



Jennings County Historical Society Our Heritage Inc

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September 2020

Autumn Happenings at the Jennings County Historical Society

September

Program: Genealogy for the Historian, presented by
Genealogy Librarian, Sheila Kell

Date: Thursday, September 24th, 2020

Time: 6pm

Where: Vernon Baptist Church

*Social distancing will be practiced. Masks are re-
quired.*



October

Date: Saturday, October 10th

Time: 7pm

Program: Movies Under the Stars

Where: Courthouse Lawn in Historic Vernon, IN

*There will be two family friendly seasonal movies
shown. Popcorn, apple cider, hot chocolate and other
snacks will be available. Bring your own lawn chair.
While there is no charge for the event, freewill dona-
tions are greatly appreciated.*



November

Date: November 13th-14th

Time: 8am-4pm

Program: Pie Bake Sale

Where: Jennings County Historical Society in Vernon, IN
*Historical society volunteers are baking 300 pies to
be sold at the museum in Vernon. Flavors will in-
clude sugar cream, bumbleberry, apple, spring fruit
and peach. To guarantee your favorite flavor, preor-
der no later than November 7th.*



Locally Produced and Historic Cookbook Database

With the terrific help of Louise Malcomb the historical society now has a new service available through a database of contributors to locally produced cookbooks. These cookbooks date from the early 1900's to the present and were usually produced as fundraisers for local clubs, societies and/or missionary circles. The society's collection dates back to 1906 with the North Vernon Presbyterian Cookbook.

The database will be available at the North American House Museum in Vernon early in 2021. If you have a cookbook from Jennings County, please contact the museum (812/346-8989) so that we may include it.

Currently, locally produced cookbooks are for sale at the museum, including Gems of the Past, Vernon Clionian Society Celebrates Jennings County's 200th Birthday, Just a Little Sweetin' and Fresh From the Garden. Also, the Hayden Historical Museum recently published Hayden's Favorite Recipes Through the Generations.



A message from the Curator

2020 has been a year when many traditions have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two of the historical society's annual festivals had to be cancelled, i.e. the Sassafras Tea Festival & Civil War Living History and the Ghost Walk & Mystery Dinner. Brad Bender, President of the historical society, comments that "while we are disappointed that our annual history programs and fundraisers were cancelled, meeting state guidelines for the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers and the entire community is a priority. The museum was closed for a brief period while updates were made to accommodate social distancing during tours and programs, a clear shield was installed in the office area and new ideas for fall happenings were set in place."

The society is committed to serving the community during this challenging time. We continue to serve our locals and visitors with research efforts via phone and social media, small group tours and, members of the Indiana Blacksmith Association keep the shop open to train new blacksmiths the 2nd Saturday of the month. Volunteers are firing up the ovens on November 13 and 14 and selling fresh homemade pies. The fundraiser will help recover some of the revenue lost due to the pandemic. Also, since it isn't possible to hold the Ghost Walk and Mystery Dinner the society will show family friendly movies under the stars on October 10 to celebrate fall!

More great news! The historical society applied for grant funding through the Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan of 2020 to assist with operating expenses and was awarded \$5,000! The Humanities is a great resource for organizations such as the historical society and we are grateful for the partnership. Another exciting announcement is a \$5,000 grant award from the Columbus Area Arts Council, the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts for next year's arts related events such as the Sassafras Tea Festival & Civil War Living History, first person interpreters, performing arts, working blacksmith shop, theatrics and folklore at the Ghost Walk and displays at the museum. Additional grant funding is being sought through opportunities at the Jennings County Community Foundation and the Arts, Cultural & Destination Marketing Organization Support Grant Program as the society continues their mission to present, preserve and document the rich heritage of Jennings County and bring quality of life to the communities we serve!

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and will join us for upcoming happenings!

Chris Asher, Curator

Andrew Badger and his niece, Julie Paradies, visit the historical society to tour the museum where an early high back bed and other family heirlooms were donated and on display. The artifacts are from the Joseph Hole family. Andrew's ancestors lived in Butlerville, Indiana.



A picture is worth a thousand words! Tom Rice holds two historic photographs he recently donated to the museum's collection of Jennings County's past.



Steve Zornes (right) donates historic railroad pictures for the museum's collection. Society member, Daniel Smith (left) enjoys going through the photographs with Steve.



Donated by the Malcomb family, this souvenir glass commemorates Nixon's visit to Jennings County 50 years ago and is part of next year's plans to celebrate Presidential Celebration Day.



This beautiful quilt was designed and made by the late Kay Brown, a Jennings County artist. Historic buildings in Vernon were painted on the quilt by Kay. Kay's family donated the beautiful quilt to the museum and it is on display in the gallery.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Society sponsored events bring thousands of visitors to Jennings County annually as well as serve our local population. The North American House, society headquarters and museum houses over 7,000 artifacts telling the story of the county's rich heritage.

Community partnerships, event sponsors, mini grants and donations are invaluable to the historical society's ability to keep these fine Jennings County traditions alive. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Thank you for your continued support!!



We are always looking for volunteers! Please inquire by calling (812) 346-8989, email us at jenningshistoricalsociety@gmail.com or send us a message on Facebook!

The historical society's museum, working blacksmith shop, events and programs are sponsored in part by local businesses, organizations, in-kind services, individuals, mini grants, Jennings County Community Foundation Competitive grants, the Columbus Area Arts Council, the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts and the Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan of 2020."



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Sponsorship Opportunities

\$1,000: Champion

\$251-\$500: Gold

\$101-\$250: Silver

\$51-\$100: Bronze

\$50 and under: Member

Memorials are encouraged at any level of membership.

Basic: minimum \$20

**Student: \$7

**Student memberships go towards the Annual Student History Award

***Electronic donation options are available through Paypal. Please visit our website at www.jenningscounty.org for more information.

