

Illiana News

October 2022

From our President

A HUGE thank you to Kathy Kyle for organizing the Fall Festival! It was a great success! A nice variety of venders, delicious food, and baked goods were available! The weather was wonderful and the crowd was steady! Everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

History days went off as planned! A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard before hand to get the grounds ready! Thank you to the men who drove the people movers. Thank you also to the people who demonstrated a past skill! The trains were a big hit as usual! The last I heard we entertained 375 school children and many accompanying adults. We saw many happy faces! Thank you to the quilters who made each student a bag to collect their treasures in. A HUGE thank you to Joan Fry for organizing the day!

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 in the assembly hall. Christmas in the Village will be here before we know it. We need to discuss these details that evening! Please bring a covered dish to share. I look forward to seeing you there!

-Adam

Mowing Helpers Needed

Kenny Short is now mowing and coordinating mowing sessions. When needed he will coordinate a **mass mowing**. He will let folks know when that is needed a week before to allow for people to mark it on their calendars. Kenny will coordinate a mass mowing before the summer show, Fall Festival & Swap Meet and Living History Days. We will also need help with **leaf clean-up** in the fall after all the leaves have fallen before Christmas in the village. If you would like to assist in grounds up-keep, please send an email to Kenny at kenny.short1959@gmail.com and he will keep you informed.



Christmas is Coming

Christmas is coming! The favorite time of year for some, the busiest for others, but a special season for everyone. Illiana Antique Power Association's Christmas in the Village is coming. **December 2 and 3 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.** we will be celebrating the season. There are many things that need to happen before the celebration. Grounds decorated, wood for the bonfire ready, heaters in place, photo area ready, etc., etc. Santa has a helper on the schedule and the carolers are notified. Pray now for wonderful Christmas weather those nights...gently falling snow, winter temperatures that folks can enjoy and no wind. Mark your calendar now and plan to be ready. Tell your friends and neighbors. Christmas is a gift given by a God who loves us...the best we can do is to share the love of the season with others. More info to come!

Historians Sought



At a recent Illiana Board meeting, it was decided it was time to start writing down the history of Illiana and have an organized Historian or an historical group take care of this project. If there is a person or persons interested in spearheading this project and get the ball rolling, we currently have 40 years of history to compile, along with any pictures that might available. Those interested should contact Adam Krichbaum or any board member. Don't let any more time pass without documenting the things done in the past!

Mark Your Calendar:

Christmas in the Village: December 2 & 3

Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday, Oct. 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to pass.

History Day Is History

Submitted by: Joan Fry

Illiana Antique Power Association has done it again! Fall History day is done! 2022 was an unusual year. Not counting the unusual weather, world events, and politics we did a Covid Make up History Day in the Spring, had a great summer show, hosted a Fall Festival – Craft Fair and Swap Meet, AND held the regular History Day. The weather was a bit nippy but the sun was shining most all the time. We had a great crowd of people and over 375 kids. There are not words big enough to say how much work went into the day's activities. Illiana folks do their part to make History have a Future!

Thank you to everyone who helped. Dave Sims and his secretary do a great job getting the word out and collecting the count of classrooms. He is the best at getting the kids started on their day. He also fills in when needed. This year it was in the Post Office. Another job done well. Here is your stamp of approval. Thanks Dave!

Nothing gets past Doris! She managed the Assembly Hall. We appreciate her work and could not do without her and the coffee pot.

The toy train layout was manned by Dave Childress. He is not a member of Illiana (Yet!) but his knowledge and love of trains is legendary. Thanks Dave!

Owen Moudy and Guy Phillips kept the saw mill going. A big pat on the back to these guys. They keep the antique sawmill running and the kids stop running to watch.

Jim Manlief and Jim Cunningham kept going around in circles. They were driving the people mover! The people mover requires special skills. Driving the tractor is one and managing the crowd is another. Thanks to these guys the logistics of moving through the stations is a bit easier. Jim Cunningham gets a double thank you...He makes sure the water tank is filled with bottled water. On a hot day it is wonderfully appreciated. This cooler year water was not so much in demand so we now have a wonderful supply of bottled water in the Assembly Hall for future events.

