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Home for the Holidays 2023

Our new annual Christmas event, *Home for the Holidays* debuted during First Saturday on November 4 at Long Home Museum & Cabin. CCHS is delighted to revive Christmas memories past and inspire new family traditions by offering our beautiful, Victorian Italianate home museum and cabin fully decorated for the Christmas season.

This year we added 2 flocked 9' tall pre-lit trees, a 7' pre-lit tree and over 10,000 twinkling LED lights to our display. We plan to continue expanding our display each year, eventually covering the property. Santa greeted families in the parlor during First Saturday on December 2 for photos and treats.

Support for establishing *Home for the Holidays* was generously provided by the Cass County Visitors Bureau and First Farmers Bank & Trust. Visit Long Home Museum & Cabin by December 22 to enjoy *Home for the Holidays*!



Photo Courtesy Rich Voorhees



The mission of the Cass County Historical Society is to collect, preserve and share Cass County, Indiana history.

Museum Hours:

Long Home Museum & Cabin

1004 E. Market, Logansport
1 - 4 PM Thursday - Friday &
First Saturday of the Month

Cass County Museum & Castaldi Family History Center

421 E. Broadway, Logansport
10 AM - 4 PM
Tuesday - Thursday

*Both Museums are Closed in
January for Cleaning & Exhibit
Maintenance*

GIVING OPTIONS

*Send your charitable, tax
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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings Society Members!

We have had a tremendously busy fall here at the museums! We have been working this quarter to establish several new programs and events to support our mission to collect, preserve and share Cass County, Indiana history. To all who have attended these new events, thank you for showing up! Your presence and involvement at our activities encourages our efforts more than you may know. It fuels our motivation to achieve more and lets us know you really care about the work we are doing.

In January while the museums are closed to visitors, work will resume on properly managing our collection. We are facing *years* of collections work ahead as we properly sort, photograph, scan, label, preserve and digitally catalog *thousands* of items. While efforts to achieve collections recordkeeping had been pursued in the past, today the documentation completed only exists on old computers, floppy disks, CD-ROMs, printed binders of paper records and even old handwritten journals. While its wonderful that these records do at least exist in varied forms of old technology, the lack of a consolidated, cohesive, digitally accessible record makes them somewhat useless for quickly servicing collection item inquiries. One item, one photograph, one document at a time, the entirety of the CCHS collection record will eventually be preserved via our professional online museum software, making the records accessible and useable for future CCHS staff , volunteers and patrons.

In January we will also be un-decorating and cleaning at Long Home Museum & Cabin in preparation for reopening in February. A new exhibit will be installed this winter in the upstairs southeast bedroom featuring stories of the settlers and immigrants of Cass County. The first responder and school displays currently on exhibit in the space will be taken off rotation for maintenance, cleaning and cataloging. School and first responder exhibit items will later return as part of the second floor exhibit experience at Cass County Museum.

While not highly visible yet, we *are* progressing at a steady pace in the building and provision of quality museum experiences at both museums. We continue to thank you for your patience and support as we undergo this amazing transition.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday! We look forward to seeing you at the museums when they reopen on Thursday, February 1, 2024!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Fouts". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'H' and 'F'.

Heather Fouts
CCHS Executive Director

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Student \$25

(High school or college student w/ID) Includes subscription to our quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, free museum admission, up to 20 free color printed pages per visit for research, discounted or free admission to special events and 10% discount on CCHS gift shop items.

Subscriber \$25

Includes just the mailed subscription to our quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*.

General \$50

Includes subscription to our quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, free museum admission, discounted or free admission to special events and 10% discount on CCHS gift shop items.

Household \$100

(Benefits cover 2 adults and all children under 18 years old in the household) Includes subscription to our quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, free museum admission, discounted or free admission to special events and 10% discount on CCHS gift shop items.

Sustaining Member \$100

Includes subscription to our quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, free museum admission, discounted or free admission to special events, 10% discount on CCHS gift shop items and special acknowledgement in *The Confluence*.

Benefactor \$500

(Benefits cover 2 adults and all children under 18 years old in the household **-or-** up to 4 employees of your business) Includes subscription to our quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, free museum admission, discounted or free admission to special events, 10% discount on CCHS gift shop items and special acknowledgement in *The Confluence*.

History Patron \$1000

(Benefits cover 2 adults and all children under 18 years old in the household **-or-** up to 8 employees of your business) Includes subscription to our quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, free museum admission, discounted or free admission to special events, 10% discount on CCHS gift shop items and special acknowledgement in *The Confluence*.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2024 Home for the Holidays CCHS Events Committee Call-Out!

We are recruiting volunteer decorators for next year's event! Volunteers must be age 18+. If interested, please drop in during our committee meeting at the Long Home Museum on

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 4-6 PM

We will show you what we have done and what we hope to do. Please consider joining the CCHS Events Committee!



