



# The Brown County Historical Society Newsletter

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## From Our New President

It takes a village to make history. Or a meaningful History Center. Recently, I had an opportunity to volunteer time at the Brown County History Center. Not my usual time in the Archives. The Board was asked by Pete to try to keep the Pioneer Village and the History Center open during the month of October. We are Pete's Board, we stepped up willingly.

Tourists do not come to see us to find their families; they come to reminisce.

By focusing on that, I had amazing conversations, about the Brown County boys that became men through their contribution to war efforts- and in return I heard about how hard-hit Gibson County, Indiana was during World War II and Vietnam. Through his tears, a man told me about his dad that made it 6 days in WW II before being cut down by shrapnel. He told how scared he was when he was picked up at his door after enlisting. And how he went behind the barn and sobbed when his own son was similarly picked up after enlistment.

I spoke to a group about the Liar's Bench- my Great Grandfather is one of those characters that had a real life. I spoke of local artist C. Carey Cloud, a friend and jokester, and my personal promise to him. I spoke of the Pioneer Women and the fun things they do that enrich the BCHS. I engaged with folks as they marveled at Bill Roots' re-creation of his childhood home. And I swept and dusted and rang the (recently repaired by volunteer, Mike Kazimier) schoolhouse bell.

The time was a process in communication. We have a

The mission of the Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and exhibit the history of Brown County, Indiana, for the education of students, members and the general public.



*Pete Bullard introduced our new Historical Society President, Becky Patton, at January's Pitch-In Dinner held January 1, 2024.*

## Resources & Affiliations

Brown County Museum and Old Log Jail

Society's Archives and Genealogical Records

Pioneer Women

## Member

Association of Indiana Museums

Indiana Landmarks

Indiana Historical Society

Society of Indiana Archivists

## Meetings

General Pitch-in dinner 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Grand Hall, History Center

Board of Directors 3rd Monday each month at 9:30 a.m. in Hughes Room, History Center



wonderful opportunity here -- to help others share their stories, to tell our own, or simply to further the work of BCHS. It was relaxing to spend a day here, just as I love the days spent in the BCHS archives. I challenge every member to give this season and into 2024 -- a gift of time. Decide what works for you, one day a week, one day a month, or just one day this year and give yourself to the Brown County Historical Society. You will walk away with wonderful communication- and memories; and you will leave a bit of yourself with all of us.



Our new Historical Society President: Becky Patton

So, I challenge you- even if you have 'done your part', even if you feel you have little to offer, even if you never thought of it, I challenge you to volunteer within your chosen group. Just show up. The ONLY qualification is to bring your authentic self, and a wee desire to see us sustain and grow.  
-- Becky Patton

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

### Norman "Pete" Bullard Lane

*L*et's talk about Pete. Pete has served this group faithfully and is retiring from the Presidency. Alice Lorenz asked board members and past board members for ideas to honor Pete for his service. She thought that there should be better options than a gift card for dinner or another plaque with his name on it hanging somewhere.

*Pete has been a central figure in the Pioneer Village for years. He has been a docent, trained docents, acted as our TV spokesperson on WTIU. When it is time to help with the upkeep and repairs at the village, he is the first to volunteer and organize. It is fitting to we recognize his devotion in a special way.*

*When the brick walkway was installed between The Old Log Jail and the Pioneer Village, Museum Lane was created. We have the approval of the County commissioners to make a change. The signage for Museum Lane will be removed and the path in front of the village will become:*

### **Norman "Pete" Bullard Lane.**

*Delivered by John Main on 12/4/23*



12/4/23 Alice Lorenz, Rob Coulter, John Main, Mark Shields, Ginnvor and Pete Bullard.



## Historical Society Celebrations



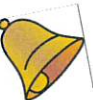
Three-hundred plus merrymakers came out to witness Brown County's Tree Lighting Ceremony held on the lawn of the Historical Society. Forty-eight dozen cookies were donated by Society members for the occasion, with remaining cookies divided between Mother's Cupboard and Brown County Health and Living.

Thank you to the Society members who donated cookies, to Mr. and Mrs. Claus, the elves, and all other volunteers who helped. A special thank you to Dorothy Babcock and Brenda Young: they organized, decorated, provided the music performed by Chuck Willis and Braedon Brown as well as the all important wooden nickels. We hope to see everyone on November 29th, 2024!!

*Ginnvor Bullard (guitar), Alice Susemichel (cello), and Clara Stanley (piano and vocals) delighted guests with sublime sounds of music at the Historical Society's annual Christmas dinner 12/4/23.*



*Ginnvor performed a solo rendition of Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel. Clara sang favorites from "The Sound of Music", among other selections. Bravo -- a memorable and moving performance!*



Excerpt from 2007

Pioneer Women's  
Club Scrapbook

## PIONEER WOMEN'S CLUB

In the early days of the Historical Society, when we were still meeting in members' homes, or later in the Community Building, some of us ladies had the grand idea to form an organization to practice the handcraft skills used by our forebears; to study and/or demonstrate old-time skills; and to support the Brown County Historical Society as resources would permit. We called ourselves the Pioneers and that was the beginning.

