

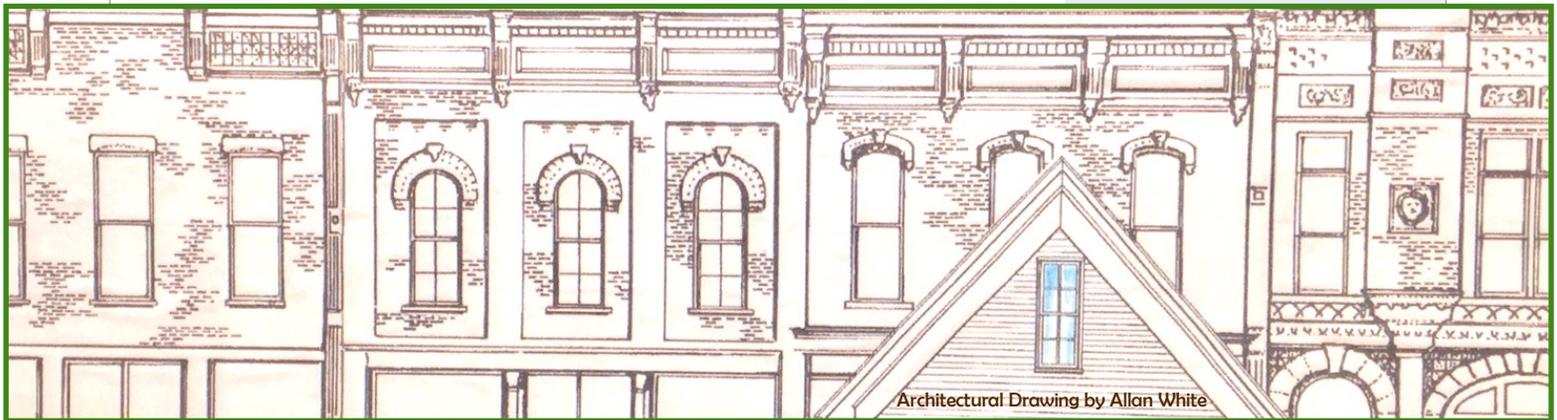
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2020



North Manchester HISTORY

*Interpreting the History
of North Manchester
and the Eel River Valley*



Architectural Drawing by Allan White

You're Invited

Museum Reopening and

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CROSSROADS
Change in Rural America

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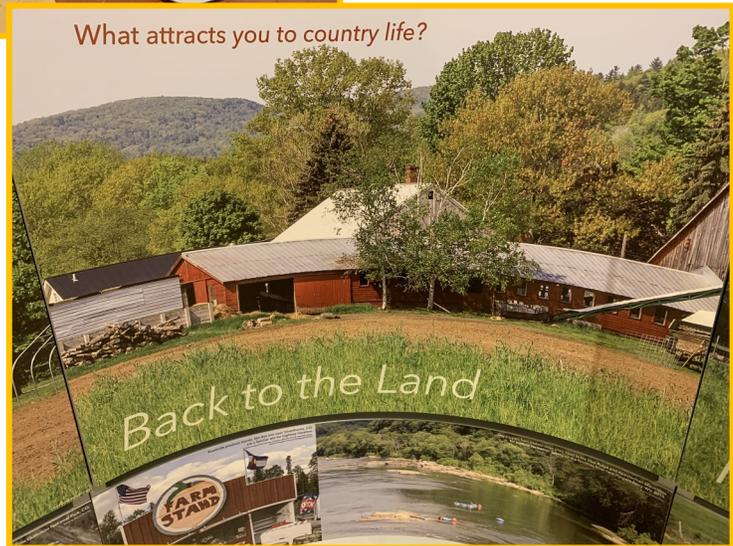
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JUNE 14 - JULY 17, 2020



*Where people meet,
ideas intersect, and
change is constant.*

*Challenges may
seem daunting, but
country life remains
inspiring for many,
and people persist.*



***Crossroads: Change in Rural America* is a Museum on Main Street exhibition developed by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. Brought to you by Indiana Humanities. Funded by the U.S. Congress.**

Between Rows and Horizon

paintings by
Jeff Diesburg



June 14, 1p.m. marks the opening of Jeff Diesburg's art show "Between Rows and Horizon" at the NM Center for History. His work focuses on illuminating self-sustaining, human interaction with the land, scenes are taken directly from small, local farms. Pictured above is the RiverRidge Farm run by the Fingerle family in Laketon, Indiana.

Saturday, June 27, 2-4 p.m. Jeff will give a lecture and paint demonstration at the Center for History, the event is FREE and open to all.

Sunday, July 12, 1-4 p.m. (Tentative date) Hannah Burnworth will lead you through a paper cardinal collage workshop at the Center for History. All supplies will be furnished.

