



## 2015

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015**

First Friday - "Live and Local"  
Painting in the museum:  
Artist Diane Overmyer  
Museum open 5-9 PM

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015**

"Objects of Desire" (Regretfully  
canceled due to Karl's illness.)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015**

First Friday - "Green Day Frolic"  
5K Run; 2K Fun Walk  
Museum open 5-9 PM

**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015**

First Friday - "A Taste of Goshen"  
Museum open 5-9 PM

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015**

Goshen Historical Society  
Annual Meeting Dinner and  
Goshen Historian of the Year Award  
Waterford Crossing  
6:00 PM Dinner  
Program following meeting  
"Magic" by Jeb Hostetler  
(More details in article)

**FRIDAY JUNE 5, 2015**

First Friday - "Sweet Summer Kick Off"  
Museum open 5-9 PM

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015**

Goshen Historical Society  
Annual Day Bus Trip  
White Pigeon, Niles and Three Oaks, MI  
Reservations available; see page 3

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015**

Downtown Goshen Walking Tour  
Sponsored jointly by the Elkhart  
County Historical Society and the  
Goshen Historical Society  
(Details to follow)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015**

Railroad History in Goshen  
Ron Hoke, presenter  
Details to follow

## Goshen Historical Society, Annual Meeting, Dinner And Historian of the Year Award

*Thursday, May 21, 2015 – 6:00 PM*

The annual meeting and dinner will be held at Waterford Crossing, 1212 Waterford Circle, Goshen (off Regent Drive). We will meet at 6 PM for the presentation of the Historian of the Year Award. Dinner will be served at 6:30, followed by the meeting at 7:30. Following the meeting, Jeb Hostetler will present a program about "Magic" and its history.

Menu and price will follow in the next newsletter. Please call Ursula Mars at 533-0735 (or email at dmars@bnin.net) for reservation and information.

## "Objects of Desire" with Karl Gates

*Saturday, March 21, 2015*

We announce, with regret, the cancellation of our favorite program, "Objects of Desire". It had been scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2015. We wish him the best and a speedy recovery.

## Goshen Historical Society Day Bus Trip

*Wednesday, June 10, 2015*

Reservations are still available to "get on the bus" and travel along US Highway 12 in Michigan. You will travel through the towns of White Pigeon, Niles and Three Oaks and be surprised what you will see and hear.

It's not Route 66, but US 12 has its own history. How about a US Land Office Museum in White Pigeon, a mansion in Niles, and in Three Oaks, a distillery, a historic theater, an interesting library and a meat market that is known all over southwest Michigan and Indiana. Call Kay Garber at (574-642-4516) to place your name on the list! Cost is \$113 per person and includes everything, except what you might buy at the meat market!



## Museum Musings

*by John Hertzler*

Our museum gift shop and our website museum store have Dean Henry's vintage Goshen postcard book for sale. The book is 79 pages of his best postcards, with background information next to each postcard.

Mr. Henry gave us five large binders filled with over 2000 vintage Goshen postcards, a veritable goldmine, with instructions that the binders not be out in the open for casual inspection by museum visitors. Somehow this goldmine needs more exposure.

We have the good fortune of having a Goshen College history major



# Looking Back 100 Years – March-April 1915

by Dale Garber

**March 9, 1915** - The W.W. Poyser house at 120 North Fifth Street, immediately north of the Goshen Hospital, has been leased by hospital authorities to be used as a home for the superintendent and nurses. The crowded condition at the hospital has made this necessary. There are at present six nurses employed in addition to the superintendent, and practically all the private rooms in the hospital are in use. The opening of the training school has also brought several students to the hospital and rooms must be found for them. The hospital will take possession of the house as soon as it is vacated by the present occupants. Several rooms in the house have been in use by the hospital employees for sometime.

**March 20, 1915** – The plans of Reid-Murdoch Company to erect a pickling station in Goshen will be carried out and work on the erection of the plant will begin the first of April, according to representatives of the company. One hundred acres of land have already been placed under contract and it is expected that at least twenty-five more acres will be secured to raise cucumbers for the plant.

The building to contain twelve large vats and a half dozen smaller ones will be erected on ground leased from the Big Four Railroad opposite the Banta Furniture Factory, on the south side of the tracks.

Representatives of the company are making contracts with farmers near Goshen to supply the cucumbers. Contracts may also be secured at the Quality grocery store.

**March 27, 1915** – A carload of machinery was delivered Friday morning to the Goshen College farm located one-half mile east of

the college. At a fifty per cent slice in price, agriculture machinery, including everything from wagons, plows, and binders to the less important items, were listed in the consignment. The International Harvester Company of South Bend cut the price to the belt line with the stipulation that the company be allowed the “privilege” of taking out any machinery and replacing it with newer and better patents. This without cost to the school. On March 1st, Mahlon Hartzler, superintendent of the agriculture department, moved to the new 60 acre farm after the old property west of the college had been sold. Immediately across the road lies another 60 acres which has been leased for the use of the students of agriculture. Old buildings and fences will be torn down and replaced with new and up to date structures and equipment, of which this shipment was a part. The Hawks Electric Company will wire all the buildings this spring and all feed grinders, pumps, etc. will be electrically controlled.

**March 31, 1915** – The garage business has grown in the past few years to be one of the largest and most profitable industries in Goshen. There are at present five public garages doing a flourishing business in the city and from all indications, despite the general financial pressure reported throughout the country.


The business of this year will eclipse the record of any previous season. The number of cars sold so far this year is head and shoulders in advance of the sales of other years. Five years ago two garages were cob-webbed for business in Goshen. Now five with parking accommodation for nearly 300

machines are kept humming every day. To carry on the work necessary involved in operating the garages a force of thirty-three men is constantly employed and this number with the advent of the rush season will be materially increased.

