



FRI & SAT, NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2013

Museum Open 5-9 Friday
and 10 - 1 Saturday
Goshen Art Walk - Artist in
Residence in Museum Window:
Brian Whirlidge, Painter of Icons

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013

Maplecrest Country Club
"Objects of Desire"
with Karl Gates
Antique Appraisal Program
12 Noon - Lunch
1-4 Program
Cost: \$30 person
Reservation Required

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2013

12 pm - 5 pm
Holiday Open House Downtown
Museum Open
Musical bands on the street
Horse-drawn carriage rides
Carders

During the Year Just Past

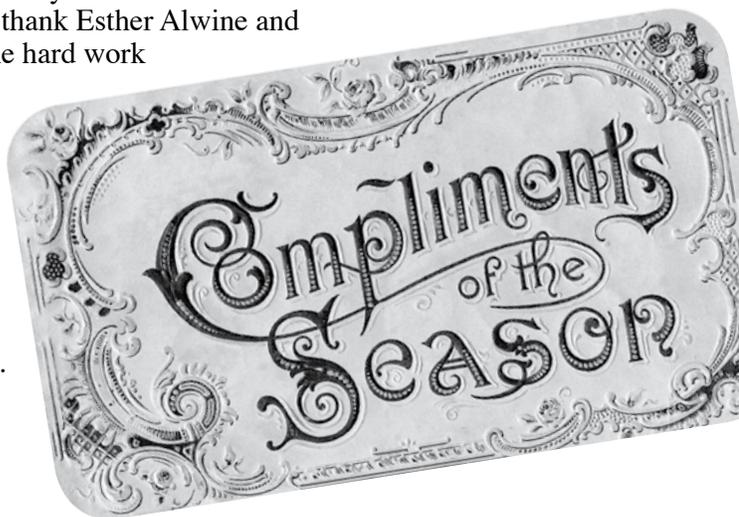
The Goshen Historical Society held a number of successful programs and fund-raisers. Outstanding among them was a program given by Bill VanderMaas about the East Goshen community and the celery fields that predominated that area for many years.

Objects of Desire is our antique appraisal program featuring Karl Gates. Karl has been coming since 1999, most of those years on a bi-annual basis, in March and November.

We also held our Annual Meeting and Historian of the Year Award dinner at Bread and Chocolate with a wonderful program given by Rocco Giglio. His involvement in the musical instrument industry that Elkhart is famous for was very well received.

Just completed in October was our second annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser. It was held at Gateway Winery on Main Street in Goshen and was a fun prelude to Fall and Halloween. Many wonderful baskets were available for bidding and we wish to thank Esther Alwine and Darlene Oesch for all the hard work they did.

The Goshen Historical Society needs new members and volunteers to operate. Please consider re-joining for next year and invite your friends to join also. An application is on the back of this newsletter.



Museum Happenings and Info

With the coming Holiday shopping season fast approaching, please don't forget the museum during your shopping trips. We have a number of books and booklets about Goshen history for sale. Also, post cards and note cards relating to Goshen. Copies of Goshen, The First 150 Years, a 10 year update booklet and an index are still available. Shorter booklets written by members Dale Garber, Lowell Bechtel and others are available for a nominal price.

We again have available a DVD of We're In The Movies, a silent movie made in the 1940's in Goshen and showing many citizens and scenes of Goshen. The price for this is \$15.

Our museum will be decorated for the Holidays starting on Sunday, November 17th during the Holiday Open House downtown. Stop in and visit with us from 12 to 5 PM.

The Goshen Historical Museum is a member of the Elkhart County Museum Association. As a member we are one of 20 sites eligible to be visited by 3rd to 5th grade students on field trips. Goshen teachers can apply to be reimbursed \$5 per student for field trips to these sites. We have already hosted 3rd graders from Prairie View Elementary on a field trip to the museum, the Court House, City Hall and the Olympia Candy Kitchen. It is always a joy to see students become interested in their community and history.

THE GOSHEN NOVELTY AND BRUSH COMPANY

(Located on the Canal and at the foot of West Purl Street)

The company started in business in 1887, making brushes. Later they also made light furniture. The company was incorporated in 1901. The officers and directors were: H.F. Cosbey, president; C.F. Cosbey, vice president; J.L. Mishler, secretary and treasurer. Directors were: Harris Oppenheim, H.F. Cosbey, C. F. Cosbey, Mrs. C.L. Lamb and J. L. Mishler.

In 1905 the company employment consists from forty to fifty men. In 1915 they were manufacturers of a high grade line of light furniture and furniture novelties, art glass lighting fixtures in wood and metal. The lines include library and den tables, desks, book racks, smokers cabinets, pedestals, taborets, stools, medicine cabinets, screens, porch novelties and a beautiful line of portable and ceiling lamps. My guess is their peak employment was approximately 100 men.

In 1932, the company is no longer listed in the city directory. Probably a casualty of the 1929 stock market crash.

GOSHEN CUSHION AND BODY COMPANY

(Southwest corner of Second and Clinton Street)

In 1883 three men by the names of Whitaker, Stamets and Herr organized a company to handle hardware and wood parts used in the manufacture of wagons and buggies. They called it Goshen Buggy Top Company and chose as the location the site of the old Community Cold Storage Locker plant on West Washington Street.

The company kept growing and in 1904 moved to North Second Street. For many years sales were made through catalogs sent by mail to blacksmiths. With the advent of the auto, the business changed and 1924 the firm's name was revised to the Goshen Cushion and Body Company for a period of time the company fabricated tops for touring cars and more than one hundred people were employed at the plant. In the 1950's production was confined to spring cushions for railway locomotives, cabooses, tractors and large road-building machines. In 1954 there were twenty employees.

