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Farm at Prophetstown a unique experience

By Karen Moyars

BATTLE GROUND - The most basic description of the Farm at Prophetstown is that it's a restored working farm. But that would be an understatement, as it's so much more.

The website is straightforward: "The Farm at Prophetstown offers a unique experience on all aspects of farm life. Programs revolve around the 1920's farms as they began their transition from animal to tractor power.

"The Farm is a training farm for sustainable agriculture, homesteading, gardening, canning, as well as farm-to-table cooking, sewing and quilting. It draws on a wide range of resources such as beekeepers, master gardeners, farm experts, and home economics experts."

The 100-acre nonprofit Farm sits on land leased from Prophetstown State Park. Visitors must first drive through the Park gate and pay an \$8/ per car Park fee before turning on the road to the Farm.



Above, Leslie Martin Conwell, Farm Executive Director, welcomes a visitor to the Gibson Farmhouse.

There is no cost to enter the Farm, but some of the historic agriculture and homesteading arts classes do charge a modest fee for supplies.

The class & events list is pretty lengthy, with 5-8 choices each month during the April-December season, like food preservation, sheep shearing, barn dances, old-

fashioned American radio, goats, wildflowers, heirloom plant sales, "Sounds of the Night Hike" (coming in May), Family Day, beekeeping, draft horses, camping, and crafts.

Wait! There's still more.

Like the heirloom Seed Library started in 2017, that

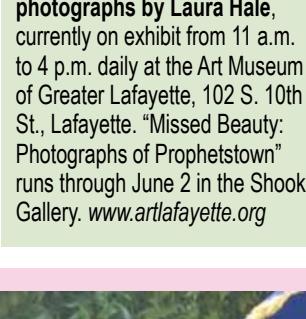
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The kitchen in the Gibson Farmhouse.



The Farm at Prophetstown is an inspiration for many painters, such as Anne Parks, above, who will offer a plein air class there this month. Students can choose 5 classes from 10 available dates, beginning April 20. Cost is \$125 and includes canvas, brushes, palette knives & park entrance fee. To register, call Anne at 765-404-0700 or email her at anneparksart@gmail.com



The Farm at Prophetstown is the inspiration for a series of photographs by Laura Hale, currently on exhibit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, 102 S. 10th St., Lafayette. "Missed Beauty: Photographs of Prophetstown" runs through June 2 in the Shook Gallery. www.artlafayette.org

SAVE THE DATE ...

Concerts, theater, events, local gatherings & more!

BLUEGRASS: Kenny & Amanda Smith Band

DELPHI - The Kenny & Amanda Smith band will play at 7:30 p.m. Sat., April 13, at the Delphi Opera House, 109 S. Washington Street. The Band combines gutsy, heartfelt vocals, brilliant instrumental talents and a powerful, contemporary sense of song choice and arrangement into one of the most compelling new sounds in bluegrass today.

Tickets are \$15.75-\$36.75 at www.delphioperahouse.org or call the box office at 765-564-4300.



YOUTH DAY: Flora Community Center

FLORA - The Community Youth Center in Flora is hosting the first annual Youth Development, Health, and Safety Day to celebrate their grand opening. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., April 20, on Main St between Center and Willow in Flora, including the town parking lot. There will be live music, guest speakers, local food vendors, local business vendors, public safety/social service providers, character meet and greets, and raffle prizes. Free; public welcome. www.facebook.com/communityyouthcenter

HAAN MUSEUM OF INDIANA ART: Sweet on Art

LAFAYETTE - Enjoy sweet treats and live jazz at "Sweet on Art" from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Haan Museum of Indiana Art. Guests will be surrounded by Indiana art and rare antiques as they savor heavy hors d'oeuvres, decadent desserts, chocolates, and wine.

Be among the first to see a portrait of John Purdue by George Winter and a John Purdue sculpture by Tuck Langland as they are unveiled. Guests who wish to can "Adopt a Masterpiece" from Haan's collection of paintings, furniture, ceramic or bronze treasures. Each adopter's name will be displayed in the Museum, next to the art, for a year, and the adopter will receive a picture with their adopted artwork and an adoption certificate. A few items will be offered through a live auction, including adoptions of the Winter and Langland art, or Dinner for Eight at the Haan Museum, prepared and served by the Board, along with a tour by Bob and Ellie Haan.

JoAnn Brouillet and Gary Lehman are the Honorary Co-Chairpersons for the event, sponsored in part by Stall & Kessler's.

Tickets are \$25 per person; purchase at www.haanmuseum.org or call (765) 742-6449.

ARTIST CALLOUT: Art on the Wabash

WEST LAFAYETTE - Regional artists are invited to submit an application to the annual juried art fair, Art on the Wabash.

Applications are due at 5 p.m. Monday, May 6. The art fair is open to any artist, age 18 or older, residing in the following Indiana counties: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, and White. The juror for the 2019 Art on the Wabash is Vandra Pentecost of Indianapolis. Applications at www.artonthewabash.wordpress.com/about/artists/

The 14th annual Art on the Wabash will feature art, food, and live music from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at West Lafayette's Tapawingo Park. Art on the Wabash is presented by the City of West Lafayette and sponsored by KitchenArt: The Store for Cooks.

Canal spring cleanup day April 20th

DELPHI - The Canal Park in Delphi will honor Earth Day with Project W.E.E.D. (Wabash & Erie Earth Day) on Sat., April 20, at Canal Park, 1030 North Washington Street. If it rains, the alternate date is Saturday, April 27.

Past Canal Earth Day workdays have attracted 50-75 volunteers of all ages. Groups like Scouts, 4-H, church groups, and individuals of all ages are invited to help. Children should work together with parents or teachers. No pets, please.

All volunteers should report to Canal Park between 8-9 a.m., for instructions and team assembly. From there, teams will be disbursed with a leader to work a specific site.

Volunteer "captains" will be onsite to supervise specific jobs, and a work list will be available. Some of the work will be in Canal Park but other work will be at nearby locations and trail areas and may require driving. There will be grooming, de-brushing and landscaping, as well as bigger jobs like pruning, raking, bagging and chainsaw work (by adults).

Mark your tools with your name; dress appropriately with long pants, work clothes, work shoes, gloves and other protective wear.

Volunteers will be served a free lunch at noon in Canal Park prepared by the local Psi Iota Xi sorority.

Attendees can choose from lunch or dinner, and before they sit down to eat can browse the selection of



While most of the bowls for sale at the YWCA event are made by area artists, local community leaders like Tippecanoe County Commissioner Dave Byers, above, spent a day making bowls under the tutelage of Clay League President Gail Johnston for this weekend's event. [Above photo/Debbie Lowe]

Clay Bowl project supports survivors of domestic violence

LAFAYETTE - Entering its 17th year, the Clay Bowl Giving Project supports survivors of domestic violence and their families.

The event will be held Thursday, April 18, in the YWCA gym, 605 N. 6th St. Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; dinner is from 5-7 p.m.

Local potters donate hundreds of unique, handmade bowls for Clay Bowl attendees to take home.

Attendees can choose from lunch or dinner, and before they sit down to eat can browse the selection of

glazed clay bowls. Some faithful attendees prefer to amass a collection of bowls made by a particular artist, while others prefer to get something new each year.

Proceeds from the Clay Bowl Giving Project

provide safety, hope, and healing to victims of domestic violence through YWCA Greater Lafayette's Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (DVIPP).

In 2018, YWCA Domestic Violence Intervention provided 9,031 nights of safe shelter to 484 survivors of domestic violence, including



dependent children.

YWCA legal advocates assisted with 446 protective orders during that same year.

Register online or call 765-742-0075 to register by phone.

Registration is \$25 in advance, \$30 day of, and includes a meal and choice of a bowl to take home.

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Public invited to hear 'Lincoln'

DELPHI - The public is invited to join Wabash & Erie Canal members at the association's annual meeting Tuesday, April 16, in the Canal Center, 1030 North Washington Street.

The free program begins at 7 p.m. and features a brief business session, followed by an entertaining guest performer. No registration. Refreshments and visiting with friends will follow. Admission is free.

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Learn about those crucial Indiana boyhood years (age 7-21) prior to Lincoln's success as a prairie lawyer, and through his political aspirations, the Lincoln-Douglas debates, Civil War tragedy and triumph, brilliant speeches, freedom for slaves and much more. "All men are created equal" was more than a phrase from our Founding Fathers, according to Russel's portrayal; it served as Lincoln's clarion call. www.wabasheriecanal.org

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Area events calendar

CANCELLATION:

• **Ross Gay Poetry Reading**, CANCELLED, April 23, Second Flight Books at Market Square, 2200 Elmwood Ave., Lafayette. www.secondflightbooks.com

BOOK EVENTS:

• **Book Groups, Tipp. Co. Library**: www.tcpl.lib.in.us

Eclectic Group: 10am Thurs, April 18, Downtown branch. Adults. Historical novel, "The Last Nude" by Ellis Avery.

Who Picked This? Group: 6pm Wed, April 24, Klondike branch. Ages 14+. Discuss "Too Good To Miss." for middle grades.

Murder By The Book group: 10:15am Wed, April 24, Wyandotte branch. Adults. Discuss Loren Estleman mysteries.

• **Food Literacy Book Club**, 10:30am Sat, April 20: "Folks, This Ain't Normal" by Joel Salatin. Led by Kirsten Serrano, Small Wonder Foods. Meets monthly through June at Main Street Books, 426 Main, Lafayette. www.smallwonder-food.com

• **Backlist Book Club**, "Uprooted" by Naomi Novik, 2pm Sunday, April 28, Second Flight Books at Market Square, 2200 Elmwood Ave., Suite D-7, Lafayette. Drop-in. www.secondflightbooks.com

CARDS:

• **Lafayette Duplicate Bridge Club**, 7pm Thursdays at 5 North 10th St., Lafayette. Duplicate bridge games. Contact Karen Pernan at karen@permans.com or Meredith Rodwell, mhrodwell@netscape.net before 1st visit to verify group is meeting or to arrange a partner.

CLASSES & SPECIAL PROGRAMS - ADULTS:

• **Greater Lafayette Museum of Art**, 102 S. 10th St., Lafayette. New & ongoing art classes. www.artlafayette.org

• **Adult Programs at Tippecanoe Co. Public Library**: www.tcpl.lib.in.us

You Pick Tech Tutorials: April-May, Downtown branch. Staff-assisted sessions at your convenience. Call 765-429-0113.

Genetic Genealogy: 6:30pm Wed, April 17, Downtown branch. Steve Frank, Central Indiana DNA Interest Group, explores pros & cons of different companies and techniques.

CLASSES & SPECIAL PROGRