



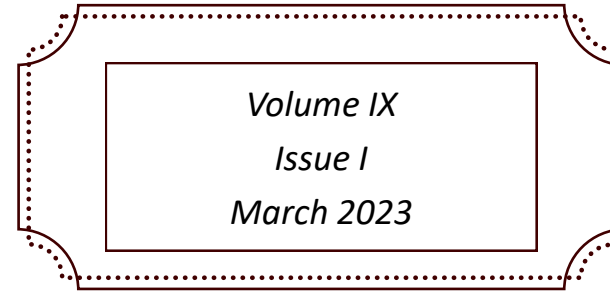
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The museum has been making a decided effort in the past few years to make it more convenient for you, our patrons, to donate funds and purchase from our gift shop.

We started with a "Donate" button on our website, powered by PayPal. This has allowed people checking out our museum the ability to donate funds to support the mission of the museum.

This past holiday season, we were enthusiastic to add the power of credit card purchases through Square. By having our Square terminal, patrons now have the ability to purchase items in our gift shop as well as donate funds. There is currently a 3% fee to use a credit card to help offset fees that Square charges us.



Grants Provide Many Opportunities By Mary Hursh

The museum celebrated a tremendous year in 2022. Over 3460 patrons stopped by to view our displays and buy special historical books and items from the gift shop.

Grants from the Kosciusko County Community Foundation and the Dekko Foundation made many things possible.

Through monies from the KCCF, we were able to buy window UV filter film and new, remote-controlled window shades. We restored two old cases, bought office supplies and funded adult educational programming. One of the special events funded by the KCCF was the annual summer Centennial Homes program hosted by Ann Garceau, board member of the museum. Last summer, Seth Ward and the Chinese Gardens were featured. Archaeology Month, which takes place in September, spotlighted map usage with Mike Kissinger, Richard Stone's Journal with Jim Hossler, and a special family-fun Saturday with speakers specializing in artifact recognition, Woodland Natives, Five Medals, 1750s French marine, flintknapping, and atlatl weapons. The Archaeology Month program, brought to the community by the museum in partnership with Chautauqua-Wawasee, was funded in part by the KCCF and Dekko foundations.

One of the largest undertakings by the director and board members was to design and have printed a new museum brochure, a new logo design, and vinyl signage for the front door as well as the outside doors at the community center.

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Grants...Continued By Mary Hursh

The Dekko Foundation grants were used for hands-on children's events. The grant funded our Youth History Club, classroom visits, crafts during community events such as the annual Easter egg hunt and Breakfast with Santa, hands-on activities during Archaeology Month programs, and field trip visits.

The Kenneth and Lela Harkless Foundation, founded in 2010, operates exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, cultural or educational purposes that assist and cooperate with the Town of Syracuse in developing, improving, maintaining, and preserving environs for the enjoyment and benefit of the citizens residing within the Town of Syracuse and its environs. The salary of the director as well as monthly rent for our space at the community center was paid out of the 2022 Harless Foundation grants.

Through the generosity of the family of Susan Kroh Myrick, the museum was able to purchase a tall case to be used to display the history of local businesses.

Money in the general fund made the purchase of a new printer and credit card reader possible this past year.

This year continues many of the same grants. The Kenneth and Lela Harkless grant continues paying our operation costs. The Dekko Foundation grant will continue to support our children's education programs. The Kosciusko County Community Foundation will help with office costs as well as the restoration of our two remaining old showcases, purchase of new presentation equipment, and the repainting and possible carpet replacement in the fall.

We cannot wait to share in the opportunities that these grant organizations has allowed us! If you help support any of these organizations, THANK YOU!



- June 1—August 3—Youth History Club, Thursdays, 10:30 am
- June 17—Open House All Day
- July 8—Centennial Homes, 1pm
- July 15—Walk Down Memory Lane, 2pm
- August 12—Centennial Homes, 10:30 am
- August 31—Archaeology Month Program, 5:30 pm
- September 1—Archaeology Month Program, 5:30 pm
- September 2—Archaeology Month Program, 10:30 am

The Photo Collection

By Jamie Clemons and Ann Garceau

Since 2012, anyone with access to the internet has been able to take a pictorial walk through time on the Syracuse-Wawasee Digital Archives. Taking advantage of extra time indoors during the cold winter weather, Ann Garceau has added recently found images to the website—Breaking the 5,000 mark! You will be amazed with the pictures you find. Below is one from a 1916 Seth Ward scrapbook. In addition to viewing all of these images, they can also be saved and printed for personal use. The museum only asks that you give due credit as to where the images came from.

The website was created by a partnership between the Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum and the Syracuse-Turkey Creek Township Public Library through grants funded by the Library Services and Technology Act grant administered by the Indiana State Library.

Over the years, faithful museum volunteer Bob Kennedy has continued to scan pictures and documents that keep surfacing. Anyone who may have additional local history materials are encouraged to contact the museum (Jamie @ 574-457-3599) to set up a time that the materials can be scanned.



Unknown, 1916

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Possible picture of the prototype of the Mier car that Sheldon Harkless built.



"The Kangaroo" iceboat, December 1918



Iceboats, December 1918



Captain Jones, 1916
Photo from Seth Ward collection