In 1967 the company built a new plant in the Goshen Industrial Park. The main products continue to be seats and cushions for the recreational vehicle and boat industries. In 1991 they again expand operations. They have 150 employees and plan to hire 85 more over a two year period.

Sometime in 1996 they went out of business.

Oral History

by John Hertzler

In our July/August 2013 newsletter we announced a program "Stories Retold" by Larry App. The program was a wonderful look into how a professional handles recording oral history.

Recently the museum got an upgrade to our museum collections software which prompted us on how to catalog oral history, something we have neglected in the past. This is a whole new facet of our work that we have never thought much about. You will be hearing more about recording local oral history projects in the future.

This isn't exactly oral history, but uses some of the same techniques of information gathering. We have received a grant to produce a documentary of our Elkhart County Courthouse. The famous Lincoln political banner in the judge's chambers isn't always available to see. The wonderful old tower clock works is located past a locked door, up a series of steep steps, with the four clock faces and bell visited by climbing a ladder up beyond the clock works. In between the Lincoln banner and the clock is a tour conducted by a museum docent. The documentary makes all this possible to a much wider audience. The finished documentary won't be available for a number of months. We'll keep you posted on progress.

If you have money burning a hole in your pocket and can't wait for the Elkhart County Courthouse DVD we do have some relief for you.

Some of you already have copies of the DVD "We're In The Movies," originally produced in 1940. It is a great snapshot of that period in time. Additional copies are now available for \$15.00.

This past April Bill VanderMaas gave us a well received talk on our early Dutch settlers into East Goshen, and their celery fields. This popular audio CD is also available for \$15.00.

NOW AVAILABLE

"We're In The Movies"

A 1940's film made in Goshen on DVD!

Pre-orders only: \$15.00 each

*Call the museum at 574-975-0033
or contact online at museum@goshenhistorical.org*



Looking Back 100 Years – November-December 1913

by Dale Garber

November 7, 1913 - A well attended meeting of persons interested in the Lincoln Highway was held last evening in the Knights of Pythias Hall and a local branch of the Northern Indiana Lincoln Highway Association was formed. Charles E. Gorham, who has manifested much interest in the proposed highway and who is always on the "good roads" job, called the meeting to order and stated its objective. The improvement of roads generally was manifested and the organization was completed by the election of these officers. President: Charles E. Gorham, Vice President: Joseph A. Beane, Secretary: George M. Richardson, Treasurer: Putnam R. Judkins, Director: Haines Egbert, attorney: B. F. Deahl. The membership fee is \$1 and it is hoped that every

person interested in good roads will at once become a member. **December 1, 1913** - The Goshen Hospital has opened under the most favorable omens. Melvin Edward Good arrived Sunday forenoon at eleven o'clock, November 30, 1913, and was the first baby born in the new hospital. The father Melvin Good resides in East Goshen. The mother is the former Miss Minnie Myers. She was taken to the hospital Sunday morning. Her physician was Dr. G. W. Kirby. Three more patients were taken to the hospital Monday. They were Miss Saloma Stutzman, a nurse and Ben Davis of 645 North Fifth Street, both typhoid fever patients. Mr. Davis is the father of Miss Blanch Davis, who has been ill with the malady. The nurse has been in attendance. The third patient is Mrs. A. Pippenger

of South Main Street who is ill with chronic Bright's disease. Miss Oxby, a matron has engaged two nurses so far. They are Miss Moore and Miss Campbell.

December 4, 1913 - Melvin Good, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Good of East Goshen who was born at the city hospital last Sunday, died Thursday evening at the hospital. The child was the first to be born in the hospital and the first to die there. Burial took place at the West Goshen Cemetery this afternoon.

December 15, 1913 - The Goshen Ice Cream Company now located at 724 South Main Street will move into a new plant within thirty days. The new factory, which will soon be completed, is located at 317 West Douglas Street, on the canal, near the ice house. It is a one story, cement block structure, 25 by 90 feet in size.

Objects of Desire –

An Appraising Afternoon in Goshen

If you ever wished you could haul a family heirloom onto the set of PBS' acclaimed "Antiques Roadshow" to get it appraised, here's an alternative closer to home.

After numerous successful "Objects of Desire" the Goshen Historical Society is again bringing Karl Gates to Goshen. Mr. Gates is a well known appraiser from Chicago's northwest side. This event takes place on Saturday, November 16th, from 1:00 until 4:00 PM at Maplecrest Country Club. A buffet luncheon at 12 noon preceding the program is part of this entertaining afternoon.

Karl Gates describes himself as "a generalist" in his passion and knowledge of antiques. He has been an appraiser for over 30 years. When asked what's the best thing to bring, of all you might have in your treasure chest, he said, "anything!", however, the time allotted for appraisals allows for only one piece per person. This is an afternoon full of fun, fascination and candid assessment of local treasures.

The price per ticket is \$30. Your ticket allows you to bring one item that you want to know more about. Seating is limited but tickets are still available. Also, any appraisal is for educational value and not for insurance or resale documentation.

Call Ursula Mars at 533-0735 or email dmars@bnin.net for a reservation and ticket. You may reserve a table but not its location. Join us for a fun and educational way to spend a Saturday afternoon.



For more Information call 537-0300

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"Celery Fields Forever"

*The story of East Goshen's early Dutch Settlers
An audio CD of a program presented by
Bill VaderMaas on April 18, 2013*

*\$15.00 each - Call the museum at 574-975-0033
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GOSHEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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As a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit corporation your membership dues are tax deductible, but please consult your tax advisor.***

I am

- Entering (New Membership)
- Renewing My Annual Membership in the amount of:
 - \$12 Senior Citizen (62)
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