

Portage Community Historical Society News

I n s t a l l a t i o n D i n n e r

Board members being installed for the 2017 season will be at Woodland Park on Sunday, November 13, 1:00 pm. It will be held at Woodland Park upstairs banquet hall.

As in previous years the society will provide the meat, rolls and beverages and everyone is asked to bring a dish and dessert to share. This is the only notice you'll receive so mark it on your calendar. R.S.V.P. to Valeria Roach (762-3722) or Lois Mollick (762-4218) so we buy enough meats.

Entertainment will be by Kyle elementary school choir and we hope to show the video made of our summer picnic.

New board members are: Valeria Roach, president/treasurer, Anne Koehler, vice-president, Donna Smith, Secretary and other members are Barb Borg-Jenkins, Jim Franzen, Lisa Garcia, Sarah Geer, Sue Lynch, Wanda Samuelson and Richard Turnak

If you are interested on being on the board please contact Barb Borg-Jenkins at 759-4426 or bborgjenkins@gmail.com as soon as possible.

President—Valeria Roach
Vice President—Anne Koehler
Secretary—Donna Smith
Treasurer— Barb Borg-Jenkins
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Patti Coppess
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Jim Franzen
Lisa Garcia
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Wanda Samuelson
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Christmas Open House

Dates: December 03 - December 04, 2016
Sat. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sun 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (CST)

The museum and farm house will be decorated for the holidays and there will be Father Christmas, Christmas music, Christmas games and crafts for the kids, cookies and punch on Saturday.

Sunday we will be open for regular hours 1-4.

SOCIETY NEWS

Shifting Sands Documentary

The Portage Community Historical Society is pleased to announce that our speakers at the general meeting on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m

Lee Botts and Pat Wisniewski

Presenting their documentary "Shifting Sands"

There will be a q & a after the showing of the documentary.

The meeting will be held at Woodland Park in the Hickory Hollow room.

The public is encouraged to attend.

It is sufficient to say that I am best known as environmental advocate for the Great Lakes and for environmental education. Experience includes creating the Lake Michigan Federation that has now evolved into the binational Alliance for the Great Lakes. I also worked for the Open Lands Project and for the region 5 office of EPA in Chicago. My last position was as head of the Chicago Environment office under Mayor Harold Washington. I also had environmental experience in Kiev, in Lithuania by the Baltic Sea and at Lake Baikal in Siberia in Russia. (Most do not know that Baikal contains as much water as all the Great Lakes together.) I graduated from Oklahoma State University after growing up in the dust bowl and have received honorary doctorates from Calumet College of St. Joseph and Indiana University. Locally have been a long time member of Save the Dunes, Heinze Trust and other groups, and am considered the founder of the Dunes Learning Center in a public/private partnership with the National Park Service. Have lived fulltime in Indiana since the mid-1990s and in Miller since 2002 and have three sons and a daughter plus two grandsons. We look forward to sharing our film with your group.

Lee Botts

HAPPY 200TH BIRTHDAY INDIANA

Bicentennial Torch Relay

Our very own Carl Fisher carried the torch through Portage on Central Ave from Vivian St & Lois Street about 11:40 am Sunday October 9, 2016. At about noon there was a small reception held at Lakefront Park. Carl was instrumental in organizing the Portage Community Historical Society in 1988 and is still an active member today.

The 200th Anniversary of Indiana Statehood is December 11. Our plan is to keep the museum open until after the bicentennial celebration so we can have some special events celebrating Indiana’s bicentennial.

“Celebrating Our Founders”

To coincide with the bicentennial the Greater Portage Chamber of Commerce is having their Annual Awards Evening and Silent Auction

Saturday, November 19

Woodland Park ~ Sycamore Room

6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Tickets: \$50 per person

They will be highlighting our Portage Community Historical Society and honoring the founding settlers. We are busy documenting the history of Portage Township and the founders. We are locating descendants from the early families such as:

Bender, Blake, Brandt, Clem, Crisman, Delmage, Dombey, Fifield, Hamstrom, Lenburg, Lute, McCool, Nicholson, Robbins, Samuelson, Scofield, Slanger, Swanson, Trager, Wolf and Wolfe.

At the event we will have some history on these families and as well as some objects donated by family members. Watch the newspaper and our Facebook page for more information on this event.

You will learn about the history of Portage Township, when it was first settled and the villages that were here before Portage became a town.

Get out your smart phones:

What does the name Indiana mean?

What band of Indians lived in Northern Indiana?

What three villages existed before Portage became a town?

Look who came to visit the museum



last weekend:

Janice Samuelson Mongold, Joyce Farry Gloyeske, and Eva Brady (museum volunteer)

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



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

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

**Woodland Park, 7:00 pm
Hickory Hollow Room**

**Public is invited
Refreshments**

Speaker: Lee Botts and Pat Wisniewski
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Tuesday, Oct. 11—Board Meeting 6:30
Portage Library

Wednesday, Oct. 19—Bi-Monthly Meet-
ing 7:00 Woodland Park
Lee Botts and Pat Wisniewski, Speakers

Tuesday, November 8—Election Day

Porter County Museum group meeting at
our
Barn Museum 10:00 am

Sunday, November 13—Installation Din-
ner Woodland Park, 1:00 pm

Saturday, November 19—Chamber of
Commerce event 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 3—Christmas on
the Farm Open House

Sunday, December 11, 2016 is the 200

*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.*



Its time we once again thank the Portage Park Department for all their help with our move to the barn museum. We receive so many compliments and we enjoy working at the new museum. We tell everyone that we could not have done it without the Park Departments help.

Paxton Burke, age 2, is the winner of "Louie" the bicentennial buffalo. We had 22 entries so it was a success