

Illiana News

May 2022

Letter from our President

Hello everyone, I hope May has treated you well. We had our monthly meeting on May 17th. There was a good turnout despite it being prime farming time for many.

The Living History Days were a huge success! Thank you to all who helped and volunteered their time to make it such a wonderful and memorable day for the 4th graders.

There are still a few items that need done before the show this year. The Jim Eberly building and Post Office need painted, the picnic tables need washed and resealed, and the west half of the milk house needs roofed with tin. Any and all help completing these tasks before the show would be greatly appreciated.

On June 5th, the Hanging Rock Cristian Camp has asked for a few tractors to be represented from 2 pm to 5 pm. If you are interested please let me know so I can contact them.

We are still looking for volunteers to help mow on the weekends. Before the Show in July, we are asking for help getting pie containers to sell pie in the club house. If you are able to help donate pie containers for individual slices please be sure to do so.

We hope to see everyone at the meeting Tuesday, June 21st, the first day of summer. That will be the same week we are set up at the Warren County Fair with a booth in the commercial tent. If you would like to volunteer to work the booth, we still have a few nights available. If you are not working, make sure to stop by and say hello!

Thank you again to everyone for making this one of the best antique power shows in Indiana!

Sincerely, David

Mark Your Calendar:

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, June 21 @ 6:30 p.m.

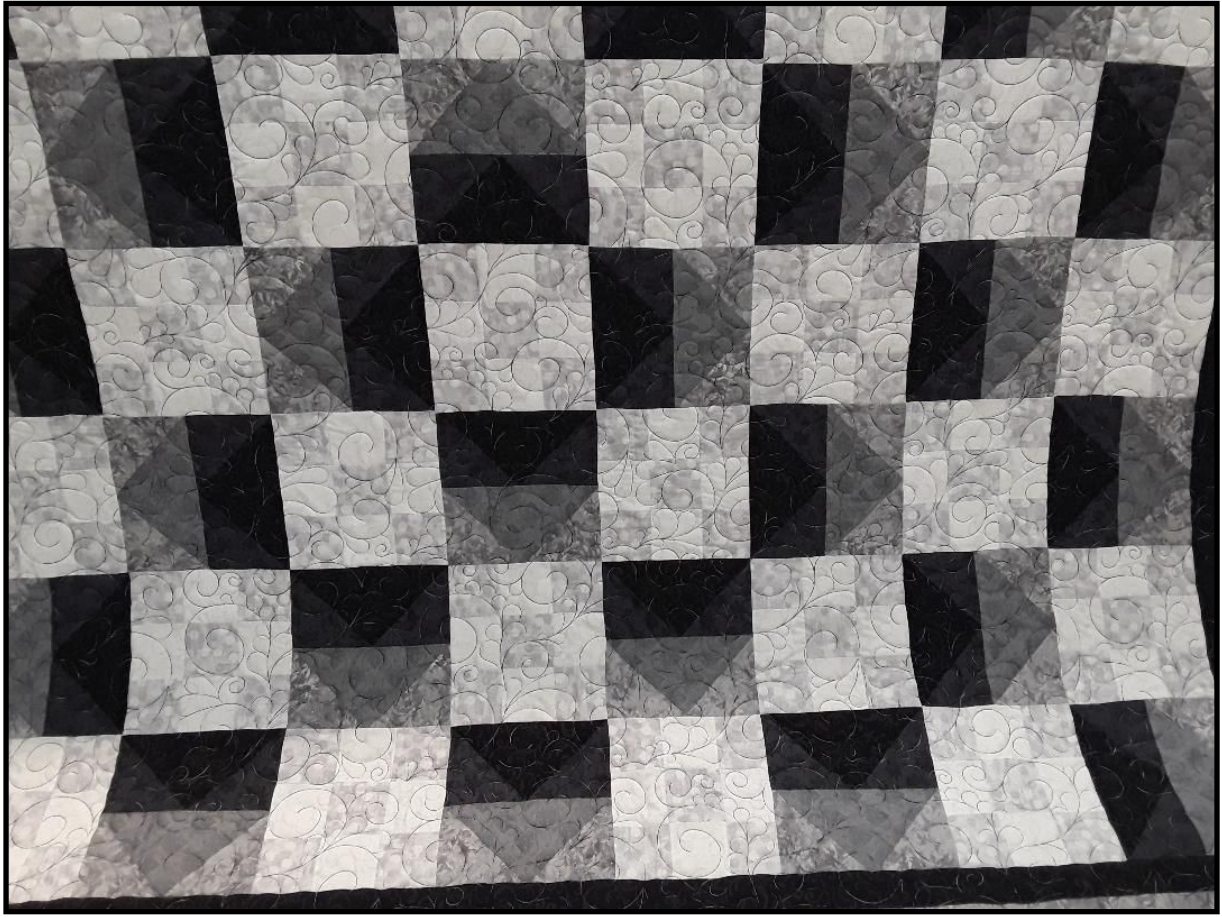
Bring a dish to pass.