Other volunteer opportunities available

Please call 574-753-3866 or email info@casscountyhistory.org to apply!

Membership this Quarter

Claudia Benn

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New Sustaining Memberships:

Jenise Burkhart

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
November - December
Long Home Museum & Cabin
Gift Shop
Thursdays 1-4 PM
Closed on Thanksgiving
Friday Evening Hours 1-7 PM
Nov 10, 17, 24 & Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023
Saturdays 1-4 PM
Nov 11, 18, 25 & Dec 2, 9, 16, 2023
Meet & Greet With Santa
First Saturday
Dec 2, 2023 ~ 1-4 PM
Museum Closed December 23, 2023
Reopens on February 1, 2024

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Thank you Cass County Visitors Bureau and First Farmers Bank & Trust for helping us provide this festive opportunity to our community!

2024 Home for the Holidays
Save the Dates!

Opening Night - First Saturday
November 2, 2024

Santa Visits - First Saturday
December 7, 2024



FALL EVENTS

Jean Cole Vintage Style Show

Guests enjoyed a trip through time on Saturday, October 28, 2023 as Jean Cole and the Cole Clothing Museum provided the *Jean Cole Vintage Style Show* event benefitting Cass County Historical Society. The event took place at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Logansport. A salad bar luncheon was prepared by Vibrant Events Catering.

Displays featuring styles dating 1890s-1980s were featured in vignettes around the room. Beautiful models wore fashions, all hand-curated by Jean from her collection. A playlist of period-appropriate music, also hand-curated by Jean, accompanied the models as they walked the isle, sharing the outfits and accessories popular during each decade.

We had such a fun time meeting everyone who attended and enjoyed the style show. We want to thank each model and all the volunteers who donated their time to helping make this event a success. Thank you Rich Voorhees Photography for collecting photos and video footage. We plan to create a video to share and preserve this unique and special gathering.

Of course, we are also so very grateful to Jean Cole for creating and organizing such a fun event. Taylor Swift has nothing on Jean's 'Eras Tour' and fellowship celebrating our history never goes 'out of style!'

Please enjoy a photo collage of the style show featured on pages 6 & 7.



Jean Cole speaking about her fashion collection during the vintage style show October 28, 2023.

STYLE SHOW PHOTOS



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FALL EVENTS

In Remembrance: 60th Anniversary of the JFK Assassination A Cass County Legacy Speaker Event: New Exhibit and Conversation at the Ridlen Museum of American Political Communication

Most Americans of a certain age can recall exactly where they were when they learned our 35th President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963. In remembrance, Dr. Susanne Ridlen and volunteers at the Ridlen Museum of American Political Communication have prepared a new exhibit offering, exclusively featuring Dr. Ridlen's impressive collection of Kennedy memorabilia.

On the 60th anniversary of our President's death, Wednesday, November 22, 2023, CCHS Board of Trustees and Staff hosted visitors at the Ridlen Museum of American Political Communication between 6-8 PM. Attendees enjoyed touring the full museum of political communication artifacts, curated by Dr. Ridlen and her late husband Judge Julian Ridlen, then experienced the new JFK exhibit, conversation and light refreshments.

The Ridlen Museum of American Political Communication is located at 417 North Street in Logansport and is available to view by appointment only, please call 574-722-9640 to schedule a tour.

Cass County Legacy Speaker events are free "history lessons" shared by historians, authors and other talented speakers. Location and topics vary, with multiple experience opportunities presented each year. To suggest a specific topic or speaker for a future Legacy Speaker event, please email info@casscountyhistory.org.



Pictures featuring exhibits at Ridlen Museum of American Political Communication courtesy of Rich Voorhees.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



These pictures may not be the best, but we are very pleased with our investment in the Long Home Museum late September - early October. Before pictures are on left, after pictures are on right. The front steps will eventually undergo restoration back to the original limestone, but until we can afford that work the dangerous cracks and chips in the concrete overlay have been repaired.

Before & After ~ Long Home Steps & Walks



Left: The steps up from 10th street no longer wobble! Tripping hazards such as this wobbly step and raised sidewalks up around the museum have been repaired to ensure safer passage as guests explore the museum grounds.

Below: The terrible 10th street sidewalk problems have been repaired and the troublesome tree that caused the damage has been removed.



CCHS is grateful for Straight Cut Tree Services, Royal Center, and Danelly Stump Eaters, Logansport, for donation of their tree and stump removal services.

Thank you, M.R. Louthain & Associates for provision of concrete removal and repairs, achieving this much safer offering for our museum guests.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Both Museums will be closed December 23, 2023 - January 31, 2024 for the holiday, exhibit maintenance and cleaning.

Castaldi Family History Center and society offices will remain available by call ahead appointment during this time. Thank You!



