March 13, 2020

UPDATES FROM LOCAL HISTORY SERVICES

INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY HEALTH ADVISORY ON COVID-19
The Indiana Historical Society is committed to doing our part as we address the ramifications of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Our top priority is the health and safety of our visitors, guests, volunteers and staff members.

The Indiana Historical Society will **postpone all on-site special events and programs, including group tours, until the end of April**. We will continue to evaluate the situation on an ongoing basis. Every attempt will be made to reschedule events for a later date. **General admission to the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center will remain open.**

The remaining regional contests and state competition for National History Day in Indiana will be **conducted virtually**. More details will be announced as information becomes available.

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FREE WEBINAR ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING
**March 19**: A long-range plan is one of the best ways you can show stakeholders and potential funders that your organization is working towards sustainability. This [webinar](#) outlines the steps and provides a roadmap for the planning process. One LEU credit available.

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BEST PRACTICES TIP OF THE WEEK

Main Entrance of Water Co. Office on Circle (Indiana Historical Society)

THIS WEEK: CORONAVIRUS AND MUSEUMS

It is always a best practice for cultural organizations to have emergency and disaster plans in place, and with the spread of COVID-19 in the U.S., it is important for museums to take time now to review and update their strategies. The American Alliance of Museums has compiled a detailed guide to help museums prepare internally and externally for outbreaks in their communities.

If you have a question about this or other tips, or if there’s anything you’d like to hear more about, please contact us at localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org.

WHAT WE’RE READING THIS WEEK

LOCAL
Museum Home Program Specialist
Indianapolis:
James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home and Riley Children’s Foundation.

Executive Director
Kokomo:
Howard County Historical Society.

REGIONAL
Exhibitions Project Manager
Davenport, Iowa:
Putnam Museum and Science Center.

NATIONAL
Exhibits Manager
Tallahassee, Fla.:
Florida Historic Capitol Museum.

Museum Manager
Immokalee, Fla.:
Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch.

Executive Director
Las Vegas, Nev.:
Nevada Preservation Foundation.

PAID INTERNSHIPS
Professional Development Internship
Nashville, Tenn.:
American Association for State and Local History.

Collections & Exhibit Internship
De Smet, S.D.:
Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society.

Summer Camp and Family Programs Internships
New Orleans, La.:
National WWII Museum.
AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY
Some ideas for how to reach and engage your public remotely. (ICOM)
Here’s how to collect member feedback the right way. (Wild Apricot)

FUNDRAISING
Tips for nonprofit fundraisers during the Coronavirus outbreak. (Forbes)
Help your board members become personal advocates for your cause. (Fired Up Fundraising)

LEADERSHIP & INTERACTION
How to facilitate effective virtual meetings. (Beth’s Blog)
How to use the 5 whys technique for a root cause analysis. (MasterClass)

MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA
How to find your most successful social media posts. (Sprout Social)

PRESERVATION, COLLECTIONS & HISTORY
See how the Indiana State Library digitizes their archives. (WISH-TV)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Historic Preservation Fellowship
Vergennes, Vt.: Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.

ORPHANS CORNER
Do you have an item you would like to donate to an Indiana museum or nonprofit? We'll list it here! Email us the information and we'll list it for you!

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK
We'd love your input on this e-newsletter! Use this form to give us your feedback.

Nurses Aides at St. Anthony’s (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)
FREE WEBINARS

March 18: Emergency Preparedness Forum - Preservation Specialist Samantha Forsko will address your emergency preparedness questions. (CCAHA)

March 24: Best Practices on Engaging and Keeping Your Monthly Donors - Learn how to foster monthly giving for a crucial ongoing sustainable revenue stream. (Bloomerang)

March 25: Looking at Glazing - Learn how to choose the most appropriate glazing for displays to best protect works of art and artifacts. (Connecting to Collections Care)

ONLINE TRAINING

March 25: How to Spot Opportunity When it is Disguised as Chaos - Find inspiration in how to create your own opportunities out of unforeseen events. AASLH, $65; $45 members.

FUNDING AVAILABLE
Apply by April 9 for a **Challenge America Grant** that offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. **Note:** You will need to finalize your Grants.gov/SAM registration by at least March 18. (NEA)

**Indiana Main Street organizations can apply by May 15** for a **Preserving Women’s Legacy Grant** for tangible projects that commemorate Indiana women’s history and promote visitation to Main Street communities. (Indiana Women’s Suffrage Centennial)

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**NEWS & INFORMATION**

Indiana Humanities has **suspended all events through April**, and staff will transition to working remotely.

A program honoring late Eli Lilly chemist Stan Cox will [help preserve historic African American sites](http://www.icontact-archive.com/...35&s=6746&m=357118&t=a822b41ea0e50da69e079be45ca293cd48d8be3b1d6209b855da39fb386609[3/13/2020 7:49:40 AM]). Indiana Landmarks and the Central Indiana Community Foundation are accepting suggestions for landmarks in need of preservation. (MyWabashValley.com)

Indianapolis Classical Schools has **won Indiana Landmarks’ 2020 Cook Cup for Outstanding**
Restoration for their work on the Heslar Naval Armory. (Indiana Landmarks)

**EVENTS AROUND THE STATE**

Down with Germs along with support for votes for women (Indiana Historical Society)

**PLEASE NOTE**: With the event of COVID-19 in Indiana, some events may be cancelled. Please check with the hosting organization for the most up-to-date details.

- **March 14, Frankfort**: Women’s Expo - Listen to speakers, see artworks and visit woman-owned business vendors. Frankfort Community Public Library, free.

- **March 15, New Albany**: If These Walls Could Tell: Second Baptist Church - Indiana Landmarks and Storytelling Arts of Indiana present a tale of landmark revival, $10.


- **March 25, Plymouth**: Kid’s Day: All Around the World - Children can learn all about travel and interesting places across the globe with games, crafts and more. Marshall County Museum.

- **March 28, Indianapolis**: Beer & Religion Guided Walking Tour - Join expert guides for beer tastings combined with tours of beautiful historical churches. Drinking with Beers and Old Churches Indy, $40.

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