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Project W.

Sat., Apr. 20, 8:00 AM - Noon Canal Park

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

All sum long Diana Allen (above) coordinates the volunteers interested maintaining flower beds and the beauty of Canal Park. Anyone interested in this form of volunteering for the "gardening crew" should contact her at: allenfour@comcast.net.

Saturday May 18 is Opening Day of Tour Boat Season and the event called Century of Transportation.



W&E Canal Video on YouTube

[CLICK HERE](#) to listen to a little Canal history, from the origins of the



W&E Canal to the revitalization today. Thank you to the Indiana Rails to Trails Council (Indianapolis) for doing this piece!

BECOME A MEMBER

We welcomed new members in 2019, from individuals to corporate sponsors!

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.
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Bring history alive by sponsoring an exhibit or interpretive panel.



ARTISANS

ARTISANS interested in demonstrating historical crafts on weekends throughout the canal boat season. **Contact Linda Cooper at (765) 237-8717.**

BOAT CREW VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with weekend boat tours and group charters throughout boat season. **Contact Steve Gray at (765) 447-1627 or steve1948@aol.com.**

Volunteers Prepare Canal Park For The Upcoming Tourist Season



Finally warmer weather after a long cold winter gave volunteers a chance to focus on the "Canal Workers Shanty". Monday-Wednesday-Friday volunteers Mac Carlisle (center) and Al Auffart are placing rafters on the little log building.



Then the time for roofing with old fashion split cedar shake shingles.

WE'RE ON A TREASURE HUNT!



The Canal Association is always interested in receiving donated materials from the 1832-1876 period for use in our museum and to highlight the history of the Canal Era. Let us know if you have something to share or want to help!

MWF Volunteers Larry Batta (top) and Brice Crowel manage the shingling operation.



Brice Crowel starts the "chink and gob" operations to close the spaces between the logs and provide weather-tight protection for the Shanty. He is using wire mesh and mortar.



Larry Batta and Al Auffart prepare the door for installation. If you are interested in joining this three half day per week crew contact: dan.mccain@gmail.com.



When finished the Canal Worker's Shanty next to the Canal's RV Park will be available for rental by the day or weekend. Contact: reservations@canalcenter.org.

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.

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