**April 3, 1915** – The Arthur harness and leather store, 113-115 East Lincoln, has been sold by William Arthur to Spillman & Zimmerly, of Indianapolis, who will take possession of the store on June 1.

Both members of the new firm have been salesmen for leather goods and are thoroughly acquainted with the harness trade.

**April 24, 1915** – The Goshen College baseball team will meet the Winona “Aggies” this afternoon on the local diamond. The Winona team defeated the Goshen High School ineligibles last Saturday on the former’s diamond by a 6 to 1 score.




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## Museum Musings

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intern, Ms. Ana Smith, working with us this semester. Her work assignment is to start the scanning process of both the front and back of all 2000 postcards. By doing this we make this goldmine available without exposing the physical collection to the casual visitor.

The ultimate goal is for this collection to be available on our web site, and also on Indiana Memory, a website sponsored by the Indiana State Library. For those wanting to dig a little deeper into this project, email [john@goshenhistorical.org](mailto:john@goshenhistorical.org) and he will send you more information.



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**DUES  
DUE!**

Please check your newsletter address label. In the upper right hand corner there is a date or the word “Life”.

Our yearly membership expires 12/31 of each year. Current members will see “Life” or “12/31/2013” or later. If you see a date some years earlier than this, you may consider this to be the last newsletter you will receive.

# Determining Value and Age

*By Wanda Hoffman with contributions from Judith Williams*

## **DETERMINING VALUE:**

- Condition is critical.
- Original packaging increases the value even further.
- Uniqueness. It's rare to find Disney items made by Disney.
- Remember, when you sell to dealers, you get 40% of the value of the item; when you buy, you pay retail price.
- Books printed before 1868 and first editions with dust jackets are the most valuable.
- Bibles are valuable only if printed before the 17th Century because after that it is the most prolifically printed of all books.
- Dishes that are chipped, repaired, or broken have lost most of their value.
- Furniture can be restored to 30% without a change in value.
- Pocket watches are valued based on their "works" not the case. Pocket watches declined after 1930 when wristwatches were manufactured.
- Cameos with the woman facing left and not "pretty" are more valuable than those facing right, but men and scenic cameos are the most valued.
- Souvenir memorabilia is most valuable at the location that it describes.
- Toys, jewelry and art tend to hold their value.
- Some authors were not only writers but illustrators also and their illustrations became popular. For example, Rose O'Neill's Kewpies, Elsie Clapsaddle's Sunbonnet Babies and Kate Greenaway's Mother Goose characters are examples.
- To maintain wood's value, feed wood from underneath once a year with walnut oil and mineral spirits. Do not use spray polish.
- Dolls – the head is the most important part.
- In quilts, coverlets and throws, the ones with seams are older. The available looms were small to get a large item, the smaller pieces were sewn together. They are most valuable if they are signed and dated.

## **DETERMINING AGE:**

- 1740s is when the Bristol Glass Company in England started making "art glass" like milk glass.
- 1825-1888 is when the Boston and Sandwich Companies produced pattern molded glass. It took the place of sterling silver for the average household. Most glassware manufacturers went out of business between 1955 and 1970.
- 1880 and 1905 was the period known as the American Brilliant Period. Cut glass displayed at the 1876 Centennial Exposition began the demand for this glass. The more cuts, the greater the skill of the cutter. Cutters served a seventeen year apprenticeship before they became a master cutter who could make at least seven different designs. In 1910 to 1912 the top edges were fire finished

- 1837 to 1901 was called the Victorian Period.
- 1868 to 1869 is when blue eyes were introduced in dolls; before only brown/grey was used.
- Late 19th Century – Miniature replicas of furniture were used by salespeople to "drum up" sales in rural areas where it was difficult to get to a store. The miniature replicas were called "drummers".
- 1901 to 1912 was the Edwardian Period, the gilded Age and the last "Age" to be named for a British monarch.
- 1900 to 1920 was the primary time frame for the production of Flow Blue china
- 1920 to 1930 Art Nouveau became popular, although originally it started in France around 1894.
- 1904/05 is an age determination for watches: before 1904 numerals were Roman Style; after 1904 Arabic numerals were used.
- In 1914, the law stated the country of origin had to be marked in English but "Nippon" did not change its name to "Japan" until 1924 when an embargo forced them to comply.
- During 1915 Emily Post declared toothpicks should not be used at the table and soon toothpick holders faded from use.
- In the 1920s rayon was first used
- In the 1930s the wrist watch was manufactured and pocket watches (1890) declined.
- 1900 to 1930 the Arts and Crafts movement flourished in the U.S.
- 1937 to 1947 the era of the "Gift Shop" was began.
- After 1945 dishes were marked "dishwasher safe".
- 1946 to 1953 is the time frame when items are marked "Occupied Japan".
- During the 1950's "Early American" fad was all the rage.
- The 1960's brought the "Danish Modern" fad.
- Before the 1970's German type steins had pewter lids. If the lid is stainless steel it probably dates from the 1970's.
- 1950's to 1970's children's rooms were typically decorated with nursery rhyme characters.
- 1980's was the time of a "Mediterranean" fad.
- Before 1890 doll's eyes were brown only; after 1890 blue eyes were also used.

## **CAUTION:**

- Remember Grandma did not acquire everything at birth; she shopped until her death.
- If an item or its paperwork includes the manufacturer's address and zip code, the item was produced after 1962.
- Before World War II, furniture was sold in "suites". Older teddy bears have a slight humped back and longer "arms".



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