Warren Co. Fair: June 21-25

Illiana Power Show: July 15, 16 & 17

Illiana Quilters' News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle



(Actual photo of the 2022 raffle quilt)

Illiana Quilters had a great trip to Paducah, KY for the American Quilters Society show the last week in April. We saw lots of beautiful quilts that bring up the question, "how did they do that?" Amazing work from all over the world. As well as attending the show, eight other stops were made on the road to and from the show. Shall we just say our shelves are well stocked for the next months or years of sewing!

The raffle quilt has been finished and will be available for everyone to see at the Warren County fair in June in the commercial display tent.

This month at our meeting we will be making Kitchen Neck towels, not a quilt, but an essential tool in the kitchen. If you plan to attend, all that's needed is a kitchen towel and a 10" piece of fabric cut from the entire width of the fabric.

Pine Creek & Western R/R

Submitted by: Charles Lupinek



Terry Bodine and his Burlington Locomotive.

History Day weather was beautiful and the Pine Creek & Western Railroad transported our visiting students all day. Four trains were in continuous operation throughout the history event. A lot of work on the railroad was done prior to Fridays Educational event. Asked about how much these trains cost? Running at History Day represented a bit over \$55,000 of equipment on the rails. The Pine Creek & Western Railroaders were once again happy to operate point to point transportation for this history event. The railroad operates between the southwest Dunn Station and the Rainsville Station at the saw mill site. The students, we believe, enjoyed the railroad transportation and they were very attentive and safety conscious and the railroad personnel appreciated the many smiles and thank you's from the students. It was also noted that the chaperones and teachers behaved well also.

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Engineer Terry Bodine waiting to leave Dunn Station as Clayton Bodine welcomes the students and reviews railroad safety.



We Made History!

Friday the 13th might be a bit scary for some but it was a wonderful day. The weather was perfect! The kids were excited! The grounds looked wonderful! Everything was ready... and the buses arrived! Living History Day Rescheduled from the Fall of 2021 was probably the best ever! The fourth graders were thrilled to be on a field trip...they had not had one since second grade.

We cannot say enough good things about the folks who were at their stations ready to share their expertise and knowledge.

Donnie was unable to be there so we didn't have the big steam engine fired up but David Hobbs shared his amazing old Rumley. Several kids saw the big engine in the shed as they were walking by. Their comments were precious, "Did you see that big engine? It is huge!"

Dave Childress, a model train guy from Boswell, shared his love for trains. The model village train set-up in the Assembly Hall was a perfect place to talk about the different gauges of trains, and all sorts of train stuff. Dave is not a member yet, but we are hoping!

Connie Swygman, from Wolcott helped out in the Museum and Jim Eberle's office, (she's my sister). She enjoyed the day and was amazed at the "real things" we were able to share.

Roger Horne was busy in the Scale house. How much does a bunch of kids weigh? You will have to ask him.

Owen Moudy and the sawmill guys were unable to have the sawmill running (some repairs and adjustments need to be made to the mill), but the display they had was wonderful and will be a resource to use for years.

Donna Moudy used the big canal timber to share about the canal going through along the Wabash River. One little girl was especially interested and spent a good deal of time looking at the pictures. Then she turned to Donna and said, "You are really old!" We all got a chuckle out of that! Out of the mouths of babes.

The assembly hall porch was a busy place. Kenny Short was doing the wash. The collection of old laundry stuff was amazing. It is a wonder we made it through the olden days! We are lucky we have a certified laundry expert in our group!

Tom Swanson was in the cabin. Kids love seeing that old stuff. Some things have changed and some have not.

Liam Beheler and Amanda were busy spinning. I didn't see Kathy Olin but I think she was there. It is amazing to think that at one time all our clothes etc. were created from what they had. Liam is definitely part of our future. He is young!

The school house was packed all day. We learned about some of the changes in our classrooms and in our nations flag. Most groups learned how to fold it. "We got out of school to come to school!" Most loved that you could make your pen from a feather and ink from berries.

