

# Portage Community Historical Society News

THE PORTAGE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS...  
**COLIN LENBURG**



## STORIES OF MY FAMILY (The Lenburgs, one of the early families of Portage)



**Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7PM**

at Woodland Park, main building  
2100 Willowcreek Road, Portage, IN

THE PORTAGE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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## SOCIETY NEWS

*Coming up in the museum: the Kiwanis Club will have their meeting in our barn museum after a tour and refreshments provided by the historical society Tuesday October 8, 2019.*

*On Thursday October 10th we will have a school tour from Paul Saylor School.*

*We usually get over 50 students for a class tour.*

*Saturday October 19 our new member, Paul Janiciarch, will be in the museum. He is part of a group that does clock repairs and they are offering anyone in need of a clock to be repaired to bring to the barn museum between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.*

*No charge but let us know if you plan to attend and bring a clock to be repaired.*

*Wednesday October 23 the Portage Exchange Club will be meeting in our barn museum.*

*The society will provide a tour and refreshments.*

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President/Treasurer—  
Valeria Roach

Vice President—Anne  
Koehler

Secretary—Donna Smith

Board of Directors:

Barb Borg-Jenkins

Patti Coppess

Jim Franzen

Brian Longazo

Wanda Samuelson

Richard Turnak

Fred Untch

Honorary:

Lois Mollick

*October is our election meeting but since we have a returning slate of board members we are having the board vote to accept the returning board members for 2020.*

*If you want to be on the board please call Val Roach at 762-3722 by October 8.*

*Sunday November 3, 2019 at 1:00 pm we will have our installation dinner at Countryside Hall. The society will provide the meat and beverages and each member is asked to bring a dish to share and a dessert. R.S.V.P. by November 1 to Val Roach so she can order enough meat. Put this on your calendar because we do not send out reminders.*

### **Christmas Open House**

**Saturday, December 14, 2019**

*Open house will be held in Countryside Hall 10 am until 4:00 pm. Like other years we will serve cookies and punch, have Father Christmas visit with the children and hopefully a few other games for the kids. We will ask for homemade cookies from members.*

## Historical Wolf Mansion

On Sunday September 15, 2019 we welcomed visitors from BC Canada, Glyn Evans and his mother Marion Evans. Marion is the great grand daughter of Josephus and Susan (Young) Wolf. She had heard of the Wolf Mansion connected to her family history and her son, Glyn, made her wish come true and brought her for a visit. They visited and toured our barn museum, the Wolf Mansion and the McCool Cemetery. Clement and Lynda Khan graciously gave them a private tour of the mansion and shared history of the Wolf family. They also presented them with the "History of the Wolf Mansion" by the Khans. It was very nice meeting both of them and plan to keep in touch in the future.



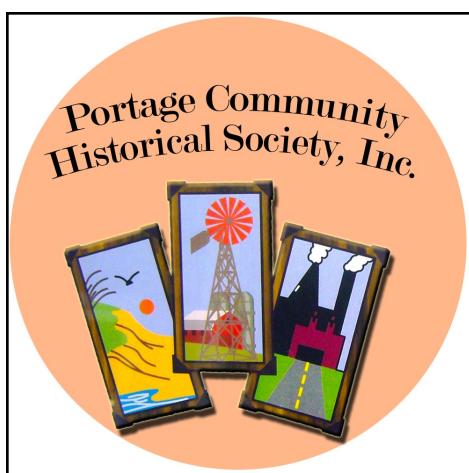
Back Row: Clement & Lynda Khan, Glyn Evans

Front Row: Maggie Borzecka, Kathy H., Marion Evans

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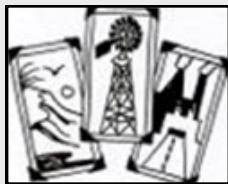
Recently we had a question from a member on the history of our Logo. We knew some of the story but like to get documentation. All we had to do was go through old historical society's minutes and found the answer.

The first document found dated to the very beginning of our society in November 1987. The first mention found was dated April 12, 1988 "LOGO CONTEST: A reminder was sent to Art Teachers for a May 2nd deadline. Board decided to give a monetary prize and an honorary membership to the Historical Society"



Then in June 1988 : Jaclyn Macedo made a presentation to Logo winner **Tram Nguyen**. She was given a \$50.00 US Savings Bond and membership to the Historical Society.

I can't find Tram Nguyen in my Alumni Directory so I don't know if she is still a Portage resident.



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

## **Portage Community Historical Society 2019 Bi-monthly meetings**

**Wednesday, October 16**

Meetings are held at Woodland Park at 7:00 pm

***Our next public meeting will be held Wednesday, October 16, at Woodland Park 7:00 p.m. Our speaker is Colin Lenburg and he will be presenting history on the Lenburg family.***

***Public welcomed and refreshments will be served.***

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**  
Special museum display honoring Class of 1969 11:00 am until 4:00 pm

Portage Alumni Dinner Dance

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**  
Board Meeting at Portage Library, 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, October 16, 2019**  
Public Meeting at Woodland Park, 7:00 pm

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**  
Installation Dinner, 1—4 pm  
Countryside Park Hall

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**  
Board Meeting at Portage Library, 6:30 pm

**Saturday, December 14, 2019**  
Christmas Open House 10 am—4 pm

## **Portage Alumni, Inc. September 28, 2019**

***Karen Lustgarten Fain has created a large display of memorabilia from the Class of 1969. They are celebrating their 50th year since graduating from Portage High School.***

***Their day includes a tour of Willowcreek School, visit and tour of the barn museum and the Alumni Dinner Dance.***

***The public is invited to visit the barn museum on Saturday, September 28, 2019, from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm to view the Class of 1969 display. We will keep the display up until November.***