



Merrillville/Ross Twp. Historical Society 2024 Newsletter

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Preserving history for Merrillville and all of Ross Township

Join us and become a history buff!

Check out the Regionology Channel on YouTube!

2024 Meeting Schedule – Tentative

Each date is a Sunday – **Meetings** begin at 1pm at the museum
(13 W. 73rd Ave.) – Refreshments & Programs follow

March 24, 2024 – Meeting & Clean-up Day – 1pm-4pm – Ready to dust?

April 7, 2024 – Opening day for 2024 – Bring a friend for a visit

May 19, 2024 – Meeting; 1pm

July 21, 2024 – Meeting; 1pm

Sept. 22, 2024 – Meeting; 1pm

Oct. 27, 2024 – Closing day for 2024 – Open by appointment, Nov.-March

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**Best wishes to you
all for 2024!**



Left: Once again the Paranormal Club from Griffith High School visited the museum in their never-ending quest to find our ghosts. It is a fun group and we enjoy their adventures. Right: Ruth Markovich along with Jay & Rachel Farrell work on cleaning up our old building. It happens every Spring!

The Paranormal Club visited us twice in 2023 and enjoyed checking out our closets and cellar in search of spirits from the past. The high-tech equipment they carry helped find the hotspots. Every April we invite our members (and all other interested parties) to join us in our annual cleanup activities. Merrillville's first High School building has no trouble collecting dust and unwanted visitors over the winter. Dusting, glass cleaning, and sweeping up bugs are our main activities.

==IT TAKES ALL OF US TO PRESERVE HISTORY==

PRESIDENT

Roy Foreman

VICE PRESIDENT

Martha Foreman

SECRETARY

Kathy Mitchell

TREASURER

Rosalie Pfister

SPECIAL EVENTS

Alice Smedstad

Greatest Generation

Ed Boer

The Merrillville/Ross Twp. Historical Society is a not-for-profit organization founded on July 1, 1967.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES:
Individual - \$10/yr
Couple/Family - \$15/yr

Your support as a member helps us continue! Please contact us if you would like to be a member. Thank you!

Have an item or photograph that you would like to donate? Please contact us!



Last year's Visitors and Main Activities

Alice Smedstad tidies up displays in the Faith Room. Former and current churches within Ross Township are featured. Alice is holding a Bible that dates from the 1830s.



In May we visited the St. Sava Church history museum located within their building on Mississippi Street. In turn, members of the church came and visited us.



Clean-up days and business meetings give us a chance to gather together to discuss plans and visit with friends.

The 'Groundbreaking Black Hoosiers' display from the Indiana Historical Society was proudly available in our main room the entire month of August. We hope you had a chance to enjoy it.



2023 and 2024 mark the 90th anniversary of the Century of Progress World's Fair that was held in Chicago during the Great Depression. Souvenirs and information will be on display all of 2024 at the museum.