In 1965, we started with our own bylaws; had a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Our meetings were small. If we had 12 members present we had a good meeting. The first few years we did real well to make one thousand dollars with our sales at different functions. Our membership kept increasing.

When the Historical Society bought the present building and very generously offered us a place to have our meeting and room to keep our accumulated looms and such, we were very happy. We felt they needed us and we needed them. It was a good arrangement.



For the January program, Donna Marks demonstrated how to knit a winter cap -- in as little as two hours -- just in time for the big temperature drop!

We invite interested parties to attend any of our upcoming programs:

- February 14th - Binding by Machine -- Lu Brunnemer;  
-Machine Oiling & Maintenance -- Julia Crawley
- March 13th - Sassafras Jig Necklace -- Martha Butler
- April 19th - Flower Pouch -- Bobbie Mentzel
- May 8th - Norwegian Style Decorative Painting -- Pete Bullard



You can purchase 2024 Quilt Raffle Chances from Pioneer Women directly or at the front desk of the History Museum. Money raised supports the Society.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanda Lawson, a long-time faithful Historical Society and Pioneer Women member, is now living at University Heights Health and Living Center, 1380 E. County Line Road S., Indianapolis, IN 46227. We're sure she'd enjoy hearing from you. Why not drop her a line?.

## From the Treasurer



<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	
<b>Balance 1.1.2023</b>	<b>31,449</b>
Income:	
Admission Donations	224
Archives	140
BCCF Distribution	5,656
Building Use	13,200
Donations	14,178
Events	1,416
Membership	2,690
Parking Donations	22,613
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>60,117</b>



Expense:	
Administrative	989
Advertising/Promotion	1,353
Archives	2,856
Curator	1,791
Dues & Subscriptions	438
Insurance	11,094
Maintenance	17,282
Other	68
Payroll	18,740
Pioneer Village Repair	722
Professional	1,500
Program	2,794
Refunds for Events	1,950
Repair	6,227
Supplies	1,337
Security	228
Telephone	2,815
Utilities	14,707
Electric: 11,073	
Gas: 1,823	
Water: 1,811	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>86,891</b>
<b>Balance 12/31/2023</b>	<b>4,675</b>

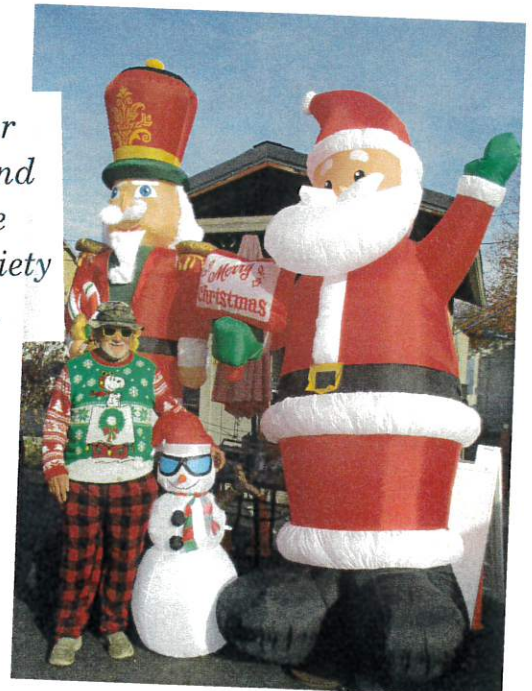
<b>GAMING ACCOUNT:</b>	
Balance 1/1/2023	1,666
Deposits	3,202
<b>Balance 12/31/2023</b>	<b>4,868</b>

<b>GIFT SHOP:</b>	
Balance 1/1/2023	11,442
Deposits	4,173
Withdrawals	2,044
Other expenses	306
<b>Balance 12/31/2023</b>	<b>13,266</b>

<b>PIONEER WOMEN:</b>	
Balance 1/1/2023	7,323
Deposits	10,511
Disbursements	7,582
<b>Balance 12/31/2023</b>	<b>10,252</b>

<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT:</b>	
Balance 1/1/2023	150,983
Deposits	42,700
Interest (3.92%)	4,654
Transfer to Endowment	50,000
<b>Balance 12/31/2023</b>	<b>148,337</b>

*Roger Napier  
raising fun and  
funds in the  
Historical Society  
parking lot.*