Kenny Short, our certified laundry man, kept the washing under control on the porch. Special thanks to Ted and Carol Stout...the ancient laundry tools he used were donated to the club this year.

Donna Moudy shared Canal information beside an original timber from the canal. A canal in the flat lands of Indiana on the Wabash River is a fascinating fact!

A special Fall event was shared this year. The cider press, restored by the Bodine Family, was in action. Gretchen Stutler, Lydia and David Dalton, and Crystal Sigman were really busy. They pressed 7 bushel of apples and made over 5 gallon of cider. Gretchen even had to make a flying trip down to Coffing brothers to get more apples. Some of the kids really loved the cider and came back more than once for a taste.

Roger Horn was again in charge of the Scale house. How much did the heaviest class weigh? You will have to ask him.

David Dalton was pressed into service in the museum and Jim Eberle's office. I heard that the old telephone was an amazing thing for the kids. Many had never seen a phone like that.

Tom Swanson was the host for the log cabin. Illiana has what few clubs have...a real log cabin furnished with vintage things. Thanks Tom and Carolyn.

Joan Fry, the school teacher, shared the one room schoolhouse. Ask about "Dirty Monkeys Smell Bad" and old fashioned Google.

Peggy Brenner made lots of butter in the milk house. It was great on the cornbread over in the Kitchen. Kathy and Denny Olin along with Sue Lupinik served up a tasty portion topped with honey, maple syrup, and sorghum.

Liam and Amanda Beheler were spinning and weaving in Ruth's Sewing Shed. What wonderful

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skills to have and to share.

The General Store sold out according to Kim Short. Everyone got to spend their coin and get a sweet treat; many even purchased some old fashioned toys. Isn't it great to know some old things are still fun!

The Illiana Quilters had their cottage full. Rose Wall, Ellen Attutis, Kathy Kyle, Cheryl Harshbarger, Becky McCormick, Rita Stringer, Linda Fry, Linda Scroggins, and Kathy Camp were all busy all day. Learning about quilting and getting to actually stitch up a four patch was fascinating to many of the kids. It was quite a surprise as to how many boys really enjoyed it!

The biggest surprise of the day was in the Blacksmith shop. The blacksmiths had a huge gathering over in Ohio, so we thought we would not have a blacksmith shop this year, but surprise, Dominick Andrisani and Brad McCormick came, along with a helper! This station is always one of the best. Special thanks to these guys!

Our train guys are the best! They bring all their expensive toys and equipment and share it over and over. Charlie Lupinik, Terry Bodine, Mike Puetz, and their guest, Mike Meador were super busy all day. They had to deal with all sorts of issues but came through the day smiling!

If you like to play around, you would have loved the games station. Dawn Lechlitner had a collection of old toys, like homemade stilts, hoops and pushers, and homemade whizzers along with a few others. Lesson learned...fun does not have to be electronic!

Everyone loves the popcorn! Thanks to Jane and Larry Sims, the popping was keeping everyone hopping. Even Jim Cunningham who had to run for more popcorn. We had a case of popcorn donated and thought it would be enough...WRONG!

The Origami paper cup station was manned by Cathy Putzer and Deb Johnson from the Quilters. Taking a piece of regular paper and folding it to make a water-holding cup is a surprise skill for many kids to learn.

Illiana has a wonderful print shop. Cecil Krebs, the former owner-operator of the Boswell Enterprise Print shop, does a great job sharing the antique printing press.

Joe Fry and his helper, Callum Beheler, shelled a lot of corn, passed out a lot of corncobs, and ground a lot of shelled corn into cornmeal. The most fun for the kids and grown-ups was the antique bell ringer game from Dan and Amanda Hobbs. Did you get a chance to ring the bell? Could you do it?

There were several tractors around but the one that caught everyone's eye was the Purple one. The Rater family shared their special tractor. There were lots of pictures taken on the tractor. This purple one belongs to a Rater daughter whose class was in attendance. Special tractor for a special day, and a special thanks to the dad who made it possible!

