



**North American House Museum**

**Jennings County Historical Society**  
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## 2025 Calendar of Events

**February 27, Thursday, 5:15p.m.** Annual Meeting and Pitch-In Dinner of the Jennings County Historical Society - Our Heritage Inc. on Thursday evening, February 27th, 2025 at 5:15 pm at the North American House Museum in Vernon, Indiana. The public is invited. Following a brief business meeting to introduce the 2025 officers and board members, an educational program will be presented by Emily Robinson, society Board Member and graduate of Gettysburg College. One fateful night in April 1865, John Wilkes Booth made himself infamous, but what motivated him to do it? How did America react to the death of "the Great Emancipator"? And how did that night change the course of history? Join us for "Assassination and the American Brutus." 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 28 Friday JCHS Monthly Meeting 12 Noon at North American House

April 12 Working Blacksmith Shop open 9a.m. to 2p.m. Located next to the museum on Pike Street



April 26 and 27 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, Haggerman Tripp, Oliver Morton and others, pot throwing (with Karen Chilman), Carriage Rides, weaving and other crafts, Music on the square, the Blue-Gray Ball, and much more. Famous for its free Sassafras Tea and homemade pies, this annual event is a must.



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



May 23 Friday JCHS Monthly Meeting 12 Noon at North American House

June 14 Working Blacksmith Shop Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.

July No Board meeting

July 12 Working Blacksmith Shop Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.  
 August 9 Working Blacksmith Shop Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.  
 August 22 Friday JCHS Monthly Meeting 12Noon at North American House  
 September 13 Working Blacksmith Shop Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.  
 September 26 Friday JCHS Monthly Meeting 12Noon at North American House  
 October 11 Working Blacksmith Shop Open 9a.m. to 2p.m.



October 17 and 18, 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 the Ghost Walk runs every ½ hour with reservations.

November 14 Friday JCHS Monthly Meeting 12Noon at North American House

December No Monthly Meeting.

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. Its Headquarters is 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>