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Events

Holiday Party • December 8, 4-7 pm
The Elms • February 26, 2011

Exhibits

Native American Exhibit
David and Jennifer Herrold Art, Art Walk
"Doc" Brattain, County Commerce
Founding Family
Master Gardeners, Community Curator
WWII Remembered
Richard Burkett Pottery Display

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Hours

Tuesday - Friday • 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Saturday • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
and/or by appointment

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Wow, we have so much going on here at the Museum that I'm not sure where to begin!

Native American Exhibit

If you haven't been here to see the exhibit, consider this your personal invitation! It has been well received by visitors, and has brought many a new visitor to our doors. In fact, it has been so well received, that we will be extending the duration of the exhibit through May of 2011. That does not however mean that you should put off your visit.

- Thursday, November 4 at 7pm: Jason Fajt Wilderness Week—a program for all ages on Native American living
- Saturday, November 13 at 12 noon: Children's Dream Catcher Workshop—\$10 fee RSVP by Nov. 5.

Watch for more programming during the extended exhibit schedule!

Other Exhibits Currently on Display

- Celebrating 100 years of Boy Scouts
- David and Jennifer Herrold Art
- Richard Burkett Pottery Display
- Remembering WWII in Putnam County
- Doc Brattain
- And many more!

Remembering Those Who are Gone

The Museum wishes to send our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Esther Evans and Mary Ann Hanna. We will miss Esther's capable sewing, her scrumptious cookies, but most of all her warm smile and caring personality. Mary Ann was very involved in the past as a docent volunteer. We appreciate all that these ladies did for the Museum.

Social Networking

The Museum has a Facebook page and is also on Twitter daily with a Putnam County Fun Fact. Like, Friend, and Follow us for the latest Museum news and happenings.

Thanks

It never ceases to amaze me the number of people that it takes to make the Museum operate. (It not only takes people to run the place, it also takes people to visit the place!) Thanks to all of the Board Members, Committee Members, Volunteers, Docents, Interns, Museum Members, Community Members, and Visitors! Without you there would be no Museum. Thanks for your time and support!

Putnam County Museum Board Members

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Save the Date

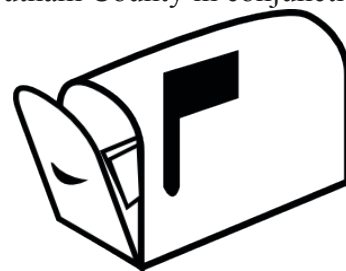
Annual Museum Member Holiday Party

Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2010
Time: 5:00-7:00 pm
Place: Putnam County Museum

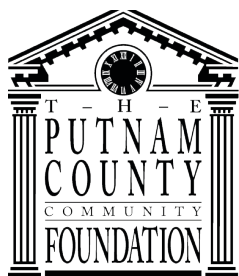
Come join us this holiday season as we celebrate our wonderful members and their generous contributions. We will have drinks and appetizers as well as fun entertainment and door prizes!

Through the Lens at the Elms President Brian W. Casey Opens Home to PCM

On February 26, 2011, DePauw President, Brian W. Casey, will again generously open his home, The Elms, for our winter fundraiser. This year PCM will celebrate photographic images of Putnam County in conjunction with the Museum's latest initiative and planned Fall exhibit, "*Putnam County: Through the Lens*". The elegant evening will be an open house from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM. The silent auction will feature photographs from the Museum's treasured collection. Entertainment, dinner hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and valet parking will be provided. Watch your mail in early January 2011 for the invitation. Space is limited. See you there!



Thanks to our latest Endowment Donors



We want to thank Fred and Elaine Huber, Mr. & Mrs. Freeman Broadstreet, Mrs Margaret Daniel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hartman for their contributions to the Putnam County Museum's Endowment Fund at the Putnam County Community Foundation. Our endowment fund is a crucial factor in our ability to pursue and achieve our mission. We are grateful for their generosity and support.

