

Welcome New Board Members!

Back in March, right as the quarantine started, two of our long time members completed their terms on the Board of Directors of Friends of the Museum. Max Poynter served 13 years as Board Treasurer, and Phyllis West Parsons was not only a long time board member but volunteer before that and a wealth of knowledge on County history. We thank them for their years of dedicated service, and miss their presence at board meetings.

Filling the two board positions are Helen Corbitt and Rick Myers. Helen has been a long time volunteer at the Museum, spending many hours entering information into our database. She retired from Eli Lilly, and has served on several other community Boards. She is now our Treasurer. Rick is the publisher of the Hendricks County Business Leader and Hendricks County ICON. He was recently recognized as one of the Top 15 over 50 in the nation in news publishing. A long time supporter of the Museum, a few years back he was one of our dancers for our fundraiser, Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars. We are fortunate to have two such talented and dedicated Board members.

Our Board Members are: Pat Baldwin, President; Marty Carter, Vice President; Reann Poray, Secretary; Helen Corbitt, Treasurer; Linda Cook, Deanna Hindsley, Gary Owen, Rick Myers, and Gail Tharp.

Our (Past and Present) Newsletter Producers



We are sending a big THANK YOU to Jamie Simek for her years of putting together the museum newsletter. Jamie was an in-house volunteer and when she left to join the workforce, she continued to do our newsletter from her home. Jamie now has more responsibilities in her position at Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and is stepping back from this activity. We so appreciate her years of service and count her as a great friend to the Hendricks County Museum!

And now, we welcome Emily Hansen who is excited to put together our newsletter. We may soon also have our newsletters available online!



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Hendricks County Historical Museum News

October 2020



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

**"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers"
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery.**

October is here, and one year and one month (in spite of a pandemic) after closing on 98 W. Broadway we have begun moving into our storage house. We are a community project for Hendricks Power Cooperative, and on October 8th 13 volunteers came to build our shed, put shelves together, update our lights, and move boxes of items from the Museum. This is in addition to the generous donation of \$1500.00 they are making to pay for those items and trimming back the tree branches that were over the roof. Danville Rotary Club and Downtown Danville Partnership have also made substantial contributions to help with a property that was definitely a "fixer-upper". We are so grateful for these donations that help our community remember our history and protect our artifacts that tell our story. Along with the much needed storage, we now have a small meeting space. While summer board meetings under the trees at the Museum were fine, the weather is turning a bit too cold for that.

The Hendricks County Community Foundation awarded the Museum a dollar for dollar COVID Response Phase 2 Matching Grant from the All In, Hendricks County Rapid Response Fund in the amount of \$3,250. Donations raised from September 1 to December 31 will be matched. **Please consider renewing your membership now, your gift will be doubled!** Checks may be mailed to P.O. Box 226, Danville, IN 46122.

Pat Baldwin, President
Board of Directors
Hendricks County Historical Museum



IUPUI Intern helps out

James Godfil is a young man who reached out to us as an intern for his museum class at IUPUI. He needed 10 hours of volunteering. He has put in his hours but wanted to continue helping us. James has worked with accessions, moved items ready for our storage house and even came to come help us set up our scarecrow display. We have been blessed to be having James work with us.

Scarecrows on the Square

Each year a favorite activity of the museum is the scarecrow display on Danville square. Visited by many throughout the community our display this season was created by Emily Hansen and Diane Coiro. We would like to thank Bob Alltop and Beacon Signs in Avon for their donation of the sign. Be sure to check it out as it faces US 36.



Museum to Change 2020 Holiday Plans

The leaves of fall are beginning to change and yet, we are looking ahead to the Christmas holidays. Decorating begins the middle of November allowing visitors several weeks to enjoy the museum and it's holiday season. **Due to the current health issues pertaining to the virus the decision has been made not to be open this year for a tour during the Christmas on the Square event. One evening of a candlelight tour is planned, following social distance guidelines of course!**

Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars



Whirling and twirling and hoping to dance! That seemed to be the theme of DWHCS 2020! What started as an exciting venture, we postponed from April to August, and then we came to the sad realization that this event just couldn't happen this year.

We are very grateful that several of our sponsors decided to donate their financial commitment. Also many of our ticket-buyers decided to donate their purchase money.

Undaunted, our committee decided that since we already had many Silent Auction items, we would go ahead with the auction online in July. That turned out to be a really fun event, with people still bidding up until the last few minutes. That brought in \$5800. What a wonderful surprise!

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Museum Car Rally was a Success!

On a cloudy yet comfortable morning in October a record amount of 25 cars containing pilots, navigators, and their family members gathered for the annual museum Road Rally. The majority of the participants were first-time attendees! The fall foliage scenes were breathtakingly brilliant as the cars traveled on back roads of Hendricks and Morgan Counties.

