



The Mosaic

The Newsletter of the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County

Museum Hours:

Wednesday through Saturday: **10 am-5 pm**

Closed January and February

Additional tours by appointment

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Carnegie Museum Receives National Awards

The Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County is the recipient of an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Leadership in History Awards for the Middle School Curator Program. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. Awards for 2008 represent 57 organizations and individuals from across the United States.

The Middle School Curator Program, created in conjunction with Tuttle Middle School and the Montgomery County Historical Society, has created

three exhibits for the Carnegie Museum, two of which are currently on display. Another exhibit, on local medical history, is in development and will open in March of 2009. The Rockin' World of Geology, an exhibition about geology, local geological features and fossils, is funded in part by the Crawfordsville Monument Company and Town and County Home Center.

The Dreadful Days of Disaster, an exhibition featuring the history of disasters in Montgomery County including drought, fire, tornados and earthquakes, is funded in part by American Water and the Montgomery County Educational Foundation.

Before TV

The Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County presents Before TV, an exhibit dedicated to celebrating life before television. View items from a bygone era and listen to radio programming and music, as well as oral histories from local people. Examine everyday life before TV, practice your penmanship and reflect on how much television has changed the world.

In conjunction with the new exhibition Before TV, the Carnegie Museum will host Family Game Nights on the First Friday of every month, from 5 to 8 pm, through December 2008. Join us at the museum for card games, play checkers, dominoes or chess and view the exhibit.

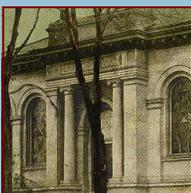
Thank you to everyone who loaned or donated items to the Before TV exhibit. We could not have done it without you!

Family Game Nights

**First Fridays
5-8 pm**

September 5th
October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th

Do you have games you would like to donate to the Carnegie?



Join the Friends of the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County!

Membership Levels:

. Student - \$ 7

Quarterly newsletter, membership card, and invitation for **one** person to special events and previews.

. Individual - \$ 15

Quarterly newsletter, membership card, gift shop discount of 10%, and invitations for **two** people to special events and previews.

. Household - \$ 25

Quarterly newsletter, membership card, gift shop discount of 10%, and invitations for **five** people to special events and previews.

. Industrialist - \$50

Quarterly newsletter, membership card, gift shop discount of 10%, and invitations for **ten** people to special events and previews. Membership listed in Montgomery County "WOW" Gallery.

. Steel Baron - \$100

Quarterly newsletter, membership card, gift shop discount of 10%, and invitations for **fifteen** people to special events and previews and priority option for tours on Mondays and Tuesdays. Membership listed in Montgomery County "WOW" Gallery.

One of the most significant benefits of your membership is the knowledge that your dues and contributions support a local, free museum that seeks to promote **YOUR** history.

The Friends of the Carnegie Museum is a 501(c)3 organization and your contribution may be tax deductible.

Why Become a Friend?

The Carnegie Museum needs the financial support of people like you to enable us to create exhibits and programs and to serve the community by collecting and preserving our shared past.

Become a Friend!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Make check payable to: Friends of CMMC
Mail to: 205 South Washington Street
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Membership Amount: \$ _____

Additional Contribution towards: \$ _____

(circle one)

General Fund Exhibits Programs Collections

I am interested in Volunteering. _____

Currently on Exhibit



Brought to you in part by the
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THE ROCKIN' WORLD OF GEOLOGY

Brought to you in part by the
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&
Town & Country Homecenter

Created in conjunction with
Tuttle Middle School



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Carnegie Museum Mural Project

The Tippecanoe Art Federation has granted the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County a mini grant to fund the supplies for a new mural in the lobby of the Carnegie Museum.

There will be a call for submissions in early October. Everyone is welcome to apply, though preference will be given to current and former Montgomery County residents.

The Call for Submissions will be announced shortly. If you or someone you know would be interested in submitting artwork, please contact museum staff at 765-362-4618.

Mural Submissions Must:

- * Cover/utilize the majority of the wall
- * Be primarily two dimensional
- * Be "G" rated – appropriate for a family audience
- * Feature Montgomery County in some way

If you have questions about the mural project, please contact the Carnegie Museum at 765-362-4618.

Tippecanoe Arts Federation



Senior Skirt Survives "Hurricane Katrina"

"After boarding up and preparing our home for yet another hurricane, we left hoping for the best. But Mother nature was not kind to the Mississippi Coast where the hurricane hit. Our home was about 50 yards from the beach. We waited out the storm at our son's home 1/2 mile inland, much to our surprise during the height of the storm, the storm surge started coming in the house. When it quit rising we were standing in four and a half feet of water. We then wondered if we would have a home to come back to. The next day we got back to our lot, and yes, everything was gone, washed out to sea and inland. We only had a change of clothes with us. What a shock— we had nothing, no house, no cars, everything was gone!

About a week after the storm, my husband and son found my dresser several blocks north of our house in all of the storm debris. When they pried the drawers open they found my muddy senior skirt. We found very few things of value after the storm, but this little skirt brings back all the fond memories of my days at Crawfordsville High School and all the good times we had."

Ann Mahorney Smith
Class of 1961

The Carnegie Museum Welcomes Lissa Fairfield!

Hi, I am Lissa and I have just joined the staff here at the CMMC. I am very excited to be here and am learning my way around the Carnegie.

A little background on me...I grew up in the Midwest. I graduated from Sullivan High School in 19.. well let's just say a while ago (my parents still live in Sullivan). I then went off to Indiana University for an education degree and Texas State University for a degree in educational administration.

I taught elementary school for 10 years then met and married Bill. Since then, I have been concentrating on raising our three kids. After years of living in California we moved the family back to Indiana and a more relaxed, familiar way of life.

We chose Crawfordsville for its history, architecture, and proximity to family. I am still getting to know Montgomery County and its people so drop in and say "Hi". I'd love to meet you.

New Items Arriving Soon!

The Friends of the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County announce the creation of a new ornament and bookmark. Both the bookmark and the ornament are made in the USA and feature the Carnegie Building. They should be available by early October. The ornament commemorates the Carnegie Museum and the fact that the Crawfordsville Carnegie Library was the **first Carnegie Library to open** to the public in Indiana. All proceeds from the sale of the bookmarks and ornaments benefit the Friends of the Carnegie Museum.



Ornament



Bookmark

Carnegie Museum Partners with ShopforMuseums.com to Earn Donations.

It is almost that time of year again! If you are thinking about doing some online shopping, purchase gifts from your favorite online stores this year and a portion of your purchase amount can be donated to the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County at no extra cost.

To begin shopping, go to www.ShopforMuseums.com, type in or select the **Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County** to earn the donation, and then use the links to shop with your favorite stores. The rest is automatic! A portion of your purchase amount will be donated to the museum as long as you start each shopping trip at www.ShopforMuseums.com.

From the comfort of your home, shop with hundreds of national online stores: Amazon, Dick's Sporting Goods, Discovery Channel Store, Target, Best Buy, Eddie Bauer and many more. ShopforMuseums.com provides many exclusive offers and discounts so you'll find savings you won't get otherwise by shopping directly with the stores.

Thanks for taking the time to support the Carnegie Museum!

Brain Exercises: Do they really Work?

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Keep Your Brain Active

Early in June, National Public Radio reported on the efforts of two doctors to help patients suffering from Alzheimer's Disease (AD). Instead of using the latest drugs or a new medical breakthrough, these doctors prescribed a regimen of service and learning: they had their patients mentor children at an inner-city charter school. These doctors are following the patients who participate in the mentoring program, and their hope is that these patients will show a slower cognitive decline than in AD patients who receive more standard treatments. If they are successful, their work will be very important: Alzheimer's disease can lead to a devastating loss of memory, and 1 in 8 people over the age of 65 has AD. If these current trends hold, we can expect that about 10 million baby boomers will develop Alzheimer's disease, thus there is considerable interest in finding effective methods to prevent and treat AD.

While it is likely that the most effective treatments for AD will include drugs and other medical treatments, there is good evidence that a number of environmental factors can influence the development and progression of AD. Specifically, older people who are more active physically, more active socially, and engage in more mentally stimulating activities have a much lower risk of developing AD than those who are less physically active, less socially engaged, and engage in fewer mentally stimulating activities. These types of research finding have led to hope that some relatively simple lifestyle changes could help prevent AD.

There are at least two important problems with using these type of studies to decide what kinds of changes you should make in your own life. First, while people who are more active (mentally, socially and physically) are less likely to develop AD, these activities are not a "magic bullet": there will be many people who are highly active, and still develop AD.

Second, and perhaps more important, is that much of the research we have today cannot prove that our lifestyle is the critical factor that protects us from AD and cognitive decline. It could be that there is some other factor which we have not found which causes people who are not likely to get AD to also be more active in these ways. That having been said, we are starting to see some interesting studies that try to test out the effect of changing our lifestyles on our risk of developing AD or in slowing down the progression of AD in people who have already been diagnosed.

So, if learning might help prevent mental decline and AD, what specific kinds of activities should people do to get the most benefit? Unfortunately, it would seem that there are no specific programs/activities that are available to the public that have been specifically tested on people suffering from AD or mental decline from normal aging. You will find a lot of commercial programs out there that claim to help "exercise your brain" (Brain Age is one such program, which includes a set of exercises you can do using a Nintendo DS), but right now there is relatively little evidence that these specific (and sometimes expensive) programs are any more beneficial than doing crossword puzzles or Sudoku. So today, it would seem that we cannot recommend any specific types of activities to help prevent mental decline in aging, but engaging in some mentally stimulating activity, such as puzzles, computer programs, and even serving as a mentor may all help keep our brains healthy throughout life.

http://www.alz.org/alzheimers_disease_facts_figures.asp

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=91402614>

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Sudoku

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Learn New
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The Carnegie Museum receives IMLS “Connecting to Collections” Bookshelf.

Dr. Anne-Imelda Radice, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), announced that 776 museums, libraries, and archives, representing every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam have been selected to receive the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf.

The IMLS Bookshelf was made possible by a cooperative agreement with the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) with support from the Getty Foundation, the Henry Luce Foundation, and the Samuel H. Kress Foundation.

“The Connecting to Collections Bookshelf provides museums, libraries, and archives essential instructions on how to rescue treasures of yesteryear that they hold in trust,” said Radice. “These Bookshelves, once they are all distributed, will touch institutions around the nation.”

The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for living collections. It addresses topics including the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

For more information about the bookshelf visit www.ims.gov.