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Christmas at the Canal
December 7
10 AM - 4 PM



With his horn Captain Gray calls for the last person to board. Steve has been the coordinator of operations since Canal Park received the uniquely designed boat in 2009. It was built in Albany, New York by Scarano Boat Company.



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- **Completion of a big grant**
- **What's new at Canal Park?**



In closing out the recent Tippecanoe Arts Federation/North Central Health Services grant we can note big improvements made to several of our projects. Here the MONON HIGH BRIDGE TRAIL overpass near the entrance has a LED lighted sign. The historic 1890s High Bridge itself is a mile east and is being readied for safety decking and railing in a new phase to be carried out by Indiana Landmarks.

Two new RV Camp hosts, Bill and Jeri Messeroll (left) enjoy chatting with outgoing hosts Roger and Sheri Circle. If you are traveling by RV and looking for a unique place to stay, call 765-564-2870 or contact Jeanine: at reservations@canalcenter.org

Recap



How about a cruise on the DELPHI - our canal boat adventure. Public rides for this season are over now however a group can "charter" the boat for up to 30 persons to ride for \$175. To setup a date next spring contact: reservations@canalcenter.org



Another popular attraction that appears at Canal Park on special days is the Trolley. It is operated by Brian Sturm and is a treat for people to board and listen to Brian's narration throughout historic Delphi and Canal Park.



Recently added directional signs were placed in several locations in Pioneer Village. The idea was created by Linda Cooper and crafted by volunteer Steve Busch.



Thanks to the TAF/NCHS grant we planned this new entry to the Monon Trail. Jeff Seramur cleaned and painted this overpass span that carries the rail trail. It now hosts a delightful bright new coat. Monon colors were either "cream and crimson" or at other times were "black and gold" favoring two of our state's universities -- guess who?



Five new interpretive panels were developed using TAF grant funds highlighting buildings or trails by artist Terry Lacy. He has developed many unique graphic designs for years. This earlier posting is located at Carrollton Crossing of the Wabash north of Delphi.



Linda Cooper and her husband Peter are favorites in Pioneer Village. She coordinates the Village Hosts volunteers and plans special events while Peter coordinates all the school tours. He is the "bucket maker" and this is his authentic shop.



There was a recent wedding here and the bride chose to have it in the Little White Church across the canal from Pioneer Village. A nice place to have a wedding in the spring, summer or fall - and it's heated/air conditioned. Interested? Contact: reservations@canalcenter.org



Some pretty fancy wedding receptions happen in the Canal Center. If you are looking for quality space for a wide variety of uses, check with Jeanine Scowden at 765-564-2870. The Canal Center is open every day from 1-4 pm. Trails and the Canal Park are open daylight to dusk.

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Craftsmen working in the Loom House in Pioneer Village recreate the early craft of making fabric from wool. Several looms adorn the rustic interior of this building. Bill Young and his wife Jan are docents. If you would like to feature a craft contact lrcooper@outlook.com



Bring history alive by sponsoring an exhibit or interpretive panel.
Contact admin@canalcenter.org



This fall many school children have been experiencing "history as it comes alive" in Canal Park. They enjoy the 40 minute ride on our Canal Boat and learn as they hear the tales told by the narrator. Students also visit the museum and many of the buildings in Pioneer Village. To set a date for next season's school tours contact pocooper@hotmail.com



Mac Carlisle creates a new log for replacement in one of our cabins. He became leader of our Monday-Wednesday-Friday volunteer crew with the passing of Canal Director Al Auffart in July.



Log replacement in this old Kuns Cabin becomes a challenge that the M-W-F crew takes in stride as they build and maintain our various structures.

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