

Road rally!

What fun we had on Saturday, October 12—a beautiful, crisp, sunny day—as 23 cars left from the Museum parking lot to thread our way through Hendricks County, touching on Parke, Putnam, and Montgomery Counties.

Tim Macsay designed an interesting drive of about 68 miles to take us on roads we've never been on before. All this was on back country roads, with a few stops in some small towns (while guiding us away from the "Covered Bridge Festival" traffic)!

In addition to those from our own county, we also had participants from Morgan County and one even came from Clark County near southernmost Indiana's Jeffersonville. This volunteer from the Clark County Museum came to see how we do it, as they want to do the same thing from their museum next year. We love to "pave the way" for others!

We found creative and interesting landmarks along the way, as planned by our event coordinator, and once back in the parking lot (some of us took longer than others), fun awards were given to the top three travelers based on the sites they found, miles they drove, and even for just showing up!

Then we gathered for lunch at Mayberry Café to trade stories and laugh about our misadventures. Before lunch was over, Tim had already found a planning volunteer and was making mental notes on what he could add for next year!



The missions 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.

Hendricks County Historical Museum

Newsletter

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Greetings from the President

Wow, it's October! Pumpkins, Halloween, my son's wedding, leaves falling! As you probably know, the last couple of months have been very busy for the Museum. We (Friends of the Hendricks County Museum, not the County) bought a house to help with keeping up with our wide-ranging collections. This allows us to move items out of the basement and eventually may let us open another room for display. First, we have a lot to do to take care of the property; it is certainly a fixer upper.

Many thanks for everyone's hard work over the years at fundraising and being great stewards of our money so we could act quickly when the opportunity came up. We need help to make it all happen, in the form of donations, work-day volunteers for both inside and outside projects, sponsors, and memberships.



Jail tour with Sheriff Clark and staff and Pauly Jail Builders.

The Ladies Tea was a wonderful afternoon, school tours have started, and the Road Rally is always fun. Before you know it, the Christmas decorations will go up, and we have some new things in planning stages. But let's enjoy Fall for now!

Pat Baldwin

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August afternoon tea



Our Afternoon Tea "100 Years of Childhood Memories" was enjoyed by more than ninety guests, including many women and one gentleman. The gentleman brought pictures of the Hebron school and of his grandfather John Hume teaching at the school. He also took away the grand prize!

Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Courthouse Grounds. Many articles of children's clothing were beautifully displayed from the clothing collection at the museum.

Toys from the many decades were also featured from the museum. Judy Pingel and Ginger Vickers of the Watermelon Patch both displayed vintage toys.

Gail Tharp gave a presentation on the many one-room schoolhouses still standing throughout the county. One of our teen volunteers, Samantha Hayden, portrayed the life of a school 'Marm' of the late 1800s.



Due to the presentation, Mary Ellen Ayers of New Ross (a guest at the luncheon) contacted Gail at the museum to share her many photos of Lawler and Sixty-Cents Schools and two Brown Township schools. Mrs. Ayers was gracious in allowing the museum to scan her personal photos for our collection. If you have photos of former schools in Hendricks County and are willing to share them contact the museum – we always welcome new information! A few of the dresses from the tea are now on display at the museum.

It's the holiday season Celebrate with us!



Museum halls are decked Beginning Nov. 8

Visit the Museum during regular hours to see it decorated for Christmas.



Christmas on the Square Nov. 29, 4 - 8 p.m.

"Light up Danville" around the historic town square and be sure to stop in to visit the Museum during this annual tradition.



Photo courtesy of Visit Hendricks County

Christmas Open House

Dec. 14, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

You will be welcomed by carolers at the front entry. Inside, costumed actors will portray historic characters. You may purchase a museum Christmas ornament or a book about your favorite Hendricks County town as a memento or for a gift. Don't forget your Christmas treat on your way out. There is no charge for this event, but a suggested donation of \$10 will support the work of the Museum.



Last day to visit the Museum in 2019

Dec. 21

Join us for one last visit before the Museum closes for the season. We'll spend the winter doing some deep cleaning and installing new exhibits. We'll reopen in March 2020. Happy New Year!

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR



98 Broadway, our next step to the future



Over the last few years, we have been very fortunate to acquire interesting artifacts that are relevant to Hendricks County – so much so that we are running out of space. In fact, we are now at the point where we must turn down items that might be important to future generations just because we have no place to keep them.

In the last two years, we have been looking for a place that meets our collections storage needs. Generous patrons have offered space that turned out to be good, but not fitting our criteria.

Our fundraising efforts for the past few years have been aimed at saving enough funds to rent space for that storage. We knew the location had to be close enough to the museum to be convenient. It also had to be a safe, dry, and otherwise environmentally correct area to best protect our historic items.

In August, we learned that the house at 98 Broadway, just two doors west of the museum, was for sale. Real estate agent Eric Miller acquired this house and was helpful in working with us for this purchase. After much exploration and inspection, we decided to use money from our major fundraiser and memberships to buy the property. On September 13, we closed on the house and now have access to it! We are so excited to know that we have this historic house to use as we wish.

Although the house needs much in the way of restoration, it seems just the right property for our needs. At present, we are assessing options for grants and other means to begin the repairs that will make this space workable. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to help!

Save the date!

Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Hendricks County Fairgrounds Expo Hall

Tickets go on sale mid-January

Don't miss it!