This is the sixth year that Tim Macsary has put together yet another fun and interesting event. Imaginative prizes were awarded at the end of the rally. Trivia winners (as well as having the most mileage driven on the route) were Dawn Springer and Julie Kirtley. They won a birdhouse designed by Forget-Me-Nots of Danville. Other winners were 1st Place, Lynn Thate and Marilyn Cloutier; 2nd place, the Corbitt family (Mike, Helen, Patrick and Abigail); 3rd place, Jackie and John Horn. Emily Muse won the movie interpretation prize. Thank you, Tim, for all of your hard work!

After the rally many gathered at Mayberry Cafe for lunch to exchange adventure stories. It was a perfect event in which to be involved and keep a social distance.



Hendricks Power Cooperative lends a hand



Hendricks Power volunteers, along with Hendricks County Community Foundation CEO William Rhodehamel and museum president Pat Baldwin. (Masks were temporarily removed for this photo.)

The Hendricks County Museum storage house received some needed TLC, courtesy of volunteers from Hendricks Power Cooperative, a museum sponsor. Team leader Ethan Cavanaugh with 12 other workers built shelves, applied floor trim, built a shed and moved boxes from the museum to the storage house. They found a certificate about one of their founding member's service to the cooperative, a leader in bringing electricity to the county.

Dana Cochran, Director of Marketing, also mentioned another program called "Operation Round Up," which is a member funded program provided by the Hendricks County Community Foundation. On a side note she mentioned that Hendricks County is the 2nd fastest growing county in Indiana.

Hendricks County Community Foundation President and CEO, William Rhodehamel came to present a check in support of this effort.

We wish to thank all those who helped.

Museum Members attend Quaker Days

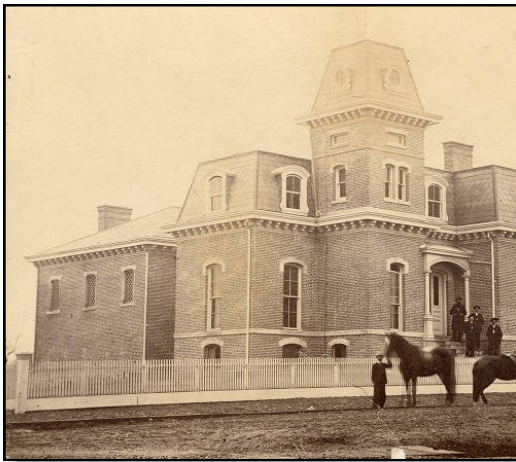
On September 19 Marty Carter and Pat Baldwin enjoyed the beautiful fall weather at Quaker Days in Plainfield. We were able to introduce the Museum to several newcomers who were pleasantly surprised that we have a museum. The Plainfield Yearbook display was a hit, and everyone loved the button top baby shoes and button hook. Quaker Days is always a great way to share information about the Museum and our County outside of our building.



HCHM Website offers Digital Collections

Ready to take a step back into the past? Check out the "Digital Collections" page on our museum website to see the historic photographs we have digitized and are now available to view online! <https://hendrickscountymuseum.org/digital-collections/>

The Hendricks County Museum is proud to be a part of the Indiana Memory Project. This project is a statewide collaborative effort to provide access to the wealth of historic images and information located in Indiana libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural institutions. Additionally, the Indiana Memory Project has recently joined the Digital Public Library of America. This collection collaboration will increase awareness of the Hendricks County Museum by making our digital historic collections easily accessible and free to a broader audience.



statewide digitization collection is the best way to join forces and preserve the past. The museum will be consistently adding new images so be sure to check back often!



Projects like Indiana Memory provide a way for local libraries and museums, like Hendricks County, to participate in preservation. The numerous historic photographs and documents held in the museum collection will be digitized and placed online under the repository of the INDIANA STATE LIBRARY.

The Hendricks County Museum believes that any effort to preserve history and be a part of the

Secrets on the Shelf is an annual project for the Eighth Grade Honors History class at Cascade Middle School. Ben Neilson is the teacher and he involves Danville Center Township Library and our Museum to challenge his honors class. There are about 30 students working in groups of two or three. The assignment is to select an artifact from the museum, research the object, the donor, the era, etc., and report in video and poster presentations the connection to Hendricks County History. Cindy Rutledge at the Danville Library is a huge help with the research every year. The final projects are presented in person at the school and then via video at the Royal Theater in Danville. In the past, the students have given their parents tours of the museum and their artifact displays after the show. The final project presentations are normally in early December, but will be delayed to January or February, 2021.

The students have selected their artifacts for this year and Gail, Deanna Brown, and I have given them a little information to get the wheels turning. It is now up to the students to come up with their own questions and determine what direction to take their research to connect the object with Hendricks County history. This is one of my favorite projects! I will keep you informed as the project progresses.

—Helen Corbitt



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All this to say that in these "uncertain times" our business and individual supporters were most generous to the Hendricks County Museum in the total amount of \$25,500!

We are blown away with the generosity of our community in their commitment to, and love for, preserving the history of our county.

Who knows what 2021 will bring for businesses and individuals, but for now we have the funds to continue with our work and hope to have Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars 2021 on April 17!

We love you, people of our great Hendricks County!

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

