

Illiana News

March 2022

Work Day Volunteers Needed

Hello everyone,

We had our first club meeting for 2022 on March 15th and had a good turnout. It was a beautiful evening to have a meeting.

We need volunteers to come help clean up the show grounds Saturday, April 2nd starting at 9:00 a.m. There are plenty of leaves and sticks that need cleaned up, so please bring rakes and leaf blowers, and help get the show grounds in shape for the year!

We are really going to need volunteers to mow the grounds this summer, so if you have time, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April 19th club meeting. If you are interested in mowing the show grounds a few weekends this year but won't be able to make it to the meeting, please feel free to call or email me.

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Also, the Jim Eberly building and the post office both need to be re-painted before the show this year, and the picnic tables need washed and sealed. We are looking for volunteers to help with these tasks as well.

Thank you again to all who made it to the first meeting of the year and we hope to see everyone at the next meeting Tuesday, April 19th!

*Sincerely,
David Hobbs*

Mark Your Calendar:

Work Day: Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, April 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to pass.

Illiana Quilters' News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Quilters met on Mon. Feb. 28th at the Assembly Hall with 12 members attending. Work has started on the raffle quilt for the Power Show this summer with all the blocks being constructed and now at our next meeting we will be putting them together to make our quilt top.

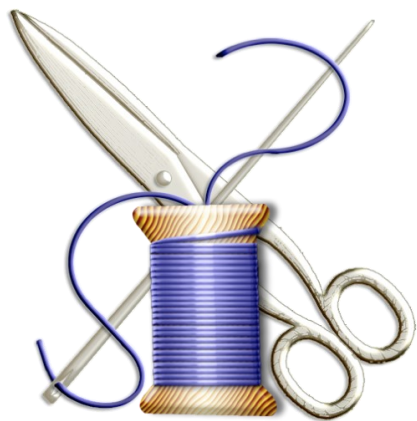
Quilters are planning a trip to the Paducah quilt show in April. After 2 years, many are looking forward to the opportunity to once again see all the latest in the quilting world. (Now we just hope we can afford the gas to drive down).



Many members had items to share with the group after the business meeting. Pictures are posted on the Illiana Quilters Facebook page.

Want to have a day of fun sewing and enjoying the fellowship of other quilters, come join us on the 28th of March at the Assembly Hall, 9:00 a.m.

Enjoy the last days of winter, however most of us are looking forward to the warm days of spring!!



Illiana Quilters Important Dates

Monday, March 28: 9:00 a.m. at the Assembly Hall -
Assembling quilt top. Bring a sack lunch and join us!

April — Paducah Quilt Show.

Pine Creek & Western R/R

Submitted by: Charles Lupinek

The Pine Creek & Western Railroaders had a gathering at the Whistle Stop Restaurant & Monon Connection Railroad Museum Saturday, March 12th. The museum is just north of Monon, Indiana. Meeting at three o'clock, the group first toured the Historic Henry Flagger Private Railroad car followed by touring the museum and miniature HO Gauge railroad. At five o'clock our group met in the restaurant meeting room and enjoyed visiting and having a meal followed by a short meeting regarding the operation of the PC & W RR for this year. Also at the museum we visited Gene Miller's locomotive and train that is currently on loan to the museum. Gene was our fellow railroader and one of the original founding members of the Pine Creek & Western Railroad. Tim Sering discovered that two of the gondolas in Gene's train were built by his father and fellow railroader, Bob Sering. How neat is that!



Gene Miller's locomotive

Dates to Remember:

History Day #1: May 13, 2022 (tentative, if allowed by schools)

Fall Festival/Craft Fair/Swap Meet: Sept. 17, 2022

History Day #2: Sept. 23, 2022

Christmas in the Village: December 2-3, 2022

Rocky Forge Blacksmith News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

The blacksmiths met at Ted's shop Saturday, March 12th. We had 36 in attendance. Coffee and doughnuts were enjoyed with a social hour. The forge fire was started and by 9:30 our first demonstrator, Steve King, from Paola, Indiana, made a beautiful blacksmith hammer. His hammers sell for \$125 to \$150 each. He donated his finished hammer to our monthly drawing. Gary Leeman was the winner. Eric Smith of Darlington was Steve's striker. After forming and polishing the hammer head, he went through the process of tempering. Seeing an expert make such a beautiful turning hammer was a real treat in artistic expertise.

After a fine lunch of a variety of good food furnished by the members, our second demonstrator was Kurt Fahrenbach from Tipton. He made a hot cut to fit into the hardy hole of an anvil. Kurt is also a professional blacksmith by trade. Again it was a real treat to watch him work.

We all learned a lot Saturday and look forward to next month's meeting, which will be April 9th.



Rocky Forge Blacksmiths

Next meeting:

April 9, 2022 @ Ted's shop.