and charitable contributions. (AAM)

[An Update on AI from the US Copyright Office](#)

March 21 – Learn about recent studies and USCO policies concerning AI. (Open Copyright Education Advisory Network)

[AASLH History Hour: Educators and Interpreters](#)

March 25 – This small group discussion will focus on the challenges we're facing, encourage one another, and share ideas and resources. (AASLH)

[Working Your Core – Core Documents That Is!](#)

March 27 – Learn about how the five core documents can help your museum reflect professional practices. (AAM)

[DIY Audio 101: A Practical Introduction to Producing Audio Content](#)

April 2 – Explore how to create engaging audio interpretation for your audience - no matter your budget or skill level. (Texas Historical Commission)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[Strategies for Acetate and Nitrate Negatives and Film](#)

March 18 – Learn about the logistical complexities involved in a digitization/reformatting project that includes nitrocellulose- and cellulose acetate-based film. \$95. (NEDCC)

[Strategic Planning 101](#)

March 20 – This webinar will provide a step-by-step guide on how you can develop a strategic plan for your organization. \$69. (GrantStation)

[Financial Structures and Strategy](#)

March 24-April 27 – This four-week course helps students better understand institutional finance and accountability. \$299; \$199 members. (AASLH)

[Strengthening History Communication: Reframing the Value of History and Your Institution](#)

April 24 – This half-day virtual workshop will help history practitioners at institutions of all types and sizes learn how to communicate about their work more effectively. \$150; \$100 members. (AASLH)

Funding Available



[Pluto Spring at French Lick, ca. 1920](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0723)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[J.M.K. Innovation Prize](#)

Due April 25 – The J.M.K. Innovation Prize seeks to identify and support bold problem-solvers leading transformative, early-stage projects in the fields of heritage conservation, the environment, and social justice. An info session will be held on April 1. (J.M. Kaplan Fund)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Semiquincentennial Grant Program](#)

Due March 18 (National Park Service)

[T-Mobile Hometown Grants](#)

Due March 31 (T-Mobile)

[Standiford H. Cox Fund Grants](#)

Due April 1 (Indiana Landmarks)

[Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships](#)

Due April 30 (Indiana Humanities)

[Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program Scholarships](#)

Due May 2 (Indiana Landmarks)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Goshen Sweeper Co. Advertising Card. ca. 1890](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

REGIONAL

[Farm & Horticulture Coordinator](#)

Bath, Ohio – Hale Farm & Village, Western Reserve Historical Society

[African American History Archivist](#)

Cleveland, Ohio – Western Reserve Historical Society

[Cataloger](#)

Cleveland, Ohio – Western Reserve Historical Society

[Executive Director](#)

Kenton, Ohio – Hardin County Historical Museums

Orphans Corner

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