

Illiana News

November 2020

Notes from Our President

Hello everyone,

While we didn't receive a full letter from Tom this month, he did give us a few points to mention in the newsletter. So, without further ado, here they are:

There will not be Christmas in the Village this year.

If the weather cooperates, we will have a **Grounds Clean-up Day** scheduled for **Saturday, December 5 at 1:00 pm**. Bring your rakes and leaf blowers to help clean up the grounds.

"Thank You" to Kevin Peterson for harvesting the corn this year.

As a reminder, check your email spam folder for the monthly newsletter. We sent out a test email through the new email service we are using and found that it ended up in some of our own spam folders. If it's there, mark it as "not spam" so that your email provider will send it to your inbox instead.

Wishes for everyone for a Happy Thanksgiving! Be safe out there.

Best regards,

- **Tom**

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Be sure to get dues to Doris. See page 2.

Illiana Quilters News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle



A few notes from Illiana Quilters; the last couple of months we have been doing a fun project of making Christmas ornaments from fabric. Sometimes we just need a little break from the traditional quilt making and branch out a bit!

During November and December, we will be collecting cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items for Hope Springs Women's Shelter in Attica as our community project for this year. Anyone wishing to donate should bring them to the November meeting on the 23rd or the December Christmas luncheon on the 7th.

So far this year we have been meeting at the Assembly Hall on the show grounds, so anyone wanting to join us please feel free to join us for our next meeting on November 23rd.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and continue to stay safe and healthy!

Membership Dues

Please send your dues for 2020 to Doris Manlief at:

**3618 Donna Dr.
Lafayette, IN 47905**



Updates and Encouragements

Submitted by: Joan Fry

Thanksgiving is almost here. We are thankful for so many things this year, but most importantly, we have survived! At least so far. Unfortunately, some of our favorite events did not happen - we have not seen our favorite people, and the Illiana Antique Power grounds have been really quiet. The quilters have been enjoying the Assembly Hall for their monthly meetings and the train guys have had a few fun days. Tom has been working on a few projects, but mostly it has been quiet.

Since filming the virtual History Day, Dave Hobbs has been working on the editing. The hours and hours needed to put out a quality presentation cannot even be counted. Many, many thanks to Dave for doing this for us. We are all anxious to see the finished project! I have been collecting things for the artifact boxes. These boxes will be made available to teachers if they request them and will contain things to make the classroom study more hands-on. For example, the quilters will provide classroom sets of materials to make four patch mini quilt in the box that includes things used to feed and clothe a family. Wooden train whistles will be included in the transportation box as well as a real railroad spike. A blacksmith nail will be in the community business box along with a slice of a log from the sawmill. Hope you get the idea. If you have ideas be sure to let me know about them. The boxes are not huge, but will be packed with classroom resources. These boxes will be returned after use and repacked for the next classroom to request them.

This season of Thanksgiving is so special! Oftentimes, it seems Thanksgiving is passed over because of the commercial emphasis on Christmas but we in Illiana Antique Power need to give extra thanks this year. We have had folks step up and do things that were hard. Speaking of which, thanks to all the folks who brought all their things down to the Power Show grounds and set up for less than an hour filming. Thanks to the guys who stepped up at the last minute to help out. Thanks for the folks who have kept our Illiana name out there. Thanks especially to Tom who has kept on working on making our grounds better and more interesting. Thanks to the guys who are finishing the woodwork in clubhouse. Thanks to the grass mowers and the stick picker-uppers. Thanks to the folks who are sitting around thinking about ways to make our 2021 season spectacular. Thanks to the folks who have helped the treasury out in various ways. We may have been slowed down, maybe knocked down, but we are not out! Thank you to the Good Lord and thanks to each of you.

Christmas is coming! The celebrations will not be the same as before. But the celebration of Christ's birth can be celebrated in many ways! We will not have our Christmas in the Village this year but I have an idea for 2021! My Christmas list includes some things for Illiana - how about yours? Start now to make a list of ways to make 2021 surprising, more fun than before, or even better than ever!

My Illiana Christmas List

- New members with fresh ideas and good knees
- Finish up the clubhouse
- Permanent Signs out on Route 41 and on 26
- Money enough to not worry about money
- Gorgeous weather and large crowds for all our 2021 events

And the list goes on and on.

See you all later. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!