



Review

Vicksburg Historical Society Historic Village & Depot Museum
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The Vicksburg Historical Society publishes this newsletter for all those interested in the history of the area. Feel welcome to attend the programs we sponsor throughout the year as part of our mission to interpret and present history in an engaging format for all to enjoy.

www.VicksburgHistory.org

Annual Holiday Bake Sale

Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Vicksburg Depot Museum

Cookies, breads, cakes, pies, cupcakes, candies and many specialty items will be offered during this highly anticipated holiday fundraiser for the Vicksburg Historical Society. The popular "select your cookies" from the past few years will be back, allowing buyers to choose cookies from mixed trays in a variety of quantities. Get your holiday baked goods from some of Vicksburg's finest bakers.

Holiday Model Train Display

Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 12 & 19, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Vicksburg Historic Village, Township Hall (yellow building)

With over 200 feet of track, visitors will be amazed as several model trains transform the Township Hall into a miniature version of Vicksburg. Thomas the Tank Engine is making his annual appearance as well. The display is free to the public, but donations are always welcome!

Gift Shop

Note cards with the historic village watercolor logo designed by local artist, Helen Kleczynski will be one of the feature items this holiday at the gift shop located in the train depot. Books, maps, ornaments, postcards, magnets, signs and more are available for gift giving or holiday stocking stuffers during the annual bake sale on December 5 and Saturdays 10 to 3:00.

Vicksburg Quilt Trail Presentations

Looking for an informative local presentation for your group meeting? Hugh and Kitch Rinehart, are now booking a 30 minute slide show on the early effort to establish the quilt trail, and the story behind the selection of the painted blocks and their site selection. Call 269-329-0481 to get on the schedule today.

President's Report

By Ted Vlieg

Volunteers are the backbone of the Historical Society and we need your talents and time to keep history alive on the many committees, tours and programs offered by the Society and the Historic Village. We need volunteers for events, office work, and Historic Village docents, and are planning a Volunteer training session this spring. Please contact a Board Member listed on our website if you are interested in helping the Historical Society.

We also are currently updating our website to offer you many online opportunities to become a member, purchase gifts on the online store, and to register as a volunteer. Thank you for another great year!

Historic Speaker's Series

Revisit Vicksburg's Frontier Days Celebration

Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Vicksburg Community Center, 100 S. Main St.

Vicksburg has always been self-sufficient and independent and having its own local hospital was a community effort. Under local leadership, the public came together to raise the one million dollars needed to build its own hospital as one of the cornerstones of Vicksburg's thriving small town. No charge, light refreshments.



Thank you Members!

Memberships are vital to the Historical Society. Membership dues help cover the costs of events, activities and supplies throughout the year. For information on becoming a member go to www.VicksburgHistory.org, or contact Karen Hammond at 270-1522 or Donna Seilheimer at 649-5521.

