



North American House Museum

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## 2026 Calendar of Events

### **February 22, Sunday 3:30 PM Annual Meeting and Pitch-in Dinner**

**Speaker: Sue Livers** from the Jefferson County History and Art Center commemorating Black History Month.. No RSVP needed. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the evening. For questions, you may contact the Historical Society at 812-346-8989 or [jenningshistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:jenningshistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

**March 8, Sunday 3:00 PM** March Madness Jennings County Basketball in the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. At the Vernon Gym.

**March 27, Friday** JCHS Monthly Meeting 12 Noon at North American House

**April 11, Working Blacksmith Shop** open 9a.m. to 2p.m. Located next to the museum on Pike Street

**April 24, Friday** JCHS Monthly Meeting 12 Noon at North American House

**April 25 and 26 Saturday and Sunday SASSAFRAS AND CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY FESTIVAL** 9a.m. to 4p.m.

Come relive the 1860's as Jennings County lived through the Civil War, Underground Railroad, and daily life in pioneer America. Re-enactments of battles, first person interpreters such as Lew Wallace, Hagerman Tripp, Oliver Morton and others, making pottery from mud (with Karen Chilman), weaving and other crafts, Music on the square, the Blue-Grey Ball, and much more. Famous for its free Sassafras and Tea and homemade pies, this annual event is a must.



**May 9, Saturday** Working Blacksmith Shop Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.

**May 22, Friday** JCHS Monthly Meeting 12 Noon at North American House

**June 13, Saturday Working Blacksmith Shop** Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.

**June 20, Saturday Home, Garden and Barn Tour** 9:00a.m.- 5p.m.

**June 26, Friday JCHS Monthly Meeting** 12 Noon at North American House

**June 27, Saturday Town & Country Homes, Gardens & Barns Tour**

### **July No Monthly Meeting**

**July 11, Saturday Working Blacksmith Shop** Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.

**August 8, Saturday Working Blacksmith Shop** Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.

**August 28 Friday JCHS Monthly Meeting** 12Noon at North American House

**September 12, Saturday Working Blacksmith Shop** Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.

**September 25, Friday JCHS Monthly Meeting** 12Noon at North American House

**October 10 Working Blacksmith Shop** Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.



**October 16 & 17, Friday / Saturday – Ghost Walk and Mystery Dinner** at North American House

Join us for fun of exploring local folklore, ghost stories, and mysteries presented by Jennings County youth around the town of Vernon. The Mystery Dinner serves a full course dinner with lots of mysterious ingredients. (Reservations required for the Mystery Dinner but not required for the Ghost Walk, which runs tours about every 20 minutes.

**October 23, Friday JCHS Monthly Meeting** at 12Noon at the North American House Museum

**November 20, Friday JCHS Monthly Meeting** 12:Noon at North American House

**November 23 through December 1** Museum Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

**December** No Monthly Meeting. Museum closed from December 23 through December 29; OPEN December 30<sup>th</sup> and closed December 31 through January 5 for the holidays.

Events from the Jennings County Historical Society are presented to you in part by local businesses, donations, and mini grants through the Jennings County Community Foundation, Indiana Humanities and in part from the Columbus Area Arts Council, the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. Vernon Indiana is located in Jennings County Indiana, approximately midway between Louisville, Indianapolis and Cincinnati. From Interstate 65 take the North Vernon Exit East on U.S. Highway 50. At the junction of U.S. 50 and Indiana 3/7 travel south approximately 2 miles to Vernon. Vernon was settled in the early 1800's and the entire town is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Jennings County Historical Society is a not-for-profit 501C3 organization founded in the late 1800's and re-established in 1961. Headquartered in the North American House, open W, Th, F from 11a.m. to 4p.m. It was built in 1838 and restored in the 1980's. It houses artifacts and documents illustrating the history of Jennings County with an emphasis on art and local history. The working Blacksmith Shop and a Victorian Pattern House are also located on the museum grounds. All proceeds from donations and events are used for the operation of the museum, programs and projects. Other events and programs will be scheduled throughout the year and posted on the Society's website: <http://www.jenningscounty.org> Or Call us at 812-346-8989