

Portage Community Historical Society News

2016 SUMMER FESTIVAL

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Historical Summer Festival

2016

Saturday, June 25, 2016
 10 AM - 4 PM

Portage Community Historical Society
 5250 US Highway 6; Portage, IN 46368
 (Across from Camelot Bowling Lanes - North side of Rt. 6)

- Kid's watermelon eating contest
- Kid's carnival games
- Hay rides
- Kids Fishing derby
- Grilled meats
- Water/Pop
- Root Beer floats
- Pie and ice cream
- Chips
- MUCH, MUCH MORE
- Magic by Rudy
- Wolfgang Singers
- Winamac Car Club
- Good Time Cloggers
- Music
- Raffle & Silent Auction
- 50/50
- Craft demonstrations
- Vendors & Crafters

ALL entertainment and games are FREE to the public.
 Food/beverage items are at a reasonable CASH cost.
 Tours of the Traeger Farm house and barn museum

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SOCIETY NEWS

Tea and Scones Party

This event went very well despite having it on a holiday weekend. Our thanks to the park department for all their help setting up and taking down chairs and tables. Thanks to our members that contributed food. Everyone enjoyed the food and deserts.

Festival News

Volunteers are needed in several areas. Please sign up for a two hour shift.

We have several vendors for the festival but will take applications until the day of but not duplicates of what we already have.

Pam Summers: jewelry, headband, place mats, lamps, picture frames

Bobby Chapman: magnet boards, key boards, party lite, towel holders

Emil Cripe: wire sculptures, survival bracelets, jewelry

Shelly Rectenwall: Mary Kay

Angie Klein: chair massage

Cathy Brazeau: baby blankets, dish cloth towels, pot holders

Phyllis Gresser: Scentsy Products

Kathy Zack: crochet items, baby, kitchen, embroidery, towels, aprons

Heather Szakacs: Tupperware

Lisa Salas: Thirty One Products

Denise Furnish: misc. crafts, Bonner Senior Center Cookbooks

Veronica Rosinski: handmade dream-catchers, incense bottle, jewelry

Melissa Piazza and Shelly Janiga: Essential Oils

We are asking for donations of new or like new items for the silent auction for the festival. You can bring them to the museum any Saturday or Sunday 1—4 or Friday mornings.

Thank you to our silent auction sponsors. So far we received donations of gift cards or items for our silent auction from:

Texas Corral, JJ's Pizza, Culvers, Angels Nails, Three Greeks, Quick Cut, Panda Express, Starbucks on Route Six, Portage Imax, Texas Roadhouse

Fathers Day History - A woman named Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Fathers Day while listening to a Mothers Day sermon in 1909 in Spokane Wash. Sonora's father was born in June so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane on June 19,1910 President Coolidge recom-

Old Garyton School



Garyton School. Circa mid-1940s.

Image donated from the East Porter County School Corporation Collection. — at Porter County, IN. Copied from the Porter County Museum site.

Do you know the reason Garyton School was built? In the museum is a document signed by many of the neighbors in the Garyton area asking the then superintendent to have a school built for their children. The reason being that the children had to walk to the Crisman area for school and had to cross over a rail trestle on what was 25th Avenue (now Mulberry) and the parents thought this was too dangerous. We will try to locate the document and have it displayed soon.

Garyton was built in the late 1920's.

In keeping with the school theme, we were donated the very early school records and we have indexed over 100 books and we will try to have that index ready soon in the museum.

Would you like to visit the old Garyton School?

Open House: Saturday, August 13—9:00 —
10:30 AM

Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO)

On the NEO newsletter, there is a brief mention of the NEO on the Move event that will be a farewell to the Garyton School and hello to the new NEO Center. This will be on Saturday, August 13 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM at the Garyton School and then from 10:30 – 1:30 at the new NEO Center at 5201 US Highway 6. (previously Camelot Lanes)

Follow the progress of the new school

We are on the web
<http://www.inpchs.com>



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Family \$50, Business \$60 and
Lifetime \$100

**Portage Community Historical Society Bi-monthly
meeting**

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Woodland Park, 7:00 pm

**Public is invited
Refreshments**

**Speaker: Steve McShane, Curator Calumet
Regional Archives IU Northwest
Topic: History of the South Shore Posters**

Tuesday, June 14, Board Meeting
6:30 pm Portage Library

Wednesday, June 15—Bi-monthly meeting,
7:00 Woodland Park
Steve McShane, Speaker

Saturday, June 25 — Historical Summer
Festival, Countryside Park 10—4

Tuesday, July 12—Board Meeting
6:30 pm Portage Library

Tuesday, August 9 - Board Meeting
6:30 pm Portage Library

Wednesday, August 17— Bi-monthly meeting
7:00 Woodland Park
Tamara Brown, speaker

Tuesday, Sept. 13— Board Meeting 6:30 Portage
Library

Tuesday, Oct. 11—Board Meeting 6:30 Portage
Library

*Please consider coming to our bi-
monthly meetings. Our speakers have
spent a lot of time preparing their
presentations and we'd like for them to
have a good turn out.*

We really need more volunteers to cover the museum on weekends. If you can do a 3 hour shift once a month please contact Lois 762-4218. We want to have both the floors of the barn open and the Trager Farmhouse. One or two people can't cover it all.

We also need help on Friday mornings. We will be cleaning the farmhouse and barn for our festival.