Welcome New Members

We welcome the following new members since our last newsletter:

Ronald and Carol Smith
Cassel and Bernice Grubb
J.B. Michael
Judi Purvis

Orcenith and Pam Smith
Dr. Otis and Pamela Patrick
Steve and Sherry Fenwick

Pat Denny
Fred and Elaine Huber
David Watson

Putnam County: Through the Lens

By Caroline Murphy

As you may know, this past summer I interned at the museum and acted as curator and exhibit designer for the Native American Exhibit. At the end of the season, the Museum offered me the part-time position of Associate Director, and I was thrilled to accept! I had a wonderful time over the summer and could not wait to take on more projects! These last few months I've dedicated my time to updating the labels around the museum, incorporating a new color scheme intended to modernize and mainstream the Museum's look. The interns and I are making slow, but steady progress toward a new, overall look.

The new labels compliment a second project: updating the website! I have been working with Maria Kelly, a wonderful volunteer, whose expertise in journalism is greatly appreciated, to redesign the website layout, making it more modern and user friendly. Although it is not yet complete, please go to putnamcountymuseum.org to see the changes, and make sure to click "Calendar" on the toolbar for an easy-to-use, printable calendar that will always let you know what's happening next here at the Museum.



My final large project is the *Putnam County Through the Lens* photography-based community art project. I am asking eight dedicated Putnam County residents to take photographs of their lives – to make our home visible! Each participant will be loaned a new digital camera, which will be donated to the Museum after the project's completion in early December, and will have the freedom to photograph whatever they find interesting, important, meaningful, etc. There will be four group discussions when the participants and I meet to discuss what it means to be a member of this community and to share where the individual photographs were taken, hopefully highlighting new or unexplored areas of Putnam County to the various participants.

The participants will choose the final images, which will create the bulk of the *Through the Lens* exhibit here at the Museum, intended to open in March of 2011. The exhibit will also feature anonymous, spontaneous photographs of the community taken with digital cameras affixed around local haunts and public areas of Putnam County during the week of Oct. 31st through Nov. 6th, coinciding with ArtsFest: Art in the Green Castle. Anyone and everyone is invited to take their own photographs of the community, and these will be displayed on a wall of the exhibit. Finally, the exhibit will feature a new Polaroid camera, which will be available for any visitor of the exhibit to take their own self-portrait and add themselves to the wall entitled *Faces of Putnam County*, thereby including as many members of our community as possible within the *Through the Lens* community-based exhibit!

The project also has a website: PC-Through-The-Lens.tumblr.com. Here you may post questions and comments or a photograph of your own that features this wonderful community!

Every day is a new adventure at the Museum. I never know what to expect, even if I have a planned agenda for the day! But I have loved every minute! I enjoy interacting with all of the wonderful, dedicated members and volunteers, and this job allows me to be creative as I help to highlight what makes Putnam County special!

Ninth Annual Gala Fun and Successful

Thanks to all of you who attended and supported our Gala and Annual Meeting. We had over 100 people in attendance on August 7, and we raised over \$6,000 for the museum. We also heard a wonderful speaker, Nicole Etcheson, professor of History at Ball State University, who gave a most interesting talk on the Civil War in Putnam County. She soon will be completing a book on the subject.

At the meeting the Docents were recognized with a certificate and beautiful paper rose corsage made by Saraellen Peters and the Board of Directors were elected for the upcoming year. In addition the following officers were elected: Rick Provine, President; Therese Cunningham, Vice President, Patty McCastle, Treasurer, and Ellie Ypma, Secretary. President Diana LaViolette also gave special recognition to Sally Gray who has served as her mentor and given so much to the museum. Rick Provine thanked Diana for her two years of presidency.

Special thanks go to the Gala Sponsors: Autumn Glen, Cunningham Insurance, Dave's Heating and Cooling, Edward Jones Investment (Bob Hardwick), Final Approach Restaurant and Pub, Greencastle Hometown Dental, Hall Koehler, P.C. (Richard Hall), Parke County REMC, Putnam County Board of Realtors, St. Vincent's Physicians Network (Dr. Macy, Dr. Peters and Nurse Practitioner Mary Placek).

Additional thanks go to Joe Miles, DePauw University, Ellie Ypma and Mickey Meehan (Gala Co-Chairs), Rita Schendel (invitations), Tanis Monday (Museum Director), Liz Bjordal and Caroline Murphy (interns), Sally Gray (Sponsors and much more), Duke Energy (Grant funding), Diana LaViolette, Mavis Broadstreet and all silent auction donors.

