



The Mosaic

The Newsletter of the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County

Museum Hours:

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

Additional tours by appointment

Includes 2023 Annual Report

Spring 2024

Opening Thursday, March 21, 2024:

Dearly Departed: Death & Dying in Montgomery County

5:00 to 7:00 pm Opening Reception

7:00 pm Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Carnegie Museum

Dearly Departed: Death & Dying in Montgomery County explores how families have dealt with the death of a loved one. The exhibit tells the story of the people, businesses, and places that support individuals and their families at such times. Come learn about the growth of area funeral homes, changes in burial traditions, and ways we've grieved over the past 200 years.

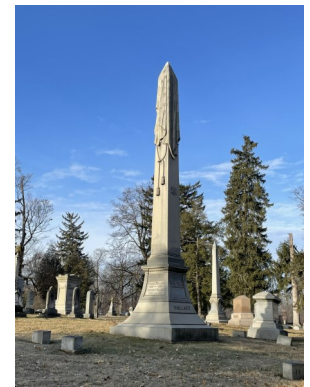
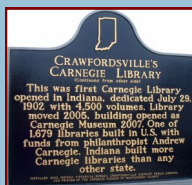
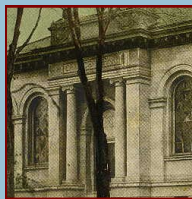
The exhibit will feature mourning attire and jewelry, a c1900 wicker removal basket, spirit photographs, and more. A companion exhibit at the Crawfordsville District Public Library will feature the life and work of Sidney Speed, a local monument designer and expert carver.

The public is invited to celebrate this new exhibit with an opening reception from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 21, at the Carnegie Museum. Light refreshments will be served.

At 7:00 pm, immediately following the reception, the museum will host the **Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Friends of the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County**. Museum members will hear details about the museum's activities in 2023, vote on the slate of incoming board members, and get a sneak peak into what's coming in 2024. All museum members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Carnegie Museum is wheelchair and stroller accessible, and admission is free. Regular visiting hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you!



**Lew Wallace obelisk at
Oak Hill Cemetery**



**The Crawfordsville Casket Co.
basketball team, c1930's**

Become a Friend or Renew Your Membership Today!

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Membership Amount: \$ _____
Additional Contribution towards: \$ _____
(circle one)
General Fund Exhibits Programs Collections

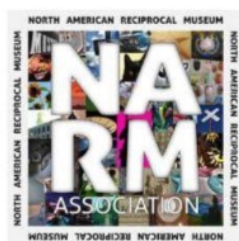
Thank you for your support!

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

Please allow 7-10 business days for membership processing. To pay with a credit card, please contact the Carnegie Museum at 765-362-4618.



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Technology Centers
Passport Program
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NORTH AMERICAN
RECIPROCAL MUSEUM (NARM) ASSOCIATION
For more information visit
<https://narmassociation.org/>

Thank You Friends!

Your support of the Friends helps the Carnegie Museum to better serve the community by collecting and preserving our shared past and by creating

*interesting,
interactive &
interdisciplinary*

opportunities for local residents and visitors alike.

Membership Levels:

Individual - \$ 20

- ♦ Carnegie Museum newsletter
- ♦ Membership card
- ♦ Gift shop discount of 10%
- ♦ ASTC Passport program for individual

Household - \$ 30

- ♦ Carnegie Museum newsletter
- ♦ Membership card
- ♦ Gift shop discount of 10%
- ♦ ASTC Passport program for household/family

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- ♦ Carnegie Museum newsletter
- ♦ Two membership cards
- ♦ Gift shop discount of 10%
- ♦ ASTC Passport program for household/family

Steel Baron - \$100

- ♦ Carnegie Museum newsletter
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- ♦ ASTC Passport Program for household/family
- ♦ NARM Membership for household/family

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2023 Annual Report

The Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County had wonderfully busy, record-setting year in 2023. We welcomed **9,137 visitors**, our highest annual attendance to date, and we hosted many exciting programs, exhibits, and events.

The national traveling exhibit ***The Amazing Castle*** was the talk of the town, delighting our regular patrons while introducing the museum to many new families. Thanks to a grant from the Montgomery County Community Foundation, we were able to extend its run in our community to a full eight months, twice what most locations are able to host, as well as to offer a number of related programs, including a professional storyteller and kids' theater workshop. Also featured in the spring was the exhibit ***Crinoids of Montgomery County***, and then in the fall, we unveiled our newest local history exhibit, ***Unequal and Undaunted: Education and Community at Lincoln School for Colored Children***. To round out the year, we celebrated the fine arts with two art shows: ***The Magic of Water*** and ***Crawfordsville Schools Art Extravaganza***.

