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on Social Media  
"Muscles"- Event Set Up  
and Event Take Down,  
Decorating**

If interested, email  
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## Hendricks County Historical Museum News

February 2022



*The mission of the Hendricks County Historical Museum is to collect, preserve and interpret items relating to the people, places and events of Hendricks County and to stimulate public interest in the heritage of the county through education, exhibits and special programs.*

## President's Message

Dear Friends of the Hendricks County Historical Museum

The Christmas Season is behind us and the Board is looking forward to what all we will do in 2022! (Of course that is assuming that the virus surge gets behind us and nothing new pops up!)

The Board works hard at planning and implementing both activities and maintaining buildings and collections. We are a destination, a resource, and a conservator. Which means we wear a lot of hats, and rely on the help and support of all of you! Check out articles on some of the upcoming 2022 projects. If you want to participate in any, either as a volunteer or by attending just let us know. Even though we are closed for the Winter, we are working every week at the Museum and check our email regularly.

Wishing all a safe and happy New Year.

*Pat Baldwin  
Museum Board President*

## Upcoming Museum Events

- March 15:** Secrets on the Shelf, 6:00 pm
- March 17:** The Friends of the Museum annual meeting , 6:45 pm at 98 W Broadway, Danville.
- May 14:** Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars, 6:00 p.m.
- June 4:** Teddy Bear Picnic 11-3 pm
- August 20:** Afternoon Tea
- October:** Car Rally

# “Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars 2022”

I have loved two things since I was a small child – dancing and learning about what happened in the past.

I took tapdancing lessons at age 5, loved the sock-hops of my teenage years, had modern jazz dance lessons, and loved disco for fun as a young adult.

Stories of the past: I loved hearing stories of how my parents and grandparents grew up, and although I wasn’t a good history student (too many dates and wars) I loved that our dad always included a visit to a historic place in our vacations. That made history real to me.

For our fundraising events, we’ve had dinners with historic shows as fundraisers for the museum, and then along came *Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars!* Could there have been a more fitting combination for me to fall in love with? I think not. I jumped in headfirst, and when it was hard to find people to be dance competitors, there I was, dancing as a competitor in the first of these events.

For 2022, people from all around our county have agreed - no, enthusiastically jumped in - to take lessons at Avon’s Arthur Murray Dance Center and perform for this great fun event.

This event is our major fundraiser and in addition to providing operating funds, continues to fund improvements to the House at 98 Broadway used for storage of some of our collections.

2022 Dance Stars are: Dana Cochran, Hendricks Power; Dr. Jill Aldrich, Aldrich Pediatric Dentistry; Dr. Michelle Fenoughty, Hendricks Regional Health; Jami Temple, IU Health West; Beth Lykins, Ray’s Trash Service; Travis Tschaenn, Brownsburg Town Council President; Sam Lowe, Edward Jones Brownsburg; Amanda Babinec, Avon Education Foundation; Patrick Keller of Crest Point Realty, and Tim Carter, Brownsburg Meadows.

On May 14, this well-loved event will take place at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds Expo Hall. Tickets or donations to dancers will be available on March 1 on the museum website: [hendrickscountymuseum.org](http://hendrickscountymuseum.org). Theme this year is “A Masqued Affair” and guests are encouraged to come in costume. You can also order a unique, elegant mask on our website, designed by local artist and DWHCS volunteer contributor, Diane Coiro and made by our DWHCS committee members.

People from all over the county have called this “the most fun fundraiser around”! Don’t miss this chance to support the Hendricks County Museum in a wonderfully fun way.

— Deanna Hindsley, Event Co-Coordinator



Students at Cascade Middle School have spent the last semester producing their own documentary: *Secrets on the Shelf*. The documentary highlights unique artifacts from within the Hendricks County Historical Museum. Their project was inspired by a show called *Mysteries at the Museum*, which tells the story of interesting artifacts in museums from all around the world.

This is the 5th year of Cascade students producing this documentary series. Through their effort they have helped to tell the story of close to 100 artifacts in Hendricks County to the public. Their goal is for their students to become historians and create history, not just study it! Come join us at the Danville Royal Theatre to discover *The Secrets on the Shelf*!

Following the screening, the Hendricks County Historical Museum will be open to allow the community to see the artifacts featured in the documentary.



A “Thank You” goes out to Kevin Cavanaugh and the County Facilities department for fixing the Hendricks County Historical Museum sign. It had gotten a bit “wobbly” and it is now sturdy and in great shape.



Thank you to our winter clean up crew — those who take down Christmas, clean, and put up our new displays!

## In Memory

Rex D. McClain of Washington Township, a former member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Museum passed away November 27, 2021. Rex came from a family with long time roots in Washington Township, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Museum and local history. We appreciate his contributions over the years and will miss his guidance and advice. Our condolences to his wife Kay and his family.





# SECRETS ON THE SHELF

**FREE SCREENING!**  
**Tues., March 15, 2022, 6-7:30 PM**  
*Presented at the Danville Royal Theater, located on the Danville Town Square*

**A documentary of the Hendricks County Historical Museum by Cascade Middle School**

Following the screening, the Hendricks County Historical Museum will be open to allow the community to see the artifacts featured in the documentary.

Danville Dips, located at 101 S. Washington St., will remain open for you to enjoy a sweet treat afterwards!





