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# Join The Mission in 2026!

Wabash & Erie Canal Park is proud to offer a wide range of services and amenities to both Carroll County and visitors from afar. Whether it's providing an engaging educational experience for students, maintaining miles of historic trails for all to enjoy, or preserving precious artifacts and an endangered piece of Indiana history, we are driven to fulfill our mission of **preservation, education, and recreation**.

The plain truth is that our operations, such as canal boat and museum tickets, the RV campground, or the reception hall, only cover a portion of the costs to keep this amazing place thriving. Charitable donations are essential so we can continue to provide exceptional educational experiences to young scholars, along with the host of other services we provide to the community. We are able to offer so many accessible options thanks to **your** faithful support along the way. If you haven't yet chipped in your support for 2026, we would love to partner with you!

Click the button below to learn more about memberships, and if you would like to discuss giving with our team, please email [director@canalcenter.org](mailto:director@canalcenter.org) or call our office at 765-564-2870. Thank you for your steadfast support!

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Information for Donors

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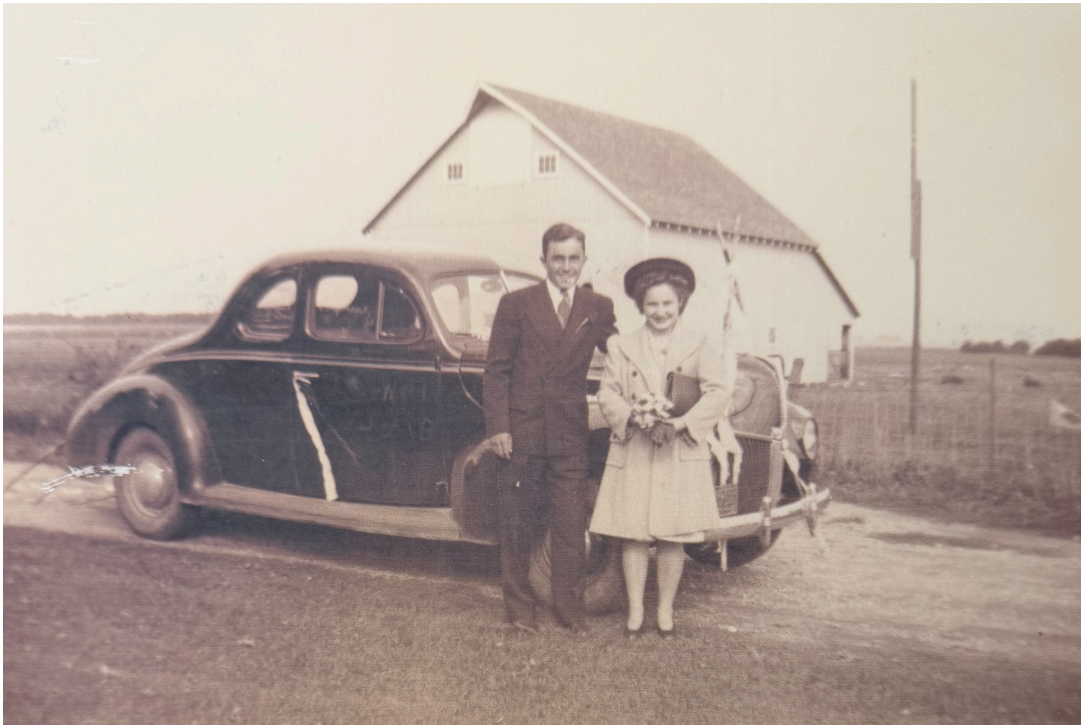
## New Home for New Cabin



A new neighbor has just moved to town! We previously shared about the the Deer-Crone Cabin, the newest addition to Canal Park. This ambitious project is made possible through a generous grant from North Central Health Services (NCHS) and administered by the Arts Federation, plus financial support from Peter and Linda Cooper.

Above, you can see the cabin in its former location in Warren County, on the property of the Crone family. The Crones were the visionary donors who ensured the preservation and legacy of this historic treasure.

Boyd Crone, pictured below on his wedding day in 1942, passed away in 2025, but in his lifetime he invested himself into preserving log cabins and other historic structures. This particular cabin was built in 1830 by Urial Deer, and Boyd lovingly and expertly restored it in 1970. Thanks to Boyd's efforts, the cabin was granted new life, which we are excited to help continue through Canal Park's educational programming.



Over the winter, the cabin was carefully loaded and moved to Delphi and placed on its new foundation at Wabash & Erie Canal Park. Peter Cooper has spearheaded the efforts to see the cabin to the finish line, and you can see the cabin in its new home in the Pioneer Village (pictured below).



Additions so far include a new entry ramp for accessibility, a covered porch for outdoor demonstrations of historic trades, and a brand new cedar shingle roof. Ongoing updates include new electrical service to the cabin, plus reconstruction of the fireplace and chimney, among some other interior projects.

The cabin is slated to welcome new guests potentially for this spring's historic trades classes, and for the opening of Canal Season 2026. We hope you will visit and see the new building for yourself, stepping back in time almost 200 years and getting a glimpse of Indiana's early years!