On the educational programming side, **Pi Day, Castles & Coding, Eclipse Central, The Science of Brains & Bodies**, and **School Break Science** all drew nice crowds to the museum, offering families hands-on learning and demonstrations. We also kept kids busy in both summer and winter with our annual **Summer at the Museum** and **Photos with Santa** events.

In addition to all of this, the Carnegie Museum welcomed numerous preschool and elementary school field trips, homeschool groups, local organizations, and several author book signings, as well as visitors from all over the United States and the world. It was a great year for us, and we can't wait to do it all again in 2024!

Thank you for your continued support of the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County!

Thank you to the Friends of the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County who served on the Board of Directors over the past year.

The 2023 Board of Directors

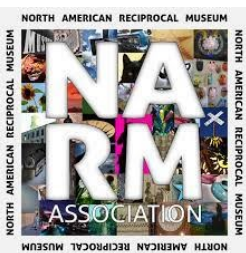
President—Laurie Vellner
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The slate of the 2024 Board of Directors will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Friends of the Carnegie Museum Membership

All told, 442 members paid dues for all or part of 2023!

Membership in the Friends of the Carnegie Museum helps support our exhibits and funds the bulk of our programming. We truly could not do everything we do without our members. **Thank you for being a Friend!**



Did you know the Friends of the Carnegie Museum participates in **two** reciprocal museum programs? As part of these programs, our members are able to gain free admission to hundreds of participating institutions around the world. The **Association of Science & Technology Centers (ASTC) Travel Passport Program** (included in all Carnegie memberships) includes admission to over 300 science centers and museums around the world (outside a 90-mile radius around Crawfordsville and your residence), while the **North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Association** (included at the Steel Baron level) includes admission to over 1100 additional institutions featuring art, science, history, botanical gardens, and more. Visit astc.org/passport and narmassociation.org to find participating institutions and to get more information about these two programs.

Not yet a member of the Carnegie? Join now or contact us for more information!

Friends of the Carnegie 2023 Financial Report

Annual Meeting, March 21, 2024

Starting Balance January 1, 2023

\$65,028.98

Income

Donations	\$ 1,919.29
Gift Shop Sales	\$ 8,180.20
Grants	\$ 11,409.45
Interest	\$ 454.07
Membership Dues	\$ 12,380.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 21.00
Program & Event Income*	\$ 184.00
Total Income	\$ 34,548.01

Expenditures

Advertising	\$ 99.34
Association Dues	\$ 990.00
Credit Card Fees	\$ 325.56
Exhibit Expenses	\$ 8,785.18
Gift Shop Stock	\$ 3,452.35
Grant Expenses	\$ 7,761.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 90.00
Postage	\$ 1,218.90
Professional Development	\$ 1,085.39
Program & Event Expenses*	\$ 3,096.78
Sales Tax	\$ 45.16
Supplies	\$ 528.44
Volunteer/Staff Appreciation	\$ 160.83
Total Expenditures	\$ 27,638.93

Ending Balance on December 31, 2023

\$71,938.06

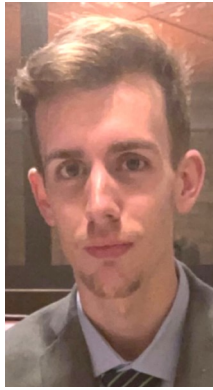
*2023 Programs & Events included:

Carnegie Colors, Pi Day, Storyteller Debbie Gullery's *Folklore & Fairy Tales*, Stephen Morillo's talk on *Medieval Castles: The Physics of Defense*, Cathy Hamaker's talk on *The Good, The Bad, and The Medieval: Dark Ages Art & Architecture*, Spring Break Science, Castles & Coding, Summer at the Museum, Theater Professor James Leagre's Storytelling Theater Workshop, Celebration of Unity, Fall Break Science, Eclipse Central, Making Slime, Spooky Science, The Science of Brains & Bodies, Crawfordsville Schools Art Extravaganza Reception, Photos with Santa, and Winter Break Crafts & Activities

Meet the newest Carnegie Museum staff members!

Braden Acton Museum Collections

Braden Acton joined the Carnegie Museum staff in June 2023. As part of his work for the museum, Braden will be researching and indexing our diverse collection of objects and artifacts.



A Montgomery County native and Tri-West High School grad, Braden received his Bachelor's degree in history from the University of Indianapolis in 2022. He is excited to learn more about Montgomery County history through his research at the Carnegie. In his free time, Braden enjoys taking trips with his dad to visit different historical locations throughout the United States. He'll also soon be planning a wedding – he and his fiancée Ariana got engaged over the holidays!

Welcome to the Carnegie, Braden!

