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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., Apr 20
**PROJECT W.E.E.D. (Wabash
and Erie Earth Day)**



Celebrate Earth Day (or just help take care of our beautiful parks and trails!) ***Help us meet our biggest volunteer goal yet...100!***

Tues., April 16
**Carroll County Wabash & Erie
Canal Inc. Annual Meeting**
7:00 - 8:30 pm

INFORMATION CENTRAL

- *A Close Look at Kiosks and Interpretive Panels*
- *Share Canal History With A Sponsorship!*



The first thing most people visit when they come to Canal Park is this kiosk. Since it represents "information", and they want to get oriented, it serves well 24/7/365. It was built by Eagle Scout Tom Walton several years ago.

The three kiosk panels present history of the canal and give direction on how to find some specific historic places along Delphi's 10 mile trail system.



Danny Russel, popular speaker will be the entertainer. The event is open to the public. Light refreshments provided.

CALENDAR

May 18th
Boat Season Begins

Sat., May 18
A Century of Transportation Festival

June 15
Pioneer Kids Day

Sat.-Sun., July 6-7
Canal Days Festival

September Labor Day Weekend
Boat Season Ends

December 7
Christmas at the Canal

For more information, check out our website:
www.wabashanderiecanal.org

VENDOR OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking vendors to double as Canal docents on all weekends throughout the boat



The intricate underside shows Walton's skill with woodworking. The overhang shades visitors as they view trail information.



Three information stands are now in use but more are needed. So the M-W-F volunteers decided to build another kiosk to be placed along the Delphi Historic Trails. This one might go to Riley Park.

Interpretive Panels...

season. Several artisans and craftspersons have already committed to sell their handcrafted items while welcoming guests and sharing information about Pioneer Village!

For more information, please contact Linda Cooper 765-237-8717 or lrcooper@outlook.com

HELP US CREATE THE TOTAL CANAL EXPERIENCE!



Bring history alive by sponsoring an exhibit or interpretive panel.

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.

VOLUNTEER



Do you enjoy sharing history with others? We need docents to take groups on guided tours



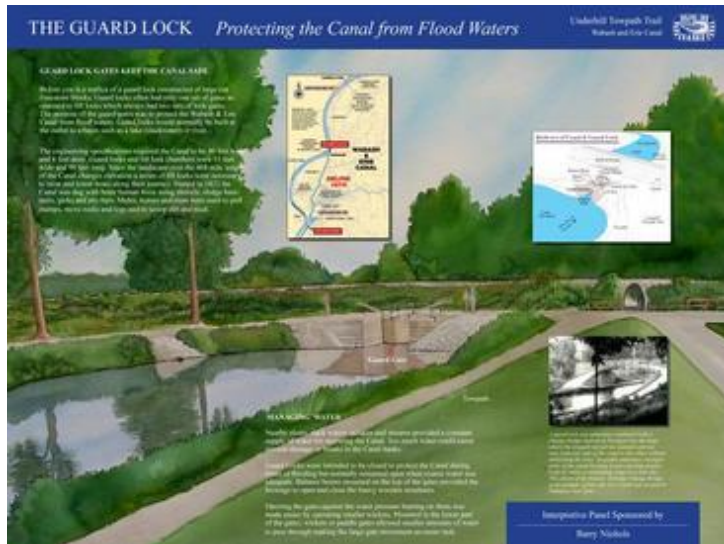
To further enhance our Delphi trail system, we now have colorful interpretive panels popping up at special historic spots, like this one at Canal Park's majestic 1844 Reed Case House sponsored by Annadell Lamb.



This panel just outside of the Canal Interpretive Center explains the selection of 1850s store fronts in downtown Delphi that were replicated on the building facade. The panel was sponsored by the local Psi Iota Xi Sorority chapter.

throughout the year. **To find out more, contact us at 765-564-2870.**

We have many volunteer opportunities to suit your skills and time!



This interpretive panel explains the how the guard lock keeps the canal from flooding. This interpretive panel was sponsored by Barry Nichols.



Yet another panel explains the "horse power" that pulled canal boats along from the adjacent towpath. It stands in a small prairie plot (which seasonally grows tall) just outside the Canal Center.

YOU Can Enhance the Visitor Experience!

Many additional panels are awaiting a donor. Your pledge of \$2,500 will commission an interpretive panel that greatly adds to the Total Canal Experience. Pledges can be paid over 2-4 years.

Each beautiful interpretive panel is uniquely created by local artist, Terry Lacy, as a painted scene depicting a historic site or feature. All panels are placed on a sturdy, treated wood stand and are available for viewing all year. They are weatherproof.

Donors may dedicate a panel in honor of a loved one, or on behalf of a family, organization or business. A picture and name can be placed in the lower right corner. One such panel was dedicated to a high school

class on their 50th reunion, and it features a group picture in the corner spot.

If you are interested in a particular portion of the canal and want to know the possibilities for that site's interpretation, contact Dan McCain at [765-412-4308](tel:765-412-4308).

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