

June 2016

Monthly E-mail Newsletter

This newsletter is prepared by Kathy Bachman, Board Secretary, for members of the Dubois County Museum. If you will be changing your email address, please notify

*Kathy at
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A Certificate of Recognition was given to Jim Seger by Mary Ann Hayes in appreciation for his years on the Museum Board at the Volunteer Dinner. *Thank you, Jim, for your service to the museum.*

MATCHING GRANT GROWING

As of May 31, 2016, our Dubois County Community Foundation Matching Fund Drive has risen to \$2,050. We have till October 1, 2016 to raise \$5,000 in order for the DCCF to match that total with a \$5,000 matching Grant. Wouldn't John J. Fierst be so proud to see his initial investment of \$5,000 grow to over \$27,000 in this specific endowment to sustain a financial fund for the Dubois County Museum? We have been asking supporting members to give a donation of \$50 to the DCCF. Thank you to those who have responded. We are still short of our goal. Can you help? You can send your donation on line or mail to the Dubois County Community Foundation office at 600 McCrillus



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Street, P.O. Box 269, Jasper, IN 47546. Mark on check or on line that it is for the Dubois County Museum.

Or you may send it to Dubois County Museum at 2704 N. Newton Street,

Jasper, IN 47546 c/o Peg Wagner, Treasurer, and she will see that the DCCF receives it.

Thank you.

*Dubois County Museum
Board of Directors*

Little Critters Program May 7

Preschoolers enjoyed playing games, hearing stories, making crafts and learning about bugs at the Little Critters program on May 7. Program organizer, Cheryl Sermersheim, had a lot of fun activities planned and had

hoped to see a crowd like the previous year numbers. This year's crowd was much smaller, but all had a great time.



Steamboat Exhibit here till June 22

The Dubois County Museum will welcome ***Steamboat a Comin': The Legacy of the New Orleans***, a traveling

exhibition of the Indiana Historical Society, May 25-June 22, 2016.

For the 2011 bicentennial of the first steamboat to successfully voyage down the Ohio River, the society launched its newest traveling exhibition. Sponsored by the Rivers Institute at Hanover College, *Steamboat a Comin'* highlights this travel method's impact on western expansion and development. The first

steamboat to successfully navigate America's western inland rivers, the *New Orleans*, altered American life forever by hastening the opening of the American west and by transforming the landscape, economy and culture. This exhibition will introduce visitors to the adventurers who first dared to take a steamboat on the Ohio River, the technology they used and the ramifications—both positive and negative—of their actions.



Traveling down the Ohio River.

Active military will be given free admission as part of our participation in the Blue Star Museums program.

Participating in Blue Star Museums

The Dubois County Museum is proud to announce to the public that they are participating in the Blue Star Museums program, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free

admission to the nation's active duty military personnel including National Guard and Reserve and their families from Memorial Day through this Labor Day 2015. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their new commu-

nities. The complete list of participating museums is available at www.arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums. A spokesman from the museum said, "This summer we are saying a special thank you to active duty military and their families by participating in the Blue Star Museums program."

Coin Club Holds Annual Show

The Coin Club held their annual Coin Show on Saturday, May 21, at the museum from 9:00-3:00pm. A large crowd gathered to sell or trade coins at the over 37 vendor

tables. The Coin Club meets once a month at the Museum on the first Thursday of the month. The museum appreciates the Coin Club renting our building and also

making a donation to our museum. Thank you.



German Immigration Exhibit Opens

The Bicentennial Legacy Exhibit called *The Story of German Immigration to Dubois County* opened in a Sneak Peek to about 36 members on April 30, and to the public on May 1, 2016. Be sure and stop in to view this new exhibit. Come learn about the Germans voyage to Dubois County, read the ship's



manifest, a family history and more.

Visit our revamped Web site

Our website has been updated. Be sure to check it out at

www.duboiscountymuseum.org



May was the Month for Tours

The Dubois County Museum volunteers Lynn, Kathy, Dave and Arnie were busy conducting tours during the month of May.

Ireland Elementary School first graders visited on May 6. A total of 78 students toured in the morning.

Fifth Street Elementary School first graders had a conducted tour on May 23. One hundred thirty-eight students, teachers and parents visited in the morning and afternoon. On May 25 and 26 about 78 preschoolers visited from Dubois Preschool. The museum was

also busy with two bus loads of adults from Cincinnati thru Dubois County Tourism on May 25 for a tour and lunch.. About 75 visited.

Contact the museum at 812-634-7733 and talk to Dave Kluemper about scheduling a tour.



Our sympathies to trains volunteer Wayne Lytle on the death of his wife, Wanda; to volunteers Harold Hoing on the death of his sister, Eleanor Hassfurth, and Arnie Mehringer on death of his brother, Cletus; and to Museum Board member, Bernie Vogler, on the death of his grandson, Benjamin Durcholz.

May they rest in Peace.



One of the Dubois Preschool groups that toured the museum in May.

**Dubois
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DUBOIS COUNTY
MUSEUM

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**Phone: 812-634-
7733**

Hours:

**10-2pm EST
Tuesday-Friday**

**10-4pm
Saturday**

1-4pm Sunday

**Closed on
Monday**

Listing of Programs and Exhibits planned for summer

May 25—Exhibit: Steamboat A Comin’ until June 22.

July 19 until Aug 12—Exhibit Who Is a Hoosier?

Fri Aug 4—Extended Hours 10 am to 4 pm for Strassenfest

Exhibit: Complete Sets of Strassenfest Mugs, Buttons, and Programs

Exhibit: The Story of German Immigration to Dubois County

Exhibit: Who Is a Hoosier?

1—4 Translation from old German Script of your documents or artifacts by Marilyn Nathan. Postcard size free.

Sat Aug 5—Visit the new exhibit: The Story of German Immigration to Dubois County

Exhibit: Complete Sets of Strassenfest Mugs, Buttons, and Programs

Exhibit: Who Is a Hoosier?

Visit the Stone Carvers Hut at the museum.

10:30—1:30 Translation from old German Script of your documents or artifacts by Marilyn Nathan. Postcard size free.

1:30 Program by Mel Menke on his German Ancestry

2:15 Program by Fr. John Schipp on Tracing the German Roots of Dubois County, especially the Ferdinand area. Tips on Tracing your own ancestry.

Sun Aug 6--1—4 Translation from old German Script of your documents or artifacts **by Marilyn Nathan.** Postcard size free.

August 12—Who Is A Hoosier? Exhibit closes

August 14—Military Appreciation Day. Speaker Phil Bartelt at 1:30.

Sept 10—Archaeology Day 10-noon; 1 to 2pm EST Featuring locally collected artifacts, a discussion on stone tools and weapons, and artifact identification by archaeologists.