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January 2013 | News from the Wabash & Erie Canal | Delphi, Indiana

Upcoming Events



Mark your calendar for our 2013 events! More info will follow closer to each event.

May 18

Heritage Transportation Festival (& Opening Weekend, 2013 Boat Season)

July 6-7
Canal Days Festival

October 19
Harvest (Season End)
Festival

December 14-15
Old Fashioned
Christmas

M-W-F Crew At Work On Updates



M-W-F volunteer Roy Patrick works on the popular "water model" exhibit. It features a lock chamber that is interactive and recently the gates were hard for a child to operate. In the spring we will receive two new model canal boats from a Minnesota firm under contract with the Canal Association. A grant was recently received from the Carroll County Community Foundation for underwriting the costs of these new model boats.



A sponsored "hitching post and watering tank" was constructed and setup just outside the Duke Mule Barn in Canal Park. Wooden items

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Old Fashioned Christmas Was A Success!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who pitched in, including the artisans who helped bring Pioneer Village to life!



Santa was a big hit with the kids at our ever popular Christmas Festival.



Beverly Seese provided a realistic experience of cooking on the hearth at the recently completed Fouts House fireplace. She greeted guests as a pioneer homemaker and even

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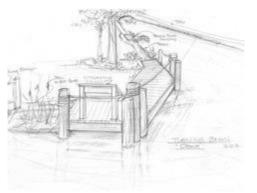
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like this are a specialty for the M-W-F crew to build. Outdoor exhibits like this make for the realism afforded to our visitors.



In fact, our M-W-F crew have even lent a hand to help with interactive exhibits at another local historic site, the <u>Adams Mill</u> near Cutler. Al Auffart, one of our crew, has provided sketches for these boxes that will adorn the interior of the Mill. Some of the work planned involves moving grain belting and screw augers that will replicate how Mill operations were handled in the days when the grain was being processed into flour.



Back at Canal Park, plans are being made for the newest canal-side trail. This section would look like a dock/boardwalk at the entrance to the original "turning basin" site.

Scouts Also Contribute To Canal Features

provided some tastes of the past.



One of the antiques adorning the Fouts House is this old cupboard. Beverly added adornments reminiscent of the 1850s era.



Twin brothers from Brookston, Michael and Steven Rose, are Eagle Scout candidates. Their dual projects involved placing numerous "mile marker" posts along the three mile long Towpath Trail. The central beginning at Canal Park's information kiosk begins the trek for hikers wanting to know how far they might like to go. Then on the trail the hiker may check their progress.



A mile marker post placed as part of one of the Rose brother's Eagle Scout projects. It is located at the end of Canal Park along the trail at the Monon Railroad interpretive site. The trail tunnel under the railroad begins the next section of the trail is why this is a notable spot.



Another Boy Scout project in Canal Park involves Andrew Taylor and his crew. They are building a low stone curb for the edge of the parking lot.



Andrew Taylor is mastering the creative art of placing stone in fresh mortar and making this curb. His project is a continuation of several other Eagle projects completed in the past.

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