Kelly Wantuch Museum Educator

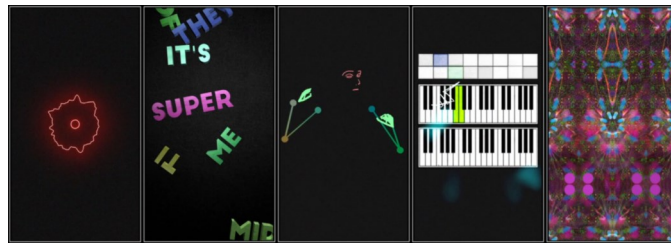
Kelly Wantuch joined the Carnegie Museum staff in September 2023 as our Museum Educator. Prior to this, she's had a rich and varied career journey. She worked in the musical instrument industry where she met her husband Bobby of thirty years. Kelly then owned *Gingerbread House* childcare and preschool where she and her husband homeschooled their children, Katie and Robert, for over twelve years. Kelly later owned and curated *Meridian Street Fine Art Gallery* in downtown Indianapolis while working as a professional artist displaying her work nationally, and she was most recently was a licensed K-12 Art Teacher in Indiana. In her free time, Kelly enjoys spending time with her family, making art, and working on her non-fiction and poetry writings. Welcome, Kelly!



New Exhibit at the Carnegie Museum through summer 2024:

Access Art! by artist Owen Lowery

Can balloons make music? Can words create art? Find out with **Access Art!** Created by Owen Lowery, this special exhibit allows visitors to explore accessible communication as interactive art. In three installations, Lowery invites participants of all ages to interact through speech, braille, color, and motion. **Access Art!** will be on display at the Carnegie Museum through summer 2024. Come be amazed by what's possible! **Access Art!** is presented with support from Wabash College and the Eli Lilly Foundation.

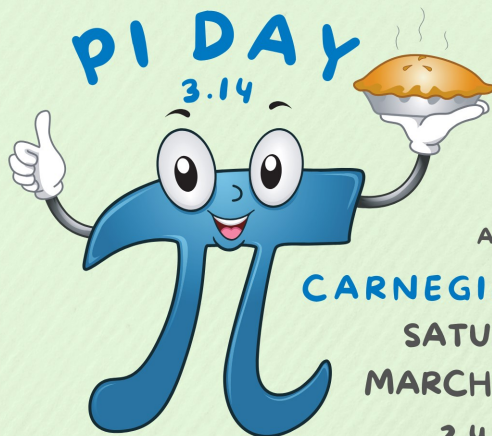


And don't forget to check out Owen's full show in the Fine Arts Building (Dean Gallery) at Wabash College, on display through April 4, 2024! (M-F, 9a-5p, Thurs 7p-9p, Sat, 2-6p)

While we're lucky enough to have three of Owen Lowery's displays at the Carnegie Museum this spring and summer, we want the whole community to get to see his full show at Wabash College! Make plans to visit the Fine Arts building on campus this semester: easy to find, easy to park, and FREE! Owen is super talented, and you won't regret taking the time to see—and interact with!—this fabulous show. The gallery will even be open over Spring Break, which would be a great time to take the whole family. Tons of fun for all ages!

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AT
CARNEGIE MUSEUM
SATURDAY
MARCH 16, 2024
2-4 PM

ENJOY DEMONSTRATIONS AND
ACTIVITIES IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH WABASH COLLEGE PHYSICS
AND MATH DEPARTMENTS.

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Total Eclipse Take-Home Kits

Have an Eclipse Party at home with our Total Eclipse Take-Home Kits! Each kit includes eclipse glasses, an eclipse magnet, educational information, and several fun science and art activities to entertain the whole family! Kits are **FREE** while supplies last. One kit per family.

Distribution March 16-April 6, 2024

Wednesday-Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm

Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County
222 S. Washington Street, Crawfordsville



Kits were created by the **Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County**, in partnership with **Athens Arts Gallery**. This project is supported by the Simons Foundation as part of its 'In the Path of Totality' initiative.

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SPRING BREAK SCIENCE

March 20 - April 6, 2024
Wednesday-Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



**Drop in during spring break for
eclipse-themed crafts and activities!**

Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County
222 S. Washington Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Open Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Total Eclipse Viewing Party!

Monday, April 8, 2024
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Crawfordsville District Public Library Pavilion
205 S Washington St, Crawfordsville

Free eclipse glasses!
Snacks!

Educational info!

**Bring your own lawn chairs
for comfortable viewing.**



Hosted by the **Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County** and the **Youth Services Department of the Crawfordsville Library**, with support from the Simons Foundation as part of its 'In the Path of Totality' initiative.

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Dearly Departed Speaker Series

A Walk Through a Cemetery

Jeannie Regan-Dinius

**Director of Historic Preservation
at the Crown Hill Foundation**

Thursday, April 18, 2024

7:00 pm

Join us at the Carnegie Museum for an exploration of the meaning behind the symbols found in cemeteries, past and present.

Victorian Memory & Mourning

Sheila Riley

Historian

Sunday, May 5, 2024

2:00 pm

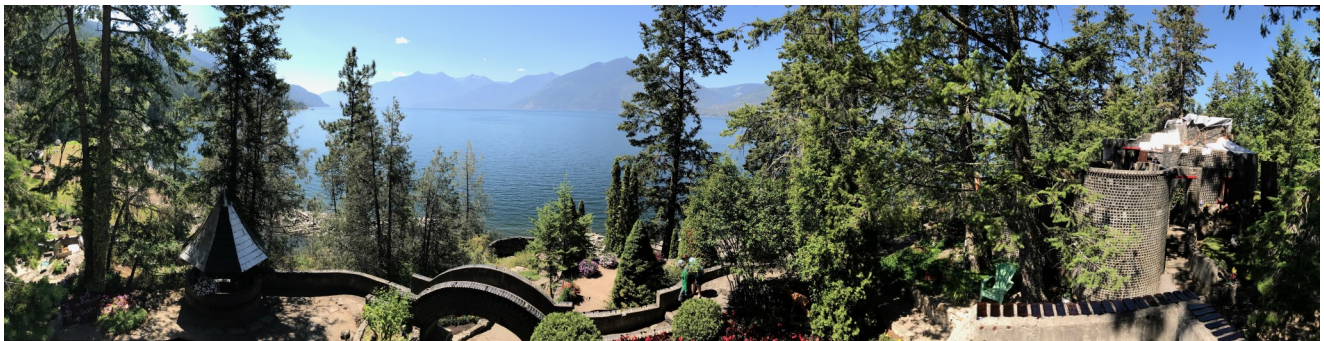
Join us at the Carnegie Museum to learn about the history of Victorian mourning practices and how they are still seen in our culture today.

Be a part of our 2024 Community Art Show—Home!

The theme for the 2024 community art show is “Home.” What does home mean for you? Home can mean “where the heart is” and represent a person or relationship. It could also be a physical or spiritual place with a definite architecture or a more encompassing natural place. What does it mean to have a home court advantage? Has your definition of home changed after the COVID-19 pandemic? Is it a sense of peace or joy or a different interpretation altogether? The Carnegie Museum invites entries on all meanings of home for our 2024 Community Art Show. Entries are due July 1, 2024.

The museum welcomes entries of all types including print or digital photography, other digital arts, paintings, three-dimensional arts, as well as snapshots and candid photos of people or events. Professional and amateur artists are welcome to submit work for consideration. Works will be returned to the artist at the conclusion of the exhibit in October 2024. Artists should send images of their art to Janna Bennett at jbennett.carnegie@cdpl.lib.in.us or call 765-362-4622 to make an appointment to show the work during a virtual meeting or to make other arrangements to view potential art work. Submission deadline is July 1, 2024. A decision will be made by the curatorial team by the end of July on the selection of art to be included, and the show will launch with an opening reception on August 24, 2024.

Be a part of our upcoming exhibit! We’d love to showcase your artwork as we celebrate all the many things that mean home to our community’s artists.



Photograph taken by Janna Bennett at the Bowen Glass House on Kootenay Lake in British Columbia, Canada.



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Janna Bennett, Curator
Kathy Brown, Operations
Kelly Wantuch, Education
Braden Acton, Collections

Thank You to our Family Art Day volunteers!

Owen Bennett
Aleyah Jones
Ariana Liceaga
Pat Miles
Jada Moore
Destiny Peters
Katie Wantuch
Robert Wantuch
Emily Weliver

Lots of Upcoming Events at the CMMC! See inside for details!

March 2, 10 am-5 pm — *Unequal but Undaunted: Education and Community at Lincoln School for Colored Children* exhibit closes

March 16, 2-4 pm — Pi Day

March 16—April 6 (Wed-Sat), 10 am-5 pm — Total Solar Eclipse Take-Home Kit Distribution

March 20—April 6 (Wed-Sat), 10 am-5 pm — Spring Break Science featuring *Eclipse Central!* activities

March 21, 5-7 pm — *Dearly Departed: Death & Dying in Montgomery County* exhibit opens

March 21, 7 pm — 2024 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Carnegie Museum

April 8, 2-4 pm — Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

April 18, 7 pm — *A Walk Through a Cemetery* Talk

May 5, 2 pm — *Victorian Memory & Mourning* Talk