## Hendricks Regional Health Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We have been asked to assist one of our long time supporters, Hendricks Regional Health, in preparing a display on their history to replace the current one at the main Hospital building.

Shawn Burcham has agreed to take charge of our contribution. She will be going through the HRH archives and will also be reviewing the museum's collection for items we can loan for their display. One possibility is Dr. Lloyd Terry's medical bag. We are pleased to participate!



### Board of Directors

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## Welcome to our newest Board Member!

Donald R. Cook has been in the pharmaceutical industry as an executive leader for over 30 years, a Realtor and Broker Owner of Thin Blue Line Realty in Pittsboro, IN for over 16 years, and has proudly continued to serve in Law Enforcement for over 35 years. He is a graduate of the 104th Session of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, received a B.S. in Management from Indiana Wesleyan, and M.S. in Management and Leadership from Purdue University. In his spare time he enjoys time with his family, providing spring nesting locations for bluebirds in his yard, and locating, researching, and repairing pioneer cemeteries with his wife.



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## Teddy Bear Picnic June 4th



Saturday, June 4 will be a special day at the Museum as we will host a "Teddy Bear Picnic" during our regular hours of 11 am -3 pm. Children and their parents are invited to take part in a child friendly tour of the Museum and bring their favorite Teddy Bears or other beloved "stuffedies". We will have both current and historic bears on display in our various rooms. (Pictured to the left is the display in the upstairs window.) There is no cost for this. Families are invited to picnic on our lawn if they wish (sorry, no tables provided).

## The Museum's Candlelight Tour

was a great event for the visitors that attended. It was lovely, and the Treblemakers sang Christmas Carols for close to the entire 2 hours. Door count was 28 visitors and 12 singers. We had quite the array of visitors, from long time Museum members, to first time visitors from Avon and Plainfield. All ages were represented, and most took a long time looking through the rooms.

The Museum was also open for the Christmas tree lighting on the square and had nearly 200 visitors!



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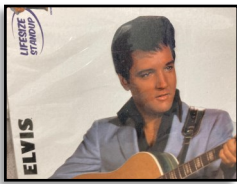




**New display coming in March!**

# Making History Through Music

Since the earliest discovery of musical instruments that were bone pipes, made from swan and vulture wing bones and are between 39,000 and 43,000 years old to the digitally engineered music of today, humankind has used music for many reasons. It is used for



dancing, vocalizing feelings, entertainment, communication, ritual; however, the major reason that music came into being and persists to this day may be that it brings people together. “Music leads to bonding, such as bonding between mother and child or bonding between groups,” explains Jeremy Montague of Frontiers in Sociology. “Music keeps workers happy when doing repetitive and otherwise boring work, and helps everyone to move together, increasing the force of their work. Dancing or singing together before a hunt or warfare binds participants into a cohesive group.” He continues: “It has even been suggested that music, in causing such

bonding, created not only the family but society itself, bringing individuals together who might otherwise have led solitary lives.”

As stated in the article “History Matters: What Can Songs Tell Us about People and Society,” songs serve to unify groups of people and to move them to common action or help

them express common emotions. They express widely-shared values or experiences and emotions that help define a group’s identity and solidarity.

Songs, singers, and genres also help people construct self-images and provide role models for how to behave. Song lyrics also express judgments – and even conflicts – about lifestyles, values, and appearances.

Historians sometimes consider songs as more or less straightforward “reflections” of the society and culture in which they were

produced. These songs are then used to illustrate what historians already think they know about that society and culture.

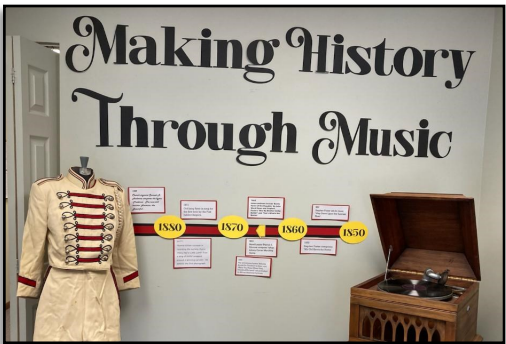
We invite you to our new exhibit this year about music and its place in our history. History is made every day, so we have items and information from both the distant past and not so distant past. We are featuring numerous musicians from the state of



Indiana, even some from Hendricks County. We have musical instruments for hands on experiences for children, as well as

the opportunity to listen to several musical instruments that are part of the museum collection.

— Melody Enz



## Did You Know....

The ACPL Genealogy Center is a unique and valuable resource for the Northeastern Indiana community and the entire genealogical community at large. They have one of the largest research collections available, incorporating records from around the world. Their staff specializes in genealogy and is always available to help.

**The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library, P. O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801, 260-421-1225, [genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:genealogy@ACPL.Info)**

There is a website (<https://www.genealogycenter.org>) available to find out who attended Central Normal College and may not be recorded in the book in the Central Normal Room at the Museum.



### Friends of the Hendricks County Historical Museum Membership Levels and Benefits

- \$25 Homesteader** Your donation will be used to further promote our programs to Inform, Educate, and Preserve the Museum!
- \$100 Settler** Entitles you to 2 discounted DWHCS tickets (\$10 off each)
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