

# Greentown Historical Society

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## June 2016

### GHS Calendar

**Our Heroes, Our Heritage  
Military History of Howard  
County Exhibit**  
March 5 – June 27

**Historical Society Garage  
Sale May 14 – September 24**

**“Making Sense of  
Centennials Exhibit”  
August 6 – November 21**

**Annual Dinner  
November 3  
Location TBD**

### Community Service

Three middle school students, Shayden, Hope, and Jake, cleaned the outside windows at the GHS on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for a community service project at Eastern High School. We thank them and their teacher, Bailey Carpenter, for their time and service. It took the students about an hour to wash and dry the windows.



### Annual Hard Times Bean Supper

by Carolyn Cogdell

Thanks to all who helped and attended the annual Hard Times Bean Supper. The fellowship was great, the weather was beautiful, but the turnout was low, due in part to Friday night interference and the warm temperatures. The Kokomo Rescue Mission received leftovers of well-seasoned bean soup loaded with ham, baked cornbread, and vanilla and chocolate cake. The residents were blessed.



Mark your calendars for next year's bean supper and plan to celebrate the end of tax season with us. Approximately \$400 was raised this year.

### Photo Archive Project Moving Forward Thanks to Grants

by Rachel Jenkins

The Greentown Historical Society has received two grants which will enable the scanning and preserving of negatives and photographs. A Heritage Support Grant in the amount of \$7,861 was awarded by the Indiana Historical Society. A grant of \$1,372 was received from the Community Foundation of Howard County from the Credit Bureau of Kokomo Fund. The society will purchase scanning equipment and preservation materials.

Professional training in proper cataloging and cleaning of negatives, as well as scanning procedures, will be provided for a core group of volunteers. The impetus for this project is the donation of negatives from the fifty-year life of a local business, Jenkins Studio. Fred and Rachel Jenkins photographed people, events, and structures from 1962 to 2012.

### Digital Preservation

by Rachel Jenkins

Board members, Rachel Jenkins and Katie Regan, attended a workshop on Digital Preservation on March 16, 2016. The workshop was held in Crawfordsville and conducted by representatives of Indiana State University and Indiana State Library. The point was made that digital media does not have the same lifespan as print media and is far more fragile. Therefore, strategies and actions need to be put into policies to ensure access to content. A workbook was provided to inform present and future staff.

### New Board Member

We welcome Robin DeWitt as our newest board member. Her roots are in Indianapolis, but she has had Greentown as her home town on and off for 46 years. She is a graduate of Eastern High School and earned a BS and MS from IU in Elementary Education and a special education endorsement from Ball State. Robin recently retired from teaching after 32.5 years. Courses taught include: Government, US History, Civics, Psychology, Sociology, English, Math, and Special Education. Her first love was curriculum she developed for her special education students that involved making quilts, glass mosaics, and other crafts. It was therapy for all of them.

Her love of history is due to her father's influence. They toured the Civil War battlefields on trips south when he was called to active duty for the Army Reserves. Her father made sure that she had a subscription to *Junior American Heritage* and a globe!

Her travel experiences have included a trip to the UK and Paris, the Caribbean, as well as 42 states. She loves Indiana and is proud to have it as her home. Part of her family hails from southern Indiana, and she did not know that her maternal family did not come to the US until 1850, emigrating from Baden, Germany where they settled on the west side of Indy. Her great-grandfather spoke German with his siblings, and her family loved Springerle cookies at Christmas.

Robin has two married sons and one precious granddaughter, who is less than a year old and loves to howl like a wolf!! She is the apple of her eye, and Robin plans to spend a lot of time with her during retirement. Her sons live in Indiana and do not mind being called Hoosiers. She feels blessed to have her mother still living and appreciates her ancestors for giving her a great heritage and wonderful stories and memories.

## Fundraising

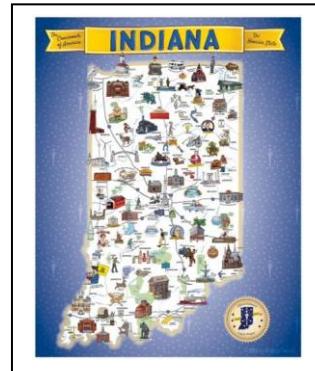
by Steven Sheridan

On May 10 at Pendleton's Town Hall, the Indiana Historical Society hosted a workshop on fundraising for local historical societies. The workshop presented an overview of individual and foundation contributions, with emphasis on annual giving, mailings, and grants.

Jamie Simek, a fundraising educator with the Indiana Historical Society, facilitated the workshop. She stressed the importance of local historical societies staying in touch with its members. One way of doing this is through an annual mailing to its members, their families, and any visitors. This action could elicit extra donations and promote awareness of the society. Any local society can increase its income by expanding its donor base.

## New Gift Shop Items

There are high quality puzzles and posters of Indiana available in the gift shop. The posters are \$12, and the puzzles are \$18. Come by and check them out.



The Greentown Historical Society is open **Saturdays, 1-4 pm; Sundays, 2-4 pm; and Mondays, 1-4 pm**. There are no exhibits in January and February. In the month of July, GHS is open on Mondays only.

Any feedback on this newsletter would be appreciated. Please email Kim Patton at [1kim.patton@gmail.com](mailto:1kim.patton@gmail.com) or phone or text her at 502-235-2757 if you would like to publish an article or have any questions about his newsletter.

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## Our Mission

- To promote public awareness and appreciation of the unique history of Eastern Howard County, Indiana and its citizens
- To carry out historical research, preservation, and education
- To provide the public with meaningful heritage experiences