

Culver History Quarterly

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The Museum on the Move- A Fresh Start

New Director, New Home, New Name, New Exhibits

By George Duncan and Anna Campbell

Meet the New Museum Director

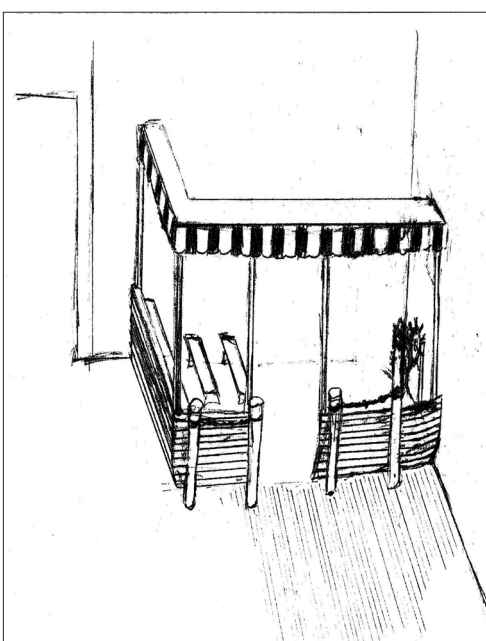


Anna Campbell

The Antiquarian and Historical Society Board of Directors and the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History Committee is excited and proud to introduce Anna Campbell as the new paid consultant with responsibility for running the Museum. Anna is a member of the Button family, who has had a cottage on the lake since 1951. She is the third generation in her family to attend Culver Summer Schools and Camps. Anna graduated from Deck Six in 2004. She attended Indiana University, earning a B.S. degree in Tourism Management & Event Planning. Since graduation she was a member of the opening team for the JW Marriott Indy and worked in communications for the PBS station, WFYI in Indianapolis. In January of this year, Anna and her one year old daughter, Annemarie moved from Indianapolis to the close-knit, down to earth community of Culver. "have always had a deep interest in the history and an appreciation of the stories of those who have come before us. It is an honor to be directly involved in curating and sharing the stories of a truly remarkable community. There is something very captivating about this area and its history is filled with unexpected twists and turns. From a rich Indian history to grand boat parties, lavish hotels, booming industry, high profile guests, authors and artists, to inventions, a connection with the Titanic, and the list goes on- this small town has a big story." Anna went on to describe the significance of the museum being located in the home of a great American success story- The State Exchange Bank (Now First Farmers Bank & Trust). This is the very space where W.O. Osborn catapulted a small town onto the national stage. Please join us in welcoming Anna and Annemarie to the Culver Community.

that Museum exhibits were not in place where they would have otherwise been subject to serious damage. Site preparation will begin again the week of April 14, 2014. A main feature in the front room of the Museum will be recreation of a steamboat deck similar to the boats that populated Lake Maxinkuckee during the parts of nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This exhibit to commemorate the important role Lake Maxinkuckee has played in the history of Culver and the surrounding area will include a narrative of the history of the lake as well as scrolling of many of historical lake scenes. Our thanks go to John Houghton whose generous donation has made the boat exhibit possible.

The mess in the Museum space



A sketch of the walk-in steamboat planned for the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History.

Another exhibit area that the Museum Committee is quite excited about will be of the families that have a longstanding and storied history with Culver and Union Township. We anticipate these exhibits will periodically rotate with the families co-curating the exhibits with the Museum. The first exhibit is presently in the planning stage targeted for display shortly after the Museum opening.

Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History – Researching the Past/Preserving the Future

The new name is the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History with the tag line Researching the Past/Preserving the Future. The museum captures the story of this area from a glacier lake to the Indians to the pioneers, the expanding town, Henry Harrison Culver's impact through present day. There is an area in the museum for research- pull out a yearbook, an old photo, a locally published book and dive into Culver's past!

