

Portage Community Historical Society News



*Portage Community Historical Society
Installation Dinner*

Sunday, November 18, 2018
1:00—4:00 pm
Countryside Park Hall
5250 US Hwy 6, Portage, IN

Meat and beverages will be furnished by the society, please
bring a dish or two to share.

R.S.V.P. To Val Roach 762-3722 by Nov. 12 so we have enough
meat for everyone.

Entertainment by Wolfgang Singers from Hobart High School.

Donations of non-perishable items, canned goods or monetary
donations to the Portage Food Pantry.

If you are interested in becoming a board member for the 2019
year, contact Val Roach 762-3722 or Wanda Samuelson
762-7395 by October 17 when our slate will be voted on.

SOCIETY NEWS

Welcome new member Magdalena Borzecka "Maggie" she and her fiancée recently moved to Portage from Illinois and she has already volunteered to get involved with helping the society and the museum.

In Remembrance

Our sympathy goes to members who have lost a loved one recently.

To member Debbie Parker and her Mother, Connie, on the loss of Richard "Sam" Samplowski.

Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 1, 2018 , 10 am till 4 pm

Museums decorated for Christmas, Father Christmas for the kids, crafts and coloring pages, cookies and punch and all free . We will be asking for cookie donations from members.

- President—Valeria Roach
- Vice President—Anne Koehler
- Secretary—Donna Smith
- Treasurer— Valeria Roach
- Board of Directors:
- Barb Borg-Jenkins
- Jim Franzen
- Wanda Samuelson
- Richard Turnak
- Fred Untch
- Honorary:
- Lois Mollick

We are placing an order for our logo tee-shirts. The cost is \$13 each S, M, L, XL, please contact Valeria Roach if you're interested in purchasing one. We are placing the order in a few weeks so contact her now.



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2536 Portage Mall Portage, IN. 46368 219-841-9070



We will have a class tour from South Haven Elementary School on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018.

ATTENTION SPELLING AND COLOR CHECK
Please check the spelling and colors in your graphics. There is no charge for spelling or color corrections.

Check out our society display at the South Haven Library, it will be there for the month of October.

1936 Centennial Memorial Plaque

We've had this heavy memorial plaque for years and when I asked members of Northwest Indiana History, Steve Shook immediately sent me this information.



It was a plaque produced and posted for the Porter County Centennial celebrations in 1936. Liberty Mills was a small mill located on the west bank of Coffee Creek that operated from 1854 to about 1910. The mill was reconstructed by David Long and a Mr. Wanders; the small pond created by the mill dam was referred to as Lake Wanders. Note that David Long and his father were involved with at least two other early Porter County grist mills - Long's Mill in Jackson Township and Pierce's Mill in Union Township. This mill would have been located immediately south of County Road 1050 North and approximately 600 feet west of Dickenson Road (NW1/4 of NW1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 7 in Liberty Township). Below is a portion of Hardesty's plat map of Liberty Township from 1876

[Steven Shook](#)

In the museum we also have a map showing the location of the grinding mill and a newspaper article explaining why Mr. W. A. Briggs and Carl Hamstrom are part of this story.

Stop in the museum if you'd like to learn more about this plaque.

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



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Memberships: Yearly Single \$20,
Family \$50, Business \$60

Portage Community Historical Society Bi-monthly meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

7:00 pm

Woodland Park

**Public Welcomed and refreshments
will be served**

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Board Meeting Portage Library 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Bi-monthly meeting

Voting for 2019 slate of board members

Kenneth Schoon about his new
book: "Swedish Settlements on the South
Shore of Lake Michigan.

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Saturday, December 1, 2018 Christmas
Open House 10 am—4 pm



Ken Schoon, Professor Emeritus from IUN,
will give a special presentation on his upcoming book,
Swedish Settlements along the South Shore of Lake Michigan

Wednesday, October 17 at 7 PM
at Woodland Park, Main Building
2100 Willowcreek Road, Portage, IN

Everyone is welcome to attend.
It is FREE to the public.
Bring a friend or two.

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