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UPCOMING EVENTS



Project W.E.E.D (Wabash & Erie Earth Day)
Sat., Apr. 21, 9:00 am
Canal Park

Celebrate Earth Day by pitching in around Canal Park and related sites. Individuals and groups welcome.

[More info>](#)

Stewardship Conference
Mar., 28, 1-4 pm
Canal Park

Do you have an interest in natural and historic places?

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New Additions Appear All Over Canal Park

HOUCK ROAD BRIDGE



On Friday, the contractor's crew from Greencastle brought the disassembled iron bridge to Canal Park. Four semi truckloads were placed on the ground on blocking so the volunteer crew can begin picking a "piece at a time" and working on cleaning, restoring and

Please join us for this free, informative conference, where we will discuss guidelines for good stewardship and details of the new state law regarding liability and insurance.

[More info>](#)

Mark Your Calendar...

Annual Meeting of the Canal Association

Tues., Apr. 17

Opening Day, 2012 Boat Tour Season

Sat., May 12

Heritage Transportation Festival

Sat., May 19

Live entertainment! Lots to see! Stay for the Fish Fry...

[More info>](#)

BECOME A MEMBER

Your financial partnership restores and preserves a rare, important piece of early American history and provides hands-on learning opportunities for people of all ages.

We are now accepting 2012 membership dues!

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painting these bridge members. The bridge and its delivery came here at no cost to the Canal Association!



Individual pieces are stacked for restoration. Our work will go on for perhaps a year before reassembly and placement over the canal as a trail bridge. The span had been over Big Walnut Creek just northeast of Greencastle and was removed to make way for a new concrete bridge at the same Putnam County site.

OLD SMOKEHOUSE, NEW CRAFTER'S CABIN



February was mild, and most all of the Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays had perfect working conditions for our M-W-F crew. They made great progress on the little log smokehouse, which will now be our crafter's cabin.



Bring history alive by sponsoring an exhibit or interpretive panel.

[Find out more>](#)

BIKE AND BOAT RENTAL!

[Noble Bikes at the Canal](#) is now open by appointment only until spring of 2012, when normal hours will resume.



VOLUNTEER



Altogether, 32 people attended our recent Volunteer Call Out, where we shared information about volunteer opportunities...like being a crew member for our boat tours. Each area of interest met at a single round table to discuss that program.

We have many volunteer



The new shake shingle roof completes the look on our crafter's cabin. We plan for someone to be here demonstrating a craft on weekends throughout the summer.

FOUT'S HOME



For the interior of the Fouts home, we made benches out of the surplus wood from the huge timbers we received last summer. The sawmill cut two inch planking off the timbers for the seats.

opportunities to suit your skills and time!

[Find out more>](#)

AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS



Mary Cray and Judy Stirn host this booth at the Carroll County Chamber Bridal Showcase which was held in the Canal Center on February 25.

Our facilities are available to rent for weddings, reunions, meetings and other special events. We can also help you coordinate the addition of extras like a boat tour or carriage ride! Call Mary at 765.564.2870 for more information.



At the Bridal Showcase, attendees tasted delicious samples made from numerous caterers.

Many booths featured everything from photography and announcements to flowers



Al Auffart and Vern Cripe use old tools to make the legs for the benches. Later, the upper surface of these historic timbers will be "beat" clean with a rotary nylon power tool before polyurethane sealer is applied, giving them an "old" look that can still be maintained for clean seating.

REED CASE HOUSE



Jim Ebrite is preparing the back stairway of the Case House for repainting. For years, this stairway has been hidden to the public. It will now aid in routing visitors through the upper bedrooms.

and all that is needed
for a wedding.



Annadell Lamb, coordinator of the Case House restoration, consults with Len Mysliwiec on historic lighting fixtures to further enhance the rich history of this house. Last summer, we began offering combination tours of the House, along with boat rides. Joint tours will begin again on opening day of our 2012 Boat Tour Season, May 12th.

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