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## "Get On Board" As A Volunteer: April 18

If you have appreciated or been impacted by the work of the incredible volunteers at Wabash & Erie Canal Park, how about joining us? You are invited to a volunteer fair and tour on Saturday, April 18 from 1:00-3:00pm at Canal Park in Delphi. Whether you are a seasoned veteran or a complete novice, we want to see you there!



The open house will include an assortment of tables with information about various ways you can get connected and serve the community at Canal Park. If you'd like to take a tour of your area of interest, our volunteers would love to show you around. This is your chance to peek behind the scenes and learn about the wonderful work that is happening.

Current volunteers are more than welcome as well! Learning about the different aspects of Canal Park is hugely beneficial, and our goal is that everyone will learn something new.

If you are looking for genuine connection to people and a renewed sense of civic engagement and purpose, Canal Park is the place for you. This special place has been built and supported over the years by people from all walks of life who care deeply about preservation, education, and recreation.

Volunteerism is an investment in your community and the people who live in it. You can make a difference, so pencil us into your calendar for April 18! Please email or call Mike ([director@canalcenter.org](mailto:director@canalcenter.org), 765-564-2870) if you have any questions.



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**Historic Classes Are OPEN**



### **Deadlines for historic classes registration are approaching!**

Have you signed up for one of our historic trades classes yet? Don't miss your chance to learn something new and have a great time while doing so! Click the button below and browse the new skills you can learn. Join us in preserving history in an active way.

You will take home your creations after the classes end, and you'll learn from expert instructors who are passionate about their craft.

[Register Now](#)

Classes range from all-day to just a few hours, and they take place in April, May, and June. There are so many great options this spring, all detailed on our website, but here is a quick list:

- Weaving (April 11)
- Indigo Dyeing (May 2)

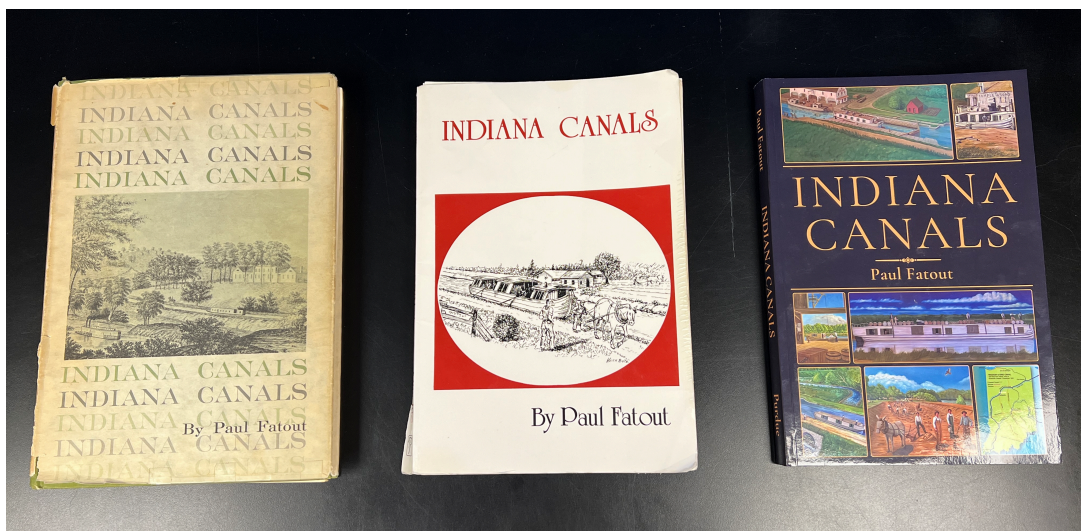
- Piggin Making (May 9)
- Williamsburg Market Basket (May 9)
- Needle Felting (May 16)
- Pine Needle Bowl and Lid (May 16)
- Beginning Spinning (May 23)
- Beginning Hearth Broom (May 23)
- Hand Quilting (May 30)
- Advanced Spinning (June 13)
- Hearth Cooking (June 20)

We look forward to seeing you in class!