## DONATIONS

General Donations

**Donna Tackett**

**Bright and Williamson  
Insurance**

**Alice Lorenz**

**Ellen Carter**

**Nancy Coulter**

**Howard Hughes Legacy  
Endowment Fund**

**Howard Hughes Legacy  
supporting the qualities of  
Brown County life.**

Donations: November,  
December, January

*In memory of Joseph M. Daniels*

*Kathleen, Pamela, and*

*Michael Michaud*

*In honor of Ivan Lancaster when  
plaque was presented naming the  
entry and exhibit hall for him.*

*Alice Lorenz*

*In memory of Ivan Lancaster*

*Gloria Berryman*

*Rick and Brenda Kelley*

*Barbara Livesey*

*Bob and Joyce Shook*

*Rob and Nancy Coulter*

*In Memory of Ruth Reichmann*

*Barbara Livesey*

*Alice Lorenz*

*Bob and Joyce Shook*

*In memory of June Wolpert*

*Rob and Nancy Coulter*

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Ivan Lancaster** passed away on December 26th. He served as President of the Historical Society for nine years, 2006 - 2015. These were important years since during that time, we moved from our home at the old bowling alley to our new home that we now enjoy.



**June (Wolpert)** was one of the most wonderful friends I found when we moved to Brown County. She was caring and loved to share her knowledge of quilting. I miss her every day when I look around my sewing room and see the quilting projects she shared with me and others. --Mary George

*Pioneer Women's Club scrapbook/*

*The Old Bowling Alley Years.*



*Quilt Show Planning 2004, June Wolpert, Mary George Kipp, Nel Hamilton and Nancy Coulter*

## MEMBER NEWS

*We are pleased to welcome the following new members:*

**Mike Kazimier**

**Michael and Rachelle  
Smith**

**Ron and Janet Hollis Selby**

**Gary and Christine  
Eickleberry**

**Rick Albertson**

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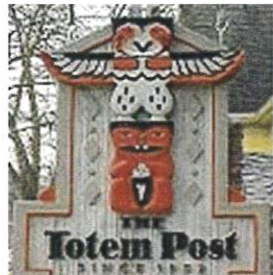


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## 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

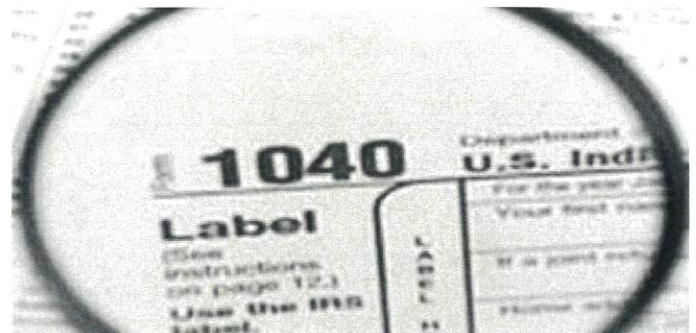
### Officers

President	Rebecca Patton
1st Vice President	Cathy Kazimier
2nd Vice President	Terry Smith
Recording Sec.	Pauline Hoover
Corresponding Sec.	
Treasurer	Alice Lorenz

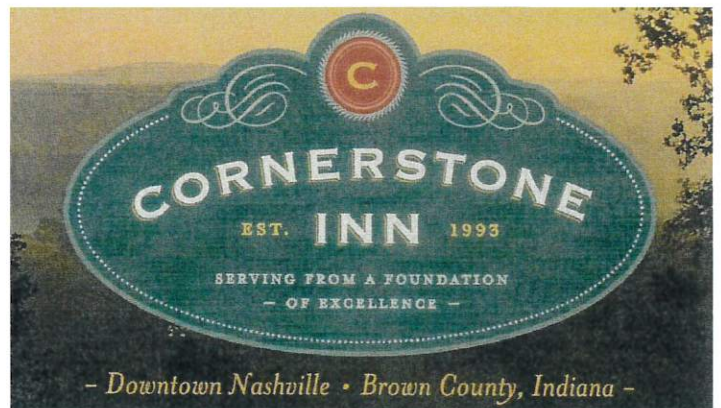
### Board Members

Kathy Shields	Jeff Barnes
Kathy Evans	Jim Watkins
Mitzi Kummerer	Vince Milnes
Jenn Milnes	Mike Kazimier
Krista August	

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**Membership Application or Renewal**

**Benefits of Membership**

- Informative and educational meetings throughout the year.
- Quarterly Society newsletter
- 10% off any gift shop purchase
- Association with others interested in historic preservation

**Categories of Membership** (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Student (under 18) -----	\$ 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Women -----	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual -----	20
<input type="checkbox"/> Family -----	35
<input type="checkbox"/> Business (business card size ad in newsletter & website) -----	100
<input type="checkbox"/> Life -----	1000

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues are payable January 1 of each year. Dues paid in the 4th quarter of the year will apply to the remainder of the current year and the next calendar year. Make check payable to Brown County Historical Society. Mail to: P. O. Box 668, Nashville, IN 47448