
Portage Community Historical Society News



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tage Community Historical Society Installation Dinner Sunday, November 18, 2018 1:00–4:00 pm Countryside Park Hall 5250 US Hwy 6, Portage, IN at 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 Wolffgang 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

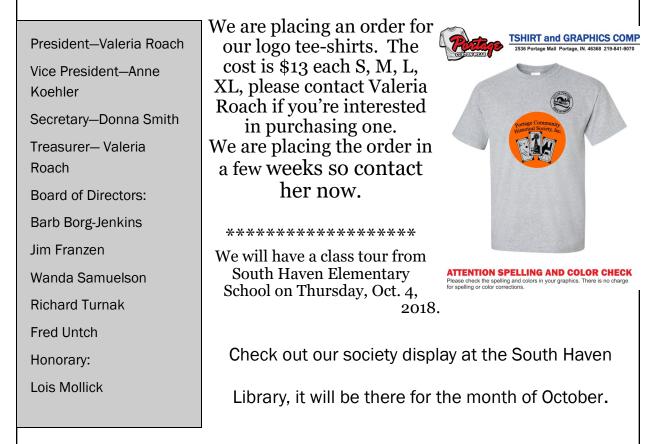
Welcome new member Magdalena Borzecka "Maggie" she and her fiancée recently moved to Portage from Illinois and she has already volunteered to get involved with helping the society and the museum.

In Remembrance

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

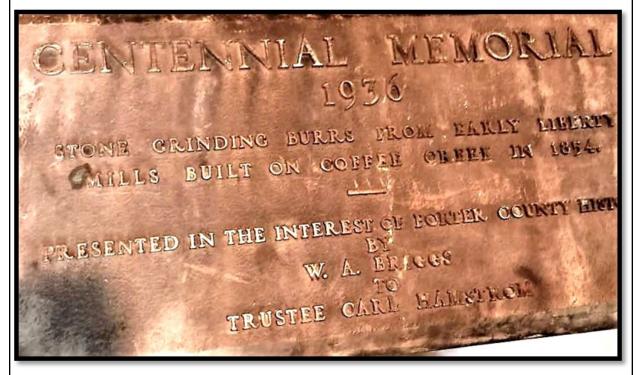
To member Debbie Parker and her Mother, Connie, on the loss of Richard "Sam" Samplowski.

<u>Christmas Open House</u> 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.



<u>1936 Centennial Memorial Plaque</u>

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.

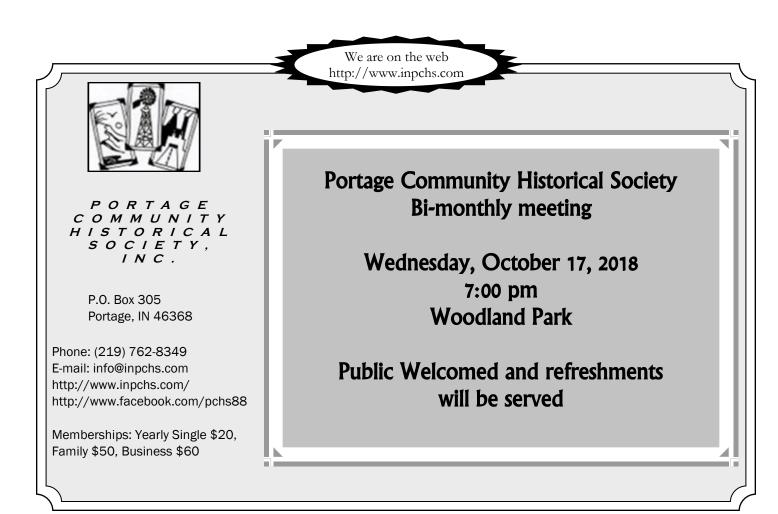


It was a plaque produced and posted for the Porter County Centennial celebrations in 1936. Liberty Mills was a small mill located on the west bank of Coffee Creek that operated from 1854 to about 1910. The mill was reconstructed by David Long and a Mr. Wanders; the small pond created by the mill dam 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.



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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Sunday, Nov. 18 , 2018

Installation Dinner 1:00

Countryside Park Hall

<u>Saturday, December 1, 2018</u> Christmas Open House 10 am—4 pm