Gift Planning: Securing the Future of the Putnam County Museum

By Sally Gray

The Putnam County Museum is proud to share its accomplishments and a vision for the future as we ask that you remember the Museum in your gift planning. We ask you to join us in our vision.

Our goal is to offer the community, children through senior citizens, the opportunity to see and understand Putnam County's unique heritage. We ask that you help us realize this goal for today and for future generations through your generous contributions to our financial stability.

Financial stability allows for sufficient space to handle, prepare, store, and preserve collections, for displaying more of our permanent collection, and for the rotation of special exhibits. We envision having and using space for special museum programs as well as for use by community organizations and groups. Financial stability includes an annual operating budget that supports sufficient staff and marketing of the Museum, its programs and exhibits.

There are various gift planning options. A bequest in a valid will or trust, a beneficial designation of part or all of qualified retirement assets or life insurance, or a gift of real estate and charitable remainder trusts are just a few of the many options available.

Charitable gift planning not only brings the personal satisfaction of supporting the future of a favored charity, but may also offer significant advantages to you through income, capital gains, and estate or gift tax savings. Furthermore, lifetime income for you or others may be increased and some of it may be tax sheltered.

Talk with your tax expert or family lawyer for details and advice as to how your gift planning goals might benefit you and your family as well as contribute to the financial stability of the Putnam County Museum. The Putnam County Community Foundation has expertise that may be of assistance should you wish to support the Museum's Endowment Fund at the Foundation. Whatever course you determine works best for you, your support will be appreciated for generations to come.

Greetings, fellow Muses!

It has been an exciting entre into the museum world as I write my first column as President. What an honor. I owe gratitude to so many whom have worked hard to make the Putnam County Museum what it is today....one of Putnam County's most prized jewels.

First, I must thank Diana LaViolette, for serving so long and so well as President before me. And Diana has not faded into the background...quite the opposite. She is the driving force behind an effort to build on our successes with the History Buffs, a group interested in and dedicated to the history of Putnam County. Watch for programs of interest coming soon!

I also want to welcome Caroline Murphy, our Associate Director. Caroline has done a fabulous job of not only helping to keep the museum humming, but really developing our look through consistent, professional design and creativity. She is responsible for the Native American exhibit, one of the most aesthetically pleasing and professional exhibits so far. Thanks, Caroline!

The Putnam County Museum is something to be proud of...not just for those of us working to support it, but for all residents of the County. We offer such a great array of exhibits, art and education...helping to round out the diverse and exciting cultural offerings in our area. I thank each of you for your membership, time and contributions that make us the standout organization that we are, and will continue to be.

If you haven't been to an event lately, stop by and see how we're doing. Visit us on the web at <http://www.putnamcountymuseum.org/>. There you can find a calendar of events, and lots of information about us.

We need your talent! The Board of Directors is seeking our next treasurer. We are starting this one early to allow for time to train and get comfortable, and the advantage of working with our outgoing treasurer (Hi Patty!). Let us know if you are interested, or know of some one who might help us out.

Lastly, I want to offer my thanks, and sincerest condolences to the family of Esther Evans. A long-time docent at the Museum, we will miss her warmth, cookies and faithful service. Godspeed.

Thanks again to all of you for making this such a worthwhile and enjoyable adventure.

Rick Provine
President of the Board of Directors

“Diamonds in the Rough”

An exciting Museum fundraiser for March & April

By Sally Gray



“Diamonds in the Rough” is a fundraiser that will be held in two parts: March 15th – April 15th, a silent auction on the internet of items too large to bring to the Museum; and April 18 a silent auction at the Museum of smaller items.

John York at the Banner-Graphic will be our liaison with “IDonateToCharity.org” which is the organization that will set up and carry the online portion of the auction. We anticipate this will be furniture items or other items too large or fragile to bring to the Museum.

NOTE: we will have to have a picture of every item and the owner's estimate of the

fair market value (but we will set a minimum or starting bid designed to sell). We will come out and take the picture; you will only have to complete an in-kind gift form.