Peggy Brenner was our butter lady. She has had lots of personal experience and the kids loved that they could taste it right away on their cornbread from the kitchen. Donna and Becky Evans along with Carol Stout shared cornbread with old fashioned sweeteners. Sorghum was a favorite. Surprise! Joe Fry was shelling corn and grinding it into corn meal. Who knew corn cobs were such a treasure!

Kim Short was in the general store. She sold out of several things and everyone got to "spend" their coins. One little girl left without getting her change so if you hear who...be sure to let Kim know. She still has it.

Cecil Krebs, our printer, was in the print shop. Things in the world of printed communication has really changed. Just think...from copying with a quill to color computer printers...that is progress!

The dulcimers were unable to come this year. We definitely missed them, but Richard Jenkins shared his love of music.

The quilters were busy in the cottage. They are always amazed at the kids who really love to sew those four patches. They had recruited a guest, pressed her into service, and she was still smiling at the end of the day. I saw a picture, they all were. The bags each kid received were made by our quilters. Thanks gals! The kids love those bags!

As usual, the blacksmiths were fascinating. Dominic, Ted, and some whose names I don't know, were keeping the fires going.

And then there were the trains! A train ride is almost always the most favorite thing. Charlie Lupinek, and Steve Dye were assisted by Terry and Clayton Bodine and Nathan Bryant. I heard Terry Bodine even got a tip. Ask him about that. Here's a funny story...after loading the train cars with kids and putting the teacher on the back chair, safety instructions were given. But one teacher was not listening, so she was scolded! The kids loved it because usually it was the teacher telling the kids they were not listening!

The popcorn poppers were popping! Larry Sims jumped into a new job and kept the kids happy with a snack. I hear Jim Cunningham also helped out here. Jane Sims was the leader of the origami gang. Did you know you could make a paper cup out of a piece of paper? The kids were amazed that it actually held water. Historic note...when I was teaching and we did History Day...one student kept his in his notebook all year long and used it almost every trip to the drinking fountain!

Then there was the support team...Doris Manlief kept the hall going, provided lunch for the forgetful few. Jim Manlief, Joey Sims, Dave Sims, Clayton, and Steve Butram drove the people mover. Steve was also our medical person on the grounds. He had his first aid kit ready. Joe Fry provided one tractor and Joey Sims brought his favorite...he even used the mower to mow a bit out by the buses. Jim Cunningham again furnished cold water to any

who wanted it. That was really welcome! One teacher said they brought water but it was on the bus and Jim's water tank was right in the middle of things where they could get to it. I saw Kenny Campfield but don't know where he ended up. Margo Fry was our photographer! Her pictures are amazing. There are some on our Facebook page and website. There are over 600 pictures! We will show them at a future club meeting. Callum Beheler was also taking some pictures and helping Joe Fry.

The worst part of the day was that we were all stuck at our stations and did not get to see anything else. If I have missed anything you will have to let me know. Everyone had a great day. We were all TIRED at the end of it. We made 275 -300 school and homeschool kids very happy. We gave all of the kids a look into the past and hopefully they will give it a future.

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## ***Our Condolences***

It is with a heavy heart we pass on this information. Longtime members, Ludwig and Jan Groen, have passed away. They had been in failing health for some time. Ludwig passed away and then eight days later Jan also passed away. Our prayers are with Neil and Terri and their whole family. Losing both of them so quickly is a bit hard to deal with. Their funeral was May 12th at the Fowler Methodist church.



During the show, Ludwig sat at the gate almost every day because his mobility limited what he could do. He loved tractor drives. Jan was seen doing all sorts of things, from planting flowers to manning the signature quilt. They were faithful members and we will miss them greatly.



***Jan & Ludwig Groen***

# Rocky Forge Blacksmith News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

The last meet of the blacksmith group was held at Ted's shop on April 9th. We had 28 in attendance and spent the day making anvil tools to fit the hardy hole of the anvil. Those tools are important for their assistance in shaping hot metal. Kinda like a wrench for the mechanic.

The group had ham, prepared by Carol Stout, with all the trimmings supplied by the members. We had plenty of good food. It was a good day.

On April 7th we had several members who came out to the show grounds to once again clean the leaves from inside the blacksmith shop and the surrounding area. Some stayed to help further clean leaves from around the village buildings. Our thanks to those who worked to make our building and grounds look better.



## Rocky Forge Blacksmiths

Next meeting:

**Saturday, June 11 @ Ted's shop.**