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VOLUNTEER CALLOUT!!!

MARCH 8th 6-8pm at the Wabash & Erie
Canal Interpretive Center



So you think you might like
to be a volunteer and have
rewarding experiences like this
crew on the Canal Boat. Just
ask (from left) Vern Cripe,
Mary Crary, Karen Bradshaw,
Vicki Sickler or Steve Gray or
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WINTER WORK GOES ON: FOLLOW THE VOLUNTEERS



Important committee activities step up in the
winter. Planning for Festivals and Events takes
lots of pre-planning. From left Vicki Sickler, VP of
Operations meets with Janet Ayres, Community
Development Chair and Cecilia Henning, Volunteer

Time is running out!



The Canal Association in bolstering the **ENDOWMENT FUND** has found good advantages in fundraising through the Carroll County Community Foundation. By putting tax deductible donations in this special fund at this time it is being matched with money from Lilly Foundation. The deadline is the last day of the March to qualify for this match. Call the Community Foundation and specify that you want to donate to the Canal's Endowment Fund. Call Hilda Burns at [765-210-8725](tel:765-210-8725) today



THANK YOU!!!!

There must be pleasure in giving as this couple, Ken and Julie Pyle formerly of Delphi and now living in Avon, seem happy as they meet with Canal President Dan McCain. They presented a sizable gift of cash to the Canal's Endowment fund. This is a growing fund with only the interest used annually to insure long term maintenance of the Canal's infrastructure and implementation of new programs. Our goal is to have two million dollars in the account by 2024.

Coordinator all are collaborating here one afternoon.



Of course docents and crafts people need period costumes to carry out our mission in Canal Park. Here a crew of seamstress' volunteers converge to sew shirts for the boat crew. From left: Nancy Fowler, Charlotte Gray and Judy Crowel are "humming together" with their sewing machines



And it takes historic patterns and old fashion materials to make those shirts. Here from left: is Mary Crary, Vicki Sickler (in the background ironing) and Rose Mary Lybrook as they cut the pieces of fabric.

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!



Spring Flower Walk

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For some of the craftsmen in the Pioneer Village they already appear with their period costumes. Here Peter Cooper in his authentic Cooper Shop is making barrels, buckets and churns the old fashion way.



Peter has plans to build his own shop in Canal Park that will look like this one at the State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Peter and the State Fair Pioneer Ag team built this structure from his plans last year.



Using native oak and a post beam structure with board 'n batten siding cut onsite at the Fair in north Indianapolis Peter envisions the same appearing shop for Canal Park. Last Spring the timber for his building was cut on a portable sawmill here at Canal Park. FFA and Football boys from Delphi Community High School helped the sawyer cut and stack the planks and boards.



Another member of the Cooper family is Linda (Peter's wife) who has instituted gardening in Canal Park. Here is last year's array of vegetables and herbs in the Fouts House kitchen garden. Linda coordinates with other gardeners the flower planting and garden maintenance. If you would like to work with Linda let her know your availability. [765-237-8717](tel:765-237-8717)



Across from Canal Park's Pioneer Village and at the other end of the Gray Bridge is the little German Lutheran Church that was moved last November. Lots of work to do yet before it is set on a fieldstone foundation, scraped and painted. However the installation of the new standing seam metal roof was in place just before winter began in December.



As winter rolls on there is work inside for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday volunteer crew. Disposing of the ceiling plaster and lath that had to be removed before the move made work for Al Auffart (left), Tom Peters, and other crew members. The wood floor is in remarkably good

shape. There is a raised section and a noticeable space where the minister stood.



With cold and wet weather outside work began on the interior in February. Good thing there were permanent wooden shutters on the outside as the 1884 windows had survived pretty well. Here Eddy Graves (left) is working with Al Auffart on taking the sash out for glass replacements, painting and repair.

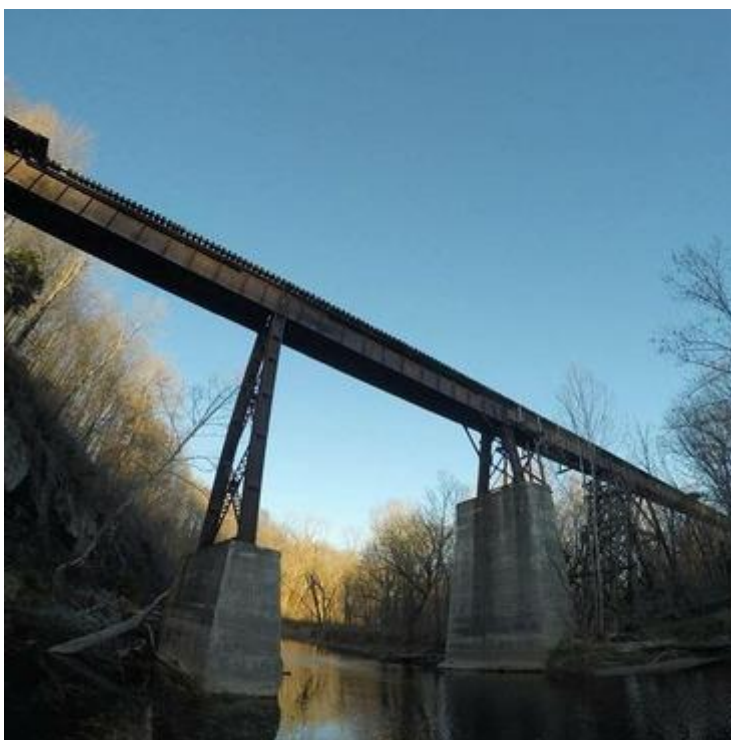


A strange looking new beast is something the MWF crew built in the midst of the cold winter inside the barn. Here Dave Smith prepares to start the gas motor to try out the hydraulic log splitter made from bits and pieces of iron and machinery laying around onsite. This crew is pretty crafty and very

capable of making things out of throwaways and scrap.



A good farmer friend Jeff Koehler from near Terre Haute brought his drone to Delphi to film some of the Canal Association's premiere trails. Here his drone is just lifting off the black suit case ready to fly and take video footage of the Freedom Bridge east of town. This is a section of the Monon High Bridge Trail which crosses over the new four lane highway. Jeff also filmed the Monon High Bridge trestle a mile down the trail as well. He is a "canal buff" and is County Historian in Clay County.



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