The Silent Auction at the Museum will be held 4 – 8 p.m. on Monday, April 18th. The Silent Auction at the Museum will be small furniture items (i.e. side chairs), paintings and other works of art, pottery, linens, lamps, etc.

We need excellent promotion for both components of the auction. We want to advertize both events in our local papers, on local radio, and in surrounding area papers.

So far the response has been encouraging. If you haven't notified me, but want to help, please let me know at rsgray@tds.net. If you have ideas about setting this up or would like to help with the promotion, I am especially interested in hearing from you. And of course we hope you will look around the house for your own "diamonds in the rough" to make this a special event.

HPS Proposing Three Neighborhoods as Historic District

By Maribeth Ward

The Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County (HPS) is currently engaged in a project that would nominate three Greencastle neighborhoods as historic districts. These are the Eastern Enlargement, Old Greencastle, and Northwood Residential Districts.

The Eastern Enlargement Historic District is the largest of the proposed districts. This historic district was identified in the 1982 Putnam County Interim Report. The area currently proposed includes a few additional blocks adjacent to and northwest of the area that has been traditionally referred as the Eastern Enlargement. It contains approximately 243 resources.

Another of the three is the Northwood Historic District. A current draft nomination lists 112 resources, with only a few structures which are non-contributing. During a site visit by the Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology (DHPA) it was noted that this area retained an extremely high degree of integrity and bore resemblance to the Fall Creek area in Indianapolis. This neighborhood consists primarily of early to mid-twentieth century residential resources of various period-revival styles.

Also identified in the 1982 Report was the Old Greencastle Historic District, which lies immediately to the west of the National Register listed Court House Square Historic District. This proposed Historic District contains approximately 130 resources and consists mainly of mid-nineteenth and early twentieth century residential resources of a more modest scale and style.

A listing with the National Register requires a rigorous process. However, numerous studies have shown that this listing generally encourages both current residents and future residents to preserve the historic fabric of the neighborhood. National Register status also makes tax credits available to owners of contributing properties and makes it easier to market the neighborhood to people who want to invest in a historic community.

HPS contracted with John Warner to evaluate structures in the three areas. He has completed about 35 percent of the project and estimates a draft report will be prepared by March 1, 2011 to be presented to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, the Indiana governmental agency charged with approving such nominations at the state level, prior to submission to the federal level.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, the Indiana governmental agency charged with approving such nominations at the state level, prior to submission to the federal level.

Persons interested in becoming members of HPS can do so for a \$25 fee. For more information, visit the HPS website at www.marketplace.com and type in Heritage Preservation Society or call HPS Board President Phil Gick at 848-1110. Applications and information can also be found at the Putnam County Visitor and Convention Center and the Greater Greencastle Chamber of Commerce.

Meaningful Gifts, Lasting Impressions *Putnam County Museum's Holiday Gift Ideas*

By Maria Kelly

As the holiday season gets closer, so does the anxiety of choosing the right gifts for your family, friends, and those random people you care about and want to show your appreciation to. Now add the challenge of matching meaningful gifts with the budget and time constraints and you are on your way to a pre-holiday season panic attack. But before you spend any time on going through store and magazine gift-shopping suggestions and ads, consider stopping by the Putnam County Museum's Gift Shop, where you can find a variety of meaningful, hand-made, quality products that are a joy to get and a joy to give.

The Museum's Gift Shop includes paintings and drawings of Putnam County's covered bridges, locally-made wooden crafts, hand-knit woolen clothes, unique jewelry, and books on local history, art, and traditions. Here you can find thoughtful and useful gifts for people who are hard to find gifts for -- like children who are now grown-ups or friends who have moved away. The Museum is your one-stop holiday gift-shopping destination, where you can find a perfect gift for someone close to you or someone you would like to surprise with a kind gesture this holiday season, without breaking your bank.