One guy was around everywhere in the side-by-side moving things, helping here and there. Adam Krichbaum, our Illiana President, was busy all day and after the kids left as well. The clean-up crew was amazing. Thanks Adam and everyone else who helped put the grounds to sleep for a month or two.

There are not enough words to express how much everyone did to make another history day happen. These two words will have to do...Thank you! If your name was missed, please know that you were important and you are appreciated.

This year we had an issue we have never really had before. It effected every station. More importantly it effected the safety and enjoyment of everyone. The teachers and administrators will be made aware of this issue and then a discussion will be held to see how we will manage the future.

History Day was started to give classroom teachers a resource for Indiana History close to home, and the students were to be given a peek back in time. We do that each History Day. The story of Indiana continues, but the past should not be forgotten.





Photos by
Margo Fry-Schutt

Illiana Quilters' News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Quilters met on the 26th of September for their monthly meeting. Plans are being made for the 2023 raffle quilt with a pattern that was decided upon at this meeting. As soon as the fabric for the project is purchased, we will begin work on the new quilt!

Christmas in the Village was discussed and plans are being made to make it a fun time for all the families. The quilt cottage theme this year will be "The Nativity".

Members discussed the History Day that was held the previous week and what we could do to make it a more educational and fun time for all who attend. The main thing we need are more volunteers to help with the different activities.

After the business meeting, Sally demonstrated and assisted everyone with making a table runner with a flange binding. There will be lots of table runners to show at the next meeting!

Several members had items to show after the meeting and I have posted pictures of all of them on the Illiana Quilters Facebook page.



Thank You!

We want to extend a big thank you to all who helped with getting the Fall Festival up and running and also to all the craft vendors, swap meet guys and the food vendors for making it such a fun day. Yes, we still wish we could get more people to come out and shop and participate, but all in all a lot of good contacts were made for the Illiana Antique Power Association and I believe our membership even grew a little bit that day. So, THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way; you are all appreciated!

Rocky Forge Blacksmith News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

Our last meeting was October 8th, at Ted's shop, with coffee and donuts for a social time. The day's agenda was open forge time, which we hadn't had for some time. We only had 14 in attendance, but we had a really good time. Gene taught some sheet metal work and repaired an antique copper flying pig weathervane. He is a genius with sheet metal of all sorts.

A new member had fun hammering hot metal for the first time. Several other member were making different items. Iron-in-the-hat was huge and we took in \$120 plus some donations.

We had some great socializing time.

At our previous meeting of the Rocky Forge group in September, we had over 20 in attendance and were entertained by a first-class demonstration by Bill Cory who gave an excellent demonstration on making tongs. During his demo he shared many good tips for Blacksmithing. Our sincere thanks to Bill for sharing his expertise and spending the day with us.



Thanks to Dominick for his huge contributions of treasures to our Iron-in-the-Hat drawing. Also, thanks to Tyler for his donut contributions. Some individuals also made contributions to the group's treasury. Someday we will be able to afford an upgrade to our electrical at the Illiana Shop.



Ted and Carol, 765-491-2194.

Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild

Next meeting:

Saturday, November 12 @ Ted's shop.





Picture Perfect!

A special thank you goes to our photographer, Margo Fry-Schutt. She spends a lot of time taking pictures to record events for us, then she spends hours going over the pictures, tweaking them and making them publishable. (*For those of you who do not know, we have to be careful publishing pictures of children; special permission is required for them. Some adopted children are protected for their safety.*)

We appreciate you, Margo.

Keep up the good work!

Check out our Facebook page to see the wonderful pictures of History Day.

Our Condolences

Steve Dwenger

Our condolences to the family of club member Steve Dwenger of Boswell, who passed away in mid-September. Steve and his wife, Helga, loved our show and would often bring their tractors to the Illiana show.



Alice McKinney

We extend our condolences to Rolland McKinney on the passing of his wife in mid-September.

