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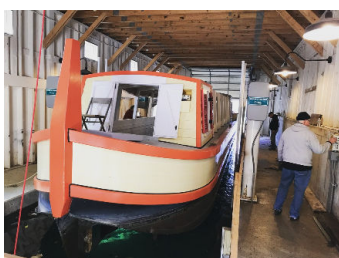
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Winterizing the Delphi



Christmas at the Canal!



Christmas at the Canal comes Saturday, December 4th from 10 am to 4 pm! This is a colorful, festive occasion for all ages to enjoy. Admission is free, and families are invited to explore a variety of fun options: local vendors, visiting with Santa, historic demonstrations and kids crafts in the Pioneer Village, food, and live music!

Reed Case House Tour

Temperatures are starting to fall below freezing, which means it's time to winterize our replica canal boat, the *Delphi*. The boat is 54 feet long, and when fully loaded it weighs 23 tons! We are glad the lifts are hefty enough to keep the boat well above the freezing water, which could cause damage in case of solid ice.



Part of the work involves replenishing the batteries located underneath the main deck. While original canal boats would have used animal power, our boat uses a pair of electric motors. Legend has it that the *Delphi* was once pulled by horses on our canal, but it didn't go very smoothly!



With the tiller (steering mechanism) safely tied off and the ballast tanks emptied, we are ready to bid the *Delphi* a happy hibernation, and we will be looking forward to more nautical adventures in the



For Christmas at the Canal, the Case House will be open for visitors to enjoy **free of charge**. This historic home, built by Reed Case in 1844, was moved to Canal Park 30 years ago. Room by room the whole inside was restored to its original integrity. Docents will lead you through its many rooms and tell the stories of Mr. Case the Canal Construction Superintendent and successful businessman.



One of the many rooms is the formal parlor. Here the stories of *Delphi's* early lime kiln ownership and family connections are highlighted. The decorated home is available for touring. If you have family in town for the holidays and would want a private tour call Mark Smith at 765-563-3349.

springtime when the season re-opens.

Artifacts at the Case House



This beautiful Bible was recently relocated back to the Reed Case House after a stay in our archives department. It once belonged to the family of Reed Case, who was the superintendent of construction along the Wabash and Erie Canal through Carroll County. You can see a higher resolution version of this photo by [following us on Instagram!](#)



When you visit for Christmas at the Canal, you will be able to enjoy the beautiful music of the pump organ in the formal parlor. Our volunteer pump organ expert, Joe, will be filling the house with melodies as you walk through and enjoy the



Outside the beautiful restored Reed Case House in Canal Park. Mark Smith portrays Mr. Case in full costume.

Pioneer Village



Finding your way around Pioneer Village will reveal many historic buildings and venues to enjoy. Cabins will be open for this Christmas event and docents will share stories about the buildings and demonstrate life as it was in 1850s.

history in each room. Pump organs were once ideal home instruments because they are relatively easy to service and operate, plus they are not as heavy as a piano.

Did you know...?



Did you know you could hold your wedding party, corporate meeting, or birthday celebration at the Canal Center?



We offer a variety of options for each different type of event. We offer free wi-fi and can accommodate up to 300 guests!

[Save your date today!](#)



VOLUNTEER
TODAY!



Broom-making would be one of the crafts illustrated by Bev Larson in this cabin between the one room log schoolhouse and the blacksmith shop.



Weaving and spinning are illustrated by docents in the Loom House. This log structure was moved from near Burrows, Indiana, and visitors can even try their hand at weaving if they're feeling adventurous!

If you would like to volunteer at the Wabash & Erie Canal please click [here!](#)

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Bucket making is demonstrated by Peter Cooper. This is a job that requires precision and patience, and visitors can ask questions and watch as buckets are fashioned into vital household items!

Day After Christmas Walk



After you've enjoyed Christmas celebrations, you can walk off those desserts with a narrated hike to the Red Bridge Settlement where you will enjoy a beautiful section of the canal and its relocated historic lime kiln. Narrator Lois Johnston will lead the walk at 2 pm on December 26th leaving from the front of the Canal Center.

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