So, here is our 2010-2011 winter holiday gift list:

1. *Peeler Pottery: A Retrospective*, a colorful coffee-table book with more than 700 hundred photographs of the Peeler art and an inspiring personal story written by Marj Peeler as an introduction. The book is a great gift for anyone you would like to impress with our local history or anyone interested in visual art. The book is a pictorial portrayal of a beautiful life of two talented artists, a husband and a wife, who enriched Putnam County with their unique pottery studio and, most importantly, with their enthusiasm and dedication to art and their community.
2. Woolen hats, scarves, and mittens to keep your loved ones warm and looking trendy even in the harshest winter weather. Our local weavers and spinners hand-knit these high-quality woolen clothes and accessories.
3. Unique, hand-made earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and more. We feature artist-inspired jewelry with one-of-a-kind designs and bright colors that will cheer up anyone wearing the jewelry and everyone else admiring it.
4. Hand-carved wooden letter-openers and walking canes. Walnut, birch, and cherry walking canes with elegant designs and elaborate woodwork that are sure to earn appreciation as a gift.
5. Functional and decorative local pottery creations. Whether you choose a bowl, dish or a vase – our pottery pieces are an appropriate gift for a wide variety of people.
6. Donate to the Museum in someone's honor or memory. This is a meaningful way to remind of the spirit of giving this season. We will send an appreciation card to the person(s) in whose name you make the donation. You can also add a personal message to the card.
7. Bring your family and friends to the Museum for a visit. This one is our gift to you that we encourage you to re-gift! Enjoy the visit and create lasting memories.

In addition to the above list, we have original Ray French lithographs of Putnam County covered bridges, other local landscape paintings, and much more. Come over and check out our Gift Shop collections and use the opportunity to look around our exhibits.

As you think about your gift list and prepare for the holidays, consider the Putnam County Museum as your top destination for holiday shopping and fun.

New Faces: Interns and Volunteers



Name: Maria Ani Kelly

Home Town: Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia

Major/Education: Journalist

I enjoy working at the Putnam County Museum because it is a fun, inspiring, and growing community of people who care about the local heritage and want to make a difference.



Name: Ashley Ramsey

Home Town: Georgetown, IN (a suburb of Louisville)

Year (if in school): Senior

Major: Classical Civilizations with minor in chemistry and archaeology

I enjoy working at the museum because I generally really like old stuff. And it gives me a lot of insight into and experience in the museum world. Plus I absolutely love the people there!



Name: Garry Dyar

Home Town: Indianapolis

Major/Education: BSBA Indiana Wesleyan University

I enjoy working at the Putnam County Museum because I enjoy learning about history from not only the exhibits but also the visitors



Name: Jess Roberson

Home Town: St. Croix, IN

Year (if in school): Senior

Major/Education: Economics

I enjoy working at the Putnam County Museum because the projects are fun and stimulating and there are so many interesting items and facts in the museum. Every day that I work, I discover something new.



Name: Liz Bjordal
Home Town: Columbus and Bedford Indiana
Year (if in school): Sophomore
Major/Education: Spanish
I enjoy working at the Putnam County Museum because I love the people that volunteer their time here. Whether they are other interns, board members, volunteers or docents, I love getting to know more about them and the Putnam County community by working together!



Name: Kareen J. Dillon
Home Town: New York City
Year (if in school): Class of 2012
Major/Education: Arts History
I enjoy working at the Putnam County Museum because in the future I would like to become a museum curator. Working at the Museum teaches me the in's and out's of what goes on in a museum, and prepares me for the future when, hopefully one day, I can own my own museum or art gallery in New York City.



Name: Amanda Jayne Faulkenberg
Home Town: Branchville, IN
Year (if in school): Sophomore
Major/Education: Biology
I love working at PCM because of the opportunity to cultivate my love of history and meeting a ton of new people!



Name: Izzy Temple
Home Town: Chicago
Year (if in school): Junior
Major/Education: Asian Studies
I enjoy working at the Putnam County Museum because I get to work on such a variety of different projects.

Museum Wish List

- LCD Projector
- Laptop Computer
- Printer
- Your Time...Now is the time to get involved—not after you finish this project or that class. The Museum cannot operate without the support or our volunteers. Get involved today!

The mission of the Putnam County Museum is to collect, preserve, and interpret the natural, historical, and cultural heritage and life of the county and to benefit the community through education, exhibits, and special programs.

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