

# Illiana News

April 2022

## Work Day Rescheduled

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. As the weather begins to warm up, I'd like to remind everyone of the rescheduled clean-up day at the showgrounds May 7th at 9:00 am. We hope to have many there to make the cleanup go fast! This will be the weekend before our spring Living History Day which we are very glad to be able to host in person again this year. There will be a few tasks that we need to get completed before the July show. These include painting a few buildings, fixing the roof on the Milk house, and cleaning and sealing the picnic tables. Any help will be tremendously appreciated.

During the April monthly meeting, it was decided that we will have a booth at the Warren County Fair each night the week of June 20-24th from 5-9 p.m. This will be an excellent time to meet with people from the community and advertise for the Association!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the clean-up day, Living History Day, and our next monthly meeting which is on Tuesday, May 17th.



*Sincerely,  
David Hobbs*



### **Mark Your Calendar:**

**Work Day:** Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday, May 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to pass.

# Illiana Quilters' News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Quilters have the raffle quilt all put together and off to be quilted! The finished product should be ready for picture showing by next month!!

The quilters will be making a trip to Paducah the end of this month for the American Quilters Show, the first one that's been scheduled for 2 years now. We are looking forward to seeing all the beautiful quilts and all the new things in the quilting world.

In April we will have a demonstration at our meeting on binding quilts or other quilted items.

Several members had things to show at the last meeting, all the pictures are on the Illiana Quilters Facebook page.

Everyone is looking forward to some warm weather and a chance to get outside and do some gardening and yard work.

Come join us for a fun day of sewing and sharing on April 25th, 9 a.m. at the Assembly Hall, for our regular monthly meeting.

Happy Easter to one and all!



## **Illiana Quilters Important Dates**

**Monday, April 25:** 9:00 a.m. at the Assembly Hall -  
Quilt binding demonstration.

**April 27-30** — AQS Quilt Show, Paducah, KY

# Hello Spring

Submitted by: Joan Fry

There are little signs of spring in the air. My apricot tree is blooming, the daffydillies are trying to come out, our cows are starting to have calves, and there is mud! Illiana folks are gearing up for a fantastic year. Mark your calendars now and plan around the activities.

History Day...May 13...yes, it is Friday the thirteenth! But that was the day we needed. State testing should be over and the school year winding down. This is a reschedule of the Living History Day we had to cancel last fall because of Covid restrictions. The schools have been invited and preparations are being made. If you have had a part of this day in the past be expecting a phone call to check on your participation this year. If you want to be a part of the day, be sure to call Joan. The day will start at 9:00am, but, you should plan to be there early, at least by 8:30 so you are set up before the buses arrive. There will be stations for the kids to move through. Each station will demonstrate things from the past that will be forgotten if we do not give them a future. If you have never been a part of History Day before you are in for a treat! We invite schools from Benton, Warren, Fountain, and northern Vermilion counties to attend. Homeschool networks are also being contacted. We expect about 400 or so 4th graders to attend. There is not a charge for them to attend and we are a reasonable bus drive from these schools. Plus, we meet many of the state standards. Teachers have told us they love coming to spend the day outside and learn at the same time. We will all stop for lunch at 11:30. You will need to bring a sack lunch with stuff you want/need to eat. There will be coffee, etc. in the clubhouse. The kids will also bring their lunches and will eat around the grounds with their teachers and chaperones. At 12:00 we will start up again with all the stations doing what they do. We try to give the kids as many hands-on activities as we can. They will have bags to put treasures in; (who knew a corn cob was a treasure?) The activities will start winding down about 1:30 and by 2:00 the buses will be gone. If you have questions about History Day be sure to call Joan... 765-363-5403. The day is a lot of work, but when a child tells you this was the best day of their life or a young man brings his kids to Illiana because he remembers Living History Day, it is all worth it!

Our 40th Antique Power Exhibition will be held July 15-17, 2022. The featured tractor this year will be International. The featured engine will also be International. This show will be the best ever with some new events and lots of familiar activities, along with a chance to enjoy a time seeing old friends, meeting new ones, and just sitting around visiting under the trees. More details about the summer show will be coming.

September 17, 2022 will be our second Fall Festival, Craft Fair and Swap Meet. It was exciting to see all the booths under the trees and in our village buildings. Tell your

crafty friends to plan now to attend. Encourage cleaning out old sheds to find treasures to swap. Contact Kathy Kyle for more information (217-304-6561).

September 23, 2022 will find us back at the grounds hosting Living History Day. What? Another one? Yep! The teachers have preferred a fall date and this will put us back on schedule. Same plan as the Spring Living History Day. You will be hearing more!

Everyone loves Christmas in the Village! December 2 and 3 will find us all loving the lights and the old-fashioned memories of Christmas. Jason and Andi Hedrick have been asked to head it up this year. Should be better than ever! This is our gift to the community, and the community seems to love it!

Also want to remind everyone that the Williamsport Park hosts a drive-through Christmas display during the Christmas season. Margo Fry is working on our Illiana display for this year. The Warren County Fair Board has invited us to have a booth in the commercial tent. Stay tuned for more developments in the area. There are several more things coming, but are not firmed up yet. Be ready! No one can say this group doesn't have things going on! Our goal several years ago was to have something going on with Illiana Antique Power every month. We have done that. The Quilters meet almost every month, the Blacksmiths are there often, and those train guys show up whenever. :)

Illiana Antique Power Association is alive and well.

See you soon!

Joan



**Dates to Remember:**

**History Day #1:** May 13

**40th Antique Power Exhibition:** July 15-17

**Fall Festival/Craft Fair/Swap Meet:** Sept. 17

**History Day #2:** Sept. 23

**Christmas in the Village:** December 2-3



# Rocky Forge Blacksmith News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

The blacksmith members met at Ted's shop Saturday, April 9th with 28 in attendance. The agenda for the day was to discuss and make tooling to fit the square hardy hole of the anvil. Numerous tools were made and many went home with one or more new tools for their anvils.

We had a great time working together and enjoying the social aspects of each other's company.

A super pitch in meal of ham supplied by Carol Stout and many covered dishes came in with the members.

Our next meeting will be May 14th. with a presentation of tools and items made from railroad rail and other scrap from the railroad.



## Illiana Cookbook Wanted

Carol Stout reports that their daughter's house burned completely and she is wondering if anyone has an extra copy of the Illiana Cookbook she could have? If so, please see Carol. The cookbook is entitled *Feeding The Flock*.

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## Rocky Forge Blacksmiths

Next meeting:

**Saturday, May 14 @ Ted's shop.**