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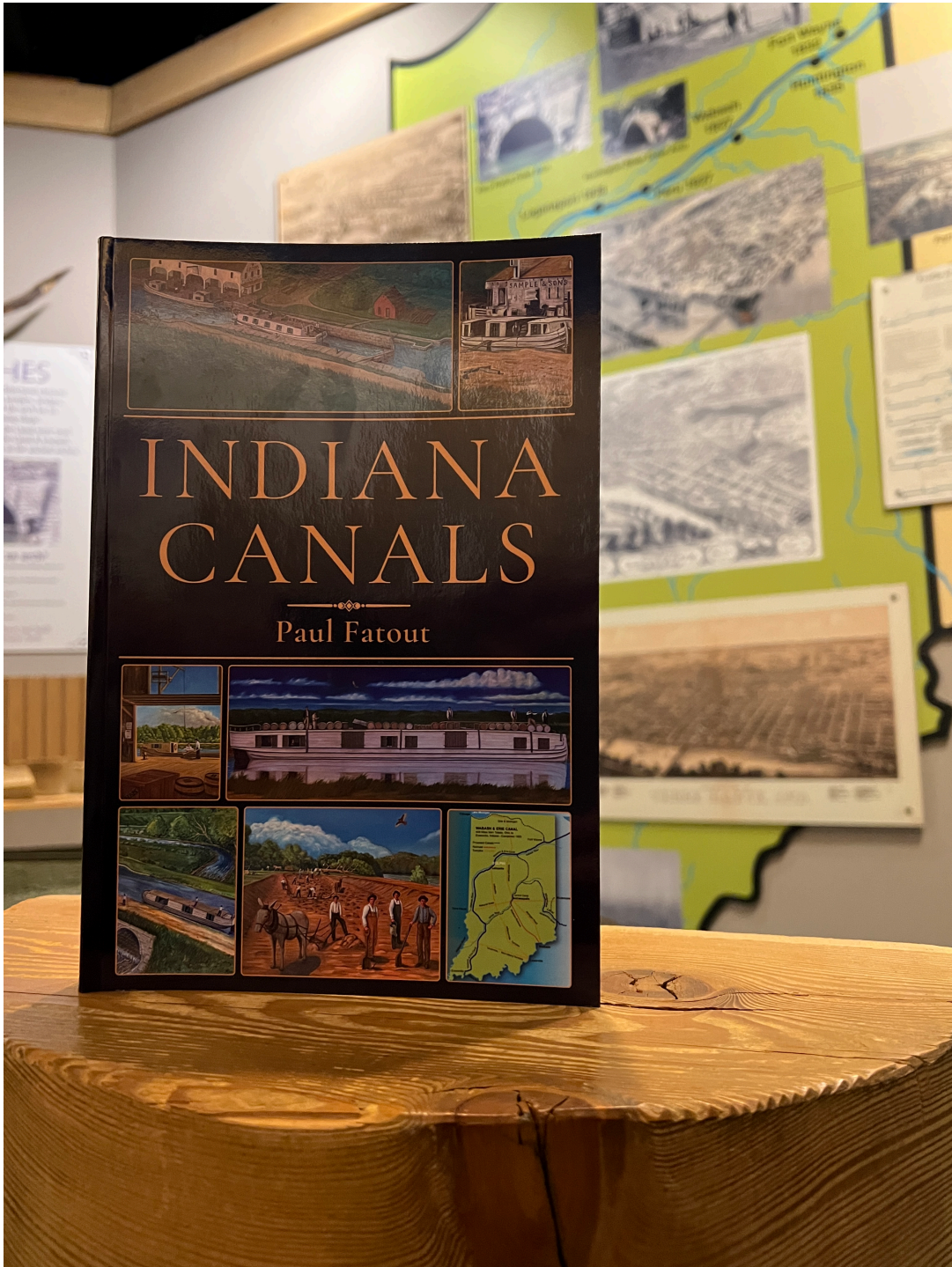
## ***Indiana Canals Revived***

Wabash & Erie Canal Park has brought back a landmark work in Indiana history, thanks to donor support and the Purdue Research Foundation! Read below for more details.



*Indiana Canals* by the late Purdue professor Paul Fatout, recounts the complicated and unbelievable story of Indiana's canal undertakings.

With a delightful balance of humor and historic detail, readers can gain a great overview of Indiana's canal era.



We have wanted to stock this book for years in an effort to promote education about canal history. Unfortunately, it was out of print with no new editions forthcoming. Only a few scattered copies were available

secondhand online, so there weren't many options for eager learners to dive in.

Thankfully, the Purdue Research Foundation generously granted permission for us to print a new version! We have copies available at the park if anyone wants to snag one. Or, you may purchase the book online by filling out an order form via the button below.

[Order \*Indiana Canals\* Now](#)

The cover showcases artwork from the lobby mural of Wabash & Erie Canal Park, painted by artist Terry Lacy. We are proud to add our version to the former editions of the 1970s and 1990s, and we are ecstatic that new audiences can experience Indiana's canal history in a new way!

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## Help Us Build the Future



If you believe in the mission of Wabash & Erie Canal Park and wish to contribute towards its future, click below to learn about becoming one of our valued supporters!

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## Need More Canal History?

The **Canal Society of Indiana** is an amazing resource for all things related to the stories of Indiana's canals. On their website, you can explore historic canal routes laid over modern maps, you can read numerous biographies, and you can browse a wealth of research materials that are top-notch and engaging! Click the button below to visit, and be sure to sign up for a membership!

[Canal Society of Indiana Homepage](#)



**Camp at the Canal**

Enjoy a peaceful getaway while also getting hands-on with Indiana history! We have options for all camping needs, including rustic cabins if you would rather not bring your own shelter!

Winter camping is available for self-contained RV's, or you can book your future adventure today!

[Reserve Now](#)

## Plan an Event with Us!

You can hold your wedding, birthday celebration, corporate meeting, or family reunion in the beautiful reception hall at the Canal Center in Delphi! We offer a variety of options to custom-fit your needs, and we can accommodate events up to 300 guests. Click below to get started with your event!

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## Thanks to Our Sponsors

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