Fall 2020 Historian and lecturer, Pete Jones, will discuss why the history of rural communities is important, and why we are in danger of losing it. This event will be held at the Center for History, it will be FREE and open to all.

TBD Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver (event at NM Public Library)
Pamela Carralero will engage attendees by reading a selection of short scenes from the novel. No prior familiarity to *Flight Behavior* or Kingsolver's work is necessary. FREE

**All dates are subject to change, follow us on Facebook,
or call us at (260) 982-0672 for any event adjustments.**



Companion Exhibits

One of the requirements for us when hosting the Crossroads exhibit was to provide companion exhibits about our area. This is done in several ways and all include *Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*.

School Consolidation

Located in the Martha Winesburg schoolroom, this exhibit tells of school consolidation beginning with one room schools merging to form graded schools. Consideration is presented on merging county schools and it looks at what the future will bring. This exhibit includes photographs of classrooms, school buildings and transportation through the years.

Agriculture

From the time relatively small farms supported large families, through the large specialty farms today, what will tomorrow bring? This exhibit is in the Miller barn and includes photos taken over the years, paintings of the possible future by Jeff Diesburg, and the products of Poet Biorefining. Diesburg also has paintings of our current “farm to table” locations in Wabash County.

Business and Industry

Listings of businesses in 1897, 1914, 1950, and 2020, have been made from newspaper ads, telephone directories, Manchester Alive and other places. Not included are many small home businesses. The exhibit shows how business changed over the years as automobiles replaced horses. Groceries and department stores furnished items no longer produced in homes or on farms. Factories and service companies made machines and cared for them.

Faces of North Manchester

Featuring excerpts from interviews and photographs of outstanding citizens in our community. The Center for History has hundreds of interviews and recordings of residents over the years. This permanent exhibit will be updated with new people periodically.

Banners

The banners of prominent citizens, past and present, have been on display on Main Street since early spring. There were many people of note that could have been honored. We appreciate that those we chose have been well received.

THE BEE HIVE



1885

THE BEE HIVE was a china store at 139 East Main street, owner Jessie Stiver Crasher (on left)

The redesigned gift shop in the museum will feature local artists and be called, you guessed it, The Bee Hive.

Baskets by Peggy Herendeen, pottery by Elizabeth Wamsley, notecards by Brad Barnett, original art by Hannah Burnworth, and more.

Welcome



Jack Schuler, a member of our Board of Directors and Building Committee, designed and built this docent station during our winter hiatus. Jack used glass panels that had been salvaged from our façade restoration as the focal point. We now have a very attractive welcome center for our visitors while at the same time preserving and repurposing a part of our building!



Our high school intern, Elizabeth Sisco, created a display for headstone rubbings. Way to go Elizabeth, we think our younger guests will enjoy this hands on experience.

John Sheets
b. 9 Aug 1798
d. 18 Dec 1850



John Sheets was born in Frederick County Maryland and lived from 1798-1850. He married Mary Margaret Wining in Darke County Ohio in 1820, together they had 10 children. John was a brother to Nancy Sheets Knoop who served as a midwife in this area. His son, John W. Sheets, was one of the 8th Infantry Veteran Officers serving in the Union Army during the American Civil War. Also a charter member of North Manchester's Odd Fellows Lodge, established in 1866, he died in 1873.

New Exhibit Coming Soon

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th constitutional amendment allowing women to vote in all elections, the Center for History is preparing an exhibit of local women in history. Many of these became outstanding individuals in spite of not having the vote. These women have prospered in many fields: medicine, science, education, philanthropy, entertainment, human relations, mission work, and business. In addition, many of them have been homemakers and raised families.

The exhibit will be opening August 1, 2020.

CORONAVIRUS POLICY

The Center for History is looking forward to welcoming you when we re-open June 14. Although things have been quiet since March we have been busy creating new displays and preparing for your return. We will be following recommended guidelines for cleaning and sanitizing and will be working at an accelerated pace to make sure things are safe and clean. While we will not require our guests to wear masks, we encourage you to take precautions that ensure you feel safe and comfortable. Our staff will continue to monitor guidelines and recommendations set out by the State of Indiana and the CDC.

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North Manchester Center for History

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The North Manchester Center for History of the North Manchester Historical Society serves to promote the Society's mission as a nonprofit educational association that collects, preserves, and interprets the history of North Manchester and northern Indiana (the area of the Eel River Basin) from the arrival of the first Native Americans in the region to the present day through the collecting and preserving of books, documents, artifacts and other cultural objects. The Center interprets its collection to the public by means of a museum facility, educational programs, lectures, public events and publications and encourages others to help collect, preserve and interpret the history of North Manchester area.

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