

New Eddies in the Current

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Canal Days Activities a HIT!!!

Your Canal Museum played host to hundreds of happy visitors during the 2015 Canal Days celebration in downtown Delphos. In addition to displays of more than 150 years of Delphos history, the Museum offered activities from years past to young and old alike. Visitors could experience an old time school day with school marm Terrie Noonan, take a turn at the player piano or pump some water in the 1910's kitchen. They could also remember their visit to the Museum with a stop at the photo booth where they could dress up with all kinds of vintage costumes.

The Canal Museum also hosted a special exhibit by artist John Wolfer from Cincinnati. John is an Associate Professor of Art at the University of Cincinnati—Blue Ash College, where he is also chairperson of the Department of Art and Visual Communication. He teaches courses in Design and Fine Arts. John exhibits in both local and national venues. His exhibit in Delphos was a Cabinet of Curiosity featuring animal bones excavated from the Miami and Erie Canal in Delphos.



A photo op from the Fabulous '50's!!



John Wolfer and his Cabinet of Curiosity



School marm Terrie Noonan put a student through his paces.

World War II Veterans Roundtable



Art Grothouse



Burl Morris



Harold Liebrecht

On June 29 the Canal Museum hosted its first Roundtable Discussion featuring three veterans of World War II. For nearly two hours we were treated to the stories and memories of Art Grothouse, Burl Morris and Harold Liebrecht. All three served in the Pacific Theater and, while not experiencing battle first hand, had plenty of war time experiences to recount. Art was a mechanic who worked on B-17's in Alaska and the Pacific and was also featured on a War Bonds poster in St. Louis, Missouri. Burl was a member of the hospital corp taking care of wounded and sick soldiers. Harold was regular army and was able to view the aftermath of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki and was part of the occupying force in Japan for over a year.

Video of the Roundtable can be seen on the Canal Commission's website at www.delphoscanalcommission.com.

17th Annual Christmas Tree Festival

The Canal Museum opened the doors to its 17th annual Christmas Tree Festival, the largest Christmas Tree Festival in Allen County, on Saturday, November 29. Over the next four weeks hundreds of visitors crowded the Museum's three floors to view over 92 beautifully and uniquely decorated trees. A special display on Transportation filled the middle of the main floor highlighted by a large number of Christmas trains from the collection of Catherine Heitz.





Photo Collection Day

As part of the mission of the Delphos Canal Commission is the collection and preservation of the history of Delphos and the surrounding area we are announcing a new project aimed to increase and enhance our collection.

In 2016 we will be announcing our first Photo and Document Collection Day. On the announced day we will invite anyone and everyone to bring their photos and documents to the Museum where we will digitally scan them and return the originals to you immediately. The pictures can run the gamut from historic pictures of our community to special events to every day snapshots. And remember, history did not stop at 1950, we'll take photos taken as recently as yesterday. You can also bring in documents such as marriage and baptismal certificates, early property deeds, maps, etc... Anything that tells the story of the history of Delphos will be accepted. There is no fee and your treasures will never be out of your sight. Watch local and social media for the announced day and time.

Museum Rehab Completed From Top to Bottom

The ongoing rehab and remodeling of the Museum has been completed, at least for now. The final section of the Museum, the basement, received its finishing touches earlier this fall. Dedicated to local manufacturing, railroad history, agriculture and technology, the basement exhibits were reorganized and the walls and floor were given a fresh coat of paint. On the list for future improvements is new, energy efficient lighting to enhance the basement displays and save a few dollars on the electricity bill. Stop in soon and we'll give you a guided tour of the "new" basement!



Boatman's Breakaway Date Set

The date for our annual Boatman's Breakaway Fundraising dinner has been set for Sunday, March 13, 2016.

The evening begins with doors opening at 5:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Delphos. There will be a cash bar with hors d'oeuvres and snacks available. Dinner is served at 6:00pm and is catered by Dick's Steakhouse. The menu includes a crispy salad, two scrumptious meats, potatoes and a vegetable. After dinner there will be a short program on the "Year in Review" at the Canal Museum and a look ahead at what we'll be working on in 2016 and a fun skit with plenty of audience involvement. The evening will conclude with the recognition of some of our best friends and supporters. Their names will remain confidential until that evening but you might want to show up just in case one of them is you!!

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person and can be purchased from any Canal Commission Board of Trustees member or buy mailing in the enclosed form.



A glimpse back at Boatman's Breakaway 2015

These are a Few of our Favorite (New) Things!!

Our archives got a bit larger in 2015 as we received numerous donations of items relevant to the history of Delphos and the surrounding area.

We received, among other items...

1. two chairs made at the Delphos Bending Company
2. a letter from the Delphos Produce Company
3. a commanders Christmas dinner menu from the Vietnam War
4. diploma and class pictures from St. John's Class of 1927
5. photo of workers at the Minzig Brick Factory

If you have an item with a Delphos history connection and would like to donate it to the Museum, stop in and talk to us. Unfortunately we don't have enough room to take everything and some things we already have but we'd love to see what you have.

Delphos Canal Commission Membership Form for 2015

Student or Senior \$10____ Individual \$20____ Family \$30____ Supporting \$50____

Partner \$125____ Patron \$250____ Best Friend \$1,000 (lifetime membership)____

Corporate: Non-profit \$75____ For Profit (249 or fewer employees) \$250____
For Profit (250+ employees) \$500____

I am interested in making an endowment gift. Please contact me. ____

The Delphos Canal Commission is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

I am interested in volunteering for the following tasks. Please contact me.

Please circle the activity you are interested in.

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Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

Boatman's Breakaway Reservation Form

I would like to reserve _____ tickets for the Boatman's Breakaway. My payment of \$25 per ticket is enclosed. My tickets will be held at the door.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email address: _____

The membership form and Boatmans Breakaway ticket form can be mailed to
Delphos Canal Commission

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Every member counts. Thank you for your support!

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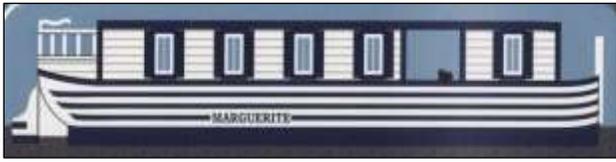
Delphos Canal Commission Shirts Available



New shirts are available at the Museum! Children and adult sizes in a variety of bright, cheery colors. They start at only \$10!

Visit our Museum store for other neat, history-related gifts including playing

cards, books, hats, etc... Proceeds from your purchases support your Museum.



NEW!! Marguerite Wooden Figurines \$15