Ailes, Bob & Laura	Freeland, Frank & Bev	Mapes, J. Joseph	Short, Mary
Allen County Public Library	French, Ron & Wendy	Mason, Bud & Jane	Shutes, Jean
Appell, Lloyd	Fuller, Calvin & Leona	Martens, John & Phyllis	Skrzypek, Stan & Violet
Ash, Walter & Lela	Fulton, John	Maturen, Dave & Nancy	Skrzypek, Matt & Julie
Aubry, David & Kristina Powers	Fulton, J.R. & Nancy	McHugh Jim	Smith, Bob & Kathy
Bach, Jim	Gardner, Dick	Merrill, Bob	Smith, Ron & Lupe
Barnes, Richard & Lori	Glover, Judy	Meyle, Gary & Shirley	Snyder, Bill & Maggie
Barney, Marie	Goertler, Bob & Margie	Miazga, Marcia	Springer, Bob
Bartholomew, Charles & Judy	Green, Bob & Joyce	Mills, Willi	Springer, Doug & Jan
Becker, Mike & Kathy	Griffith, Dick	Moore, Sue	Stafinski, David & Grace
Bennett, Kaye	Grossman, Brett, Katie & Family	Moore, Tim & Marti	Stockoski, Joe & Elaine
Berger, Judy Harding	Hainen, Jim & Jackie	Morgan, Todd, Michelle & Family	Stubblefield, Karla
Bird, Jim & Peg	Hammond, Ted & Karen	Nash, Tonya	Sult, Arden & Penny
Boyle, Dennis	Harbour, Ray, Estelle & Lisa	Nielsen, Richard	Swinehart, Bill & Laverne
Breitenbach, Ted & Betsy	Hardy, Mike	Notley, Beatrice	Thomas, Marvin
Brenton, Linda	Harper-Grieger, Susan	O'Leary, Art & Pat	Timko, Joe & Lynn
Burns, Lori	Hartman, Pat	Osterhout, Donald	Tooley, Karen
Butler, Robert	Hawkins, Kay Kott	Oswalt, Gordon & Bonnie	Trager, Jeanette
Callaway, Lou & Janet	Herald, Denise	Oswalt, John	Ulrich, Phyllis
Callen, Rudy & Fawn	Hippen, Don & Carolyn	Page, Jack & Liz	VanderBor, Art & Karen
Chapin, Frank & Jackie	Holder, Dale & Micki	Parczyk, Rodger	Vliek, Ted
Clark, Teri	Holmes, Tom & Bonnie	Philport, Lee & Jean	Vliek, Charles & Peg
Cohrs, Robert	Hosner, Al & Barb	Pic, Paul & Rosemary	Wagner, Betsy
Coppes, Richard	Hoy, Tom & DeeDee	Polasek, John & Liz	Wagner, Dave & Connie
Cox, Ernest	Hoyle, Kathleen	Prange, Mary Westerville	Walker, Robert & Marrijane
Coy, Richard & Michele	Hughey, Rodger	Puvogel, Jeffrey & Jane	Walters, Harris
Cree, Chip & Jamie	Hunt, Berneice	Rainwater, Robert	Wartner, Paul & Ann
Crippen, Ed & Dawn	Ingersoll, Keith	Ramsdell, Bob & Jo	Weber, Paul & Patricia
Cunningham, Dennis & Margot	Jackson, Larry & Lynn	Rand, Don	Weessies, Bill
Cutshaw, Richard & Sally	Johnson, Donald & Jean	Reed, Vern & Aurelia	Weinberg, Bill & Sue
Daniels, Ralph & Janice	Kachniewicz, Jon & Kitty	Reisterer, Gail	Weinberg, Jim & Janet
Decker, Otto & Nancy	Kennedy, Dick & Sue	Reno, Dave & Mindy	Wesoloski, Walt & Jane
DeDie, William	Kerchief, Karl & Margaret	Rinehart, Hugh & Kitch	Wiertella, Don & Maureen
Dibble, Toni	Knowles, Skip & Carol	Robertson, Mark, Lisa & Travis	Wilhelmy, Bob & Madelyn
Dobbie, Brian & Maureen	Kosacek, Dave & Janet	Rolfe, Craig	Wilson, Ron & Carol
Downing, Danna	Kucks, Wayne & June	Roth, Marcia	Wolthuis, John
Durham, Marilyn	Kudary, Jeff & MaryAnn	Sanders, Barbara	Wright, Richard & Lucille
Elhart, James & Judith	LaPorte, Todd & Peggy	Schirk, Andre	Wunderlin, Mike & Kay
Elton, Claire	Lawrence, Warren	Schriemer, David & Paula	Yakimenko, Natalia & Jim
Emmert, Wil & Eloise	Leggett, Rae	Schutter, Paul & Marilyn	Butterfield
Evensen, Ken & Lee	Littlefield, Loren	Seilheimer, Randy & Donna	Yaple, Henry
Fojtik, Joe & Madeleine	Lohman, Carol	Shaw, Jim & Virginia	Youngs, Polly
Forsyth, Larry & Tina	Lovin, Helen	Shehigian, John & Judith	Ziegler, Ron
Foster, Denny & Lois	Lowe, Betty	Shick, Margot	Zimmerman, Mel & Marian
Freed, Karl	MacKay, Bill & Karlene	Shick, Ronald & Gwen	

Endowment

We encourage you to explore giving to the Vicksburg Historical Society's Endowment Fund, held at the Vicksburg Foundation. Endowments ensure the continuation of the Society's work for future generations, by providing on-going operation income from the interest earned from the fund. The Society currently has \$280,318 in its endowment but much more is needed to secure its future. Please consider giving a gift, memorial or include the Vicksburg Historical Society in your estate planning. Contact Warren Lawrence at 269-649-0349 or the Historical Society office at 269-649-1733 for more information.