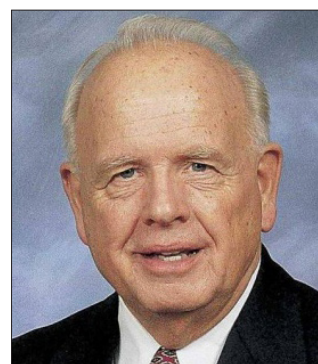
Opening Our Doors: Museum and Visitors Center

A formal opening has been long awaited by the Museum Committee. Save the Date: We intend to open Saturday, June 14, 2014 in conjunction with the Taste of Culver. 11-2 pm with Ribbon Cutting planned for 1:00 pm.

We Are All Caretakers

Your time, talent and treasure are greatly valued. The ongoing Museum success is dependent on the Culver and Union Township community. There will always be See Museum, page 2

Broadway "Musical Moments" kicks off AHS summer roster June 7



The Culver Antiquarian and Historical Society is pleased to kick off the summer 2014 event calendar with a spectacular program entitled Broadway "Musical Moments" presented by Dr. Charles Webb. The event will be on June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Memorial Building on the Culver Academies campus.

Dr. Webb is a musician of unique versatility. He has received acclaim for his musical expertise as a pianist, concert organist, composer, administrator, and choral and instrumental conductor. He served as Dean of Indiana University School of Music for 24 years and is accredited for developing Indiana University's School of Music as the world's largest school of music and named "Number One in quality in three independent national surveys."

Dr. Webb "has received three Sagamore of the Wabash Awards, the highest award the state of Indiana bestows for meritorious service, and also has received Living Legend recognition from the Indiana Historical Society, the Thomas Hart Benton Medal from Indiana University, the Governor's Award for the Arts and the President's Medal from Indiana University, as well as many other awards and recognitions."

Dr. Webb will be performing, along with vocalist Travis Bloom. Mr. Bloom is a graduate student at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and has received an Artistic Excellence Scholarship for his outstanding vocal abilities. They will be performing Broadway tunes that will bring nostalgic memories to the listener including a medley of Broadway tunes from films directed by award winning director Joshua Logan. Joshua Logan is a Culver Military 1927 graduate and is known for his outstanding directing of "South Pacific," "Paint Your Wagon," "Sayonara," "Picnic," "Fanny," and "Camelot," to name a few.

Reserve the date...Saturday, June 7, 2014...Tickets are available to AHS members now by emailing AHS at historyofculver@gmail.com. Tickets for non-members will be available after May 5, 2014.

In memory of Joan Henricks

Joan Henricks, dear wife of Dusty, passed away this winter. Joan was a long time member and graciously shared Dusty with us for board meetings and his many and varied duties with the Society. Joan and Dusty moved to Culver permanently in 2002 after being long time summer residents in the Henricks cottage. Wife, mother and grandmother, she is sadly missed and we share in her family's loss.

Membership update

As a result of its 2014 membership drive, the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver now has 218 individual and family memberships, including 24 new members. These members are from the town of Culver, the lake community, the Academies and the rural communities, as well as from communities around the nation. The AHS drive also received donations of \$7,945.00 in addition to the dues, which will be used for maintenance of Heritage Park downtown, subscriptions to the Culver Citizen, support for our Museum and the many other useful activities in which we are actively involved.



Heritage Park Bricks Still Available

The Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver sponsors a fund raiser for Heritage Park. Individual pavers with a name or message can be purchased and will be laid in the park as lasting remembrance of your relative, your family or friends.

For each \$75.00 donation a 4" x 8" brick can be inscribed. A larger 8" x 8" brick can be purchased for

\$125.00.

Please print the name or message you wish to appear for a standard six brick (\$75.00), limit 2 lines, 14 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation. The larger size brick (\$125.00), limit 4 lines, 14 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation.

Sample inscriptions might include:

ALLISON JONES
CLASS OF 1977

THE JONES
FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF
MARK PALMER

IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF
JOHN SMITH

Please make checks payable to: Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver

Applications may be mailed to: Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver
 P.O. Box 125
 Culver, IN 46511

Contributions are tax deductible.