First Saturday
February 3, 2024
1-4 PM

See Vintage Valentines!
Make a Valentine!
Long Home Museum & Cabin



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Craig will make a PowerPoint presentation about the Railroads of Cass County on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., at the Cass County Museum, 421 E. Broadway in Logansport.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024 2-4 PM
CASS COUNTY MUSEUM

NORTHERN INDIANA RAILROADS
A CASS COUNTY LEGACY SPEAKER EVENT

See the ReVere!

Visit the ACD Auto Museum this year and see our **incomparable** 1920 ReVere Tourer on temporary exhibit while we plan and build its permanent new exhibit space at the Cass County Museum.

automobilemuseum.org



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New Donor Level

Vault - \$5,000+

Donors contributing \$5,000 or more to a CCHS Annual Campaign may choose to have their name displayed on an engraved donor recognition panel inside our North Gallery

Vault display at the new Cass County Museum.

Initial display will be installed in 2024 then updated annually.



Cass County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

All donations are tax-deductible. Campaign donations do not include membership.

Thank you for supporting Cass County Historical Society!

CCHS STAFF

Introducing our new Program Manager



In October we welcomed Logansport native **Jill Snyder** to our staff. Jill will assist us part time, helping develop our program of services and events. With Jill's arrival we are now able to provide regular open hours at the Cass County Museum downtown, including access to the North Gallery, offices, theater and a preliminary phase of the Castaldi Family History Center research library.

Our new hours at the Cass County Museum are **Tuesday - Thursday 10 AM - 4 PM**. Appointments for research time may also now be made in advance via our website at casscountyhistory.org.

New Technology Office Established

Utilizing funds granted to CCHS by the Indiana Historical Society (2022 Heritage Support Grant) and the Cass County Community Foundation (2023 Opportunity Grant), we have completed the set up of our technology office at the Cass County Museum.

The office, located on the first floor in the southwest corner of the North Gallery, will be the hub of our collection digitization effort and the eventual office for a Technology Manager staff member.

We are grateful for the assistance of both organizations in achieving this more professional museum setup for digital preservation.



BECOME A CCHS VOLUNTEER

Cass County Historical Society Volunteer Application

Name: _____ Job/Title: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Primary Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

May we share relevant emergency medical information with this person?

Yes _____ No _____

How did you learn about CCHS? _____

What are you interested in helping us with most?

_____ Hosting Museum Tours / Docent _____ Society Events

_____ Museum Maintenance _____ Research Library

_____ Other: _____

Thank you for choosing Cass County Historical Society! Email to: info@casscountyhistory.org

2024 PROGRAM UPDATES

Our Program is Evolving!

Both museums are closed in January for cleaning and maintenance. The Castaldi Family History Center and society offices at Cass County Museum (CCM) will still be available by appointment.

Our *casscountyhistory.org* website content is expanding. Patrons may now book research time at the Castaldi Family History Center via our new *Services* page. The ability to book school presentations, school field trips and group tours will also soon be available on the *Services* page. Special event information, ticketing and RSVP ability is also now available on our website via our new *Program* page.

YouTube and Instagram social media platforms have been established and will soon be used to distribute CCHS content. Follow @casscountyhistory and be among the first to experience our content!

CCHS Board of Trustees meets at 5 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month January-November at Cass County Museum.

First Saturdays - Enjoy free admission, browse our exhibits, shop the gift shop, meet a CCHS Trustee and experience varied activities on the first Saturday of each month February - December at Long Home Museum & Cabin.

Saturday, February 10 - Northern Indiana Railroads: A Cass County Legacy Speaker event. Enjoy this free presentation by author Craig Berndt at Cass County Museum 2 - 4 PM. Other 2024 Legacy Speaker events TBA.

The Easter Bunny will visit Long Home Museum & Cabin again on the First Saturday in March for pictures and treats in the parlor.

Our school program featuring new "Museum in a Box" presentation offerings will be free and available for Cass County schools to book beginning in March 2024.

Our 2024 Volunteer Appreciation event will take place in April during Volunteer Appreciation Month. Details TBA. Sign up as a CCHS volunteer to receive invitation to this special event. Volunteer application information is on page 13.

September-October 2024 will see the return of our Cemetery Walk and Haunted History offerings. Details TBA for this reimagined, ticketed event.

Home for the Holidays at Long Home Museum & Cabin will open again on the First Saturday in November and will run with extended open hours through Christmas.

Santa Claus will visit Long Home Museum & Cabin again during Home for the Holidays on the First Saturday in December for pictures and treats in the parlor.

Our annual public meeting takes place on the 1st Thursday of December and is now accompanied by a ticketed dinner and entertainment experience that will vary each year.

Please follow us online to stay informed on museum program updates and event news!

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2023



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