

Events Activities Local History

Holiday Open House

Annual Dinner/Historical Entertainment

Potluck/Pizza Party

Special Events/Teas, etc.

Fourth of July Parade Float

Summer Concert Concession Stand

Munster & Lake County Artifacts

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Genealogy

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Wildlife Exhibit

School & Scout Tours

GhostTracker Tours

Nature Tours

Step Back in Time



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Munster History Museum

Located in the 1910 Kaske House

*on the southeast corner
of Ridge Road and
Columbia Avenue
Munster, Indiana*

*Open the first and third
Saturday of every month.*

Watch for the Museum Open sign.

Limited parking available.

*Brick entrance is just south of Ridge
Road, east side of Columbia Avenue.*

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Munster
**Munster
Historical
Society**

**Moving Forward
to Preserve the Past**



History of the Society

In time to plan for the Town of Munster's contribution to the American Bicentennial celebration, the Munster Historical Society was established in 1975. The first board of directors was comprised of Norma Benoit, Robert Griffin, Evelyn Freese, Mary Martin, Dorothy Tanis, Michael Aurelius, and Jerry Gillespie, who was elected the first president.

After the town purchased the 11-acre site of the Brass Tavern / stagecoach inn in 1986, Society members served on a committee to create a feasibility study and master plan for the Heritage Park property. In 1995, the Munster Park Department restored the circa 1890s Stallbohm Barn and the 1910 Kaske House. In 1997, the Society celebrated the opening of its new museum at the Kaske House with "A Brass Tavern Tea". As long-standing preservation advocates for this historic site, members of the Society actively support and participate in projects such as the 2006-2007 Woodland Restoration, and continue to be involved in plans for the future of Heritage Park.

Preserving the Past

Moving Foreward

The Munster Historical Society

The Munster Historical Society collects, preserves, and promotes the history of the Town of Munster, located in Northwest Indiana just east of the Illinois state line.

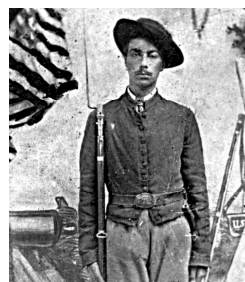
The Society's headquarters, office, and document and original photo collections are conveniently located just inside the front door in the Munster Town Hall, 1005 Ridge Road. Staffed by volunteers, the office is open every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Residents and those who can add to Munster's known history by donating newspaper articles, personal letters, deeds, written anecdotes, or photographs related to Munster's history are always welcome. Individuals willing to be interviewed are especially appreciated. Researchers are encouraged to schedule an appointment for specific research projects by calling the office at 219-836-6530.

The Society, as a member of the Northwest Indiana historical community, benefits from a reciprocal relationship with other local historical, preservation, and service organizations.

Volunteer Opportunities

Members are encouraged to contribute to the goals of ***Moving Forward to Preserve the Past*** by volunteering to serve on a variety of committees, as museum docents, and as participants in the Society's many events, activities, and projects. Events, such as the upcoming 100-year birthday party for the Kaske House, offer an opportunity to celebrate Munster's rich history while encouraging others to become involved in preservation efforts.



Jacob Munster
Civil War Veteran



Munster History Museum

The Munster History Museum is located in the 1910 Kaske House, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. Located on the woodland site of the Brass Tavern and Inn established in 1845, the museum offers an opportunity for adults and children to step back in time to learn about local history and nature.

Honored by the Munster Centennial Committee as a Town landmark, the Kaske House is featured on the Munster Civic Foundation's South Shore poster ***Riding the Ridge***, representing a century of Munster history.

Staffed by volunteers, the museum is usually open on the first and third Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Watch for the "Museum Open" sign!

Opening the door to local history for the young and the young at heart.