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 ADDRESS _____
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 PHONE _____



Part of the future home of the museum.

Old Building, New Life

Considerable work is underway to prepare the space for Museum exhibits, including wall and ceiling repair and carpet replacement. The hundred-year old heating system in the bank, an antique of itself, malfunctioned and the Museum area was flooded twice due to pipes bursting. Our progress in preparing space came to a halt while the bank worked to install a new heating and cooling system. Timing of the problem was serendipitous in

Historic Walking Tours for Culver coming this summer

By Julie Hollowell

Look for the inauguration of several self-guided historic walking tour routes around Culver this summer! ...a great way to enjoy the outdoors while also learning about local history and architecture.

This initial set of tours will feature three routes, all starting and ending at the lighthouse in Town Park. One route (1.2 mi.) leads downtown to Main Street, then back to the park along Lake Shore Drive. A second route crosses Lake Shore Drive and heads uphill on Forest Place, through the bungalow district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The short option for this route (.3 mi.) then circles back to the Park via Liberty and Pearl Streets. The longer option for this route (1.6 mi.) proceeds east on Academy Road past Logansport Gate, returning to Town Park on the old railroad bed. The third route (1.8 mi.) is an out and back walk along the Academies lakefront, from Town Park to the Naval Building and back. While the first two routes stick to public walkways, permission had to be sought for this third pathway, since it is on private property. A big thank you to Culver Academies, and especially to Dana Neer, for working to make this happen.

Work is now underway on a guide booklet for the walking tours, which will have maps of each route and notes on architectural style and local history. Compiling the guide takes hours and hours of research, fieldwork, fact checking, and permission-seeking. The dedicated work and writings of local historians Jeff Kenney, John Houghton, and Bob Hartman and the extensive information on local history compiled by Judi Burns (www.maxinkuckee.history.pasttracker.com) have been indispensable to this process.

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Combine this with Kurt

Museum, continued

opportunities for individuals and groups to volunteer to help in the Museum with activities such as arranging exhibits and scanning documents. There will be ongoing opportunities for individuals and groups to donate. So join with us in the excitement of the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History.

Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Visitors Center

Through a series of meetings with many of the Culver town organizations and leaders, strong support was confirmed for establishing the Culver Visitors Center. The Culver Visitors Center was established under the tax exempt umbrella of the Antiquarian and Historical Society. The Visitors Center will occupy the South lobby of the First Farmers Bank and Trust building adjacent to the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History.

Mission

To serve as an engaging resource for the public in one of Indiana's most beautiful, natural lake destinations; to stimulate economic growth, and to promote recreational and cultural experiences.

It is anticipated that in the very near future, the Culver Visitors Center through mutual agreement with the Antiquarian and Historical Society will become a standalone organization. The Antiquarian and Historical Society and the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History look forward to a mutually rewarding relationship with the Culver Visitors Center as it takes this giant step.

Tour, continued

Garner's deep knowledge of architectural history and styles, and the result is a guide for residents and visitors alike that both highlights Culver's uniqueness and connects it to broader national and world trends. Moreover, it's a wonderful way to enjoy a walk around town!

The guide and its maps will be designed by local graphic artist Jack Johnston of J Stroke Creative. Look for the release of these booklets this summer, in conjunction with several kick-off events, hosted by the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History Museum (formerly the Center for Culver History) and new Culver Visitor Center.

Meanwhile, if you're interested in testing out one or more of the routes before they head to publication, contact Julie Hollowell at 812-320-1887 or jjh@indiana.edu.

The Historic Walking Tour of Culver is a project of the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History, made possible through the support of a committee of dedicated volunteers and a small Historic Preservation Education Grant from Indiana Humanities, Indiana Landmarks and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Thanks go to the Town of Culver; the Culver Chamber of Commerce; Culver Academies; and the Marshall County Convention and Visitors Bureau as partner organizations and to the AHS for serving as the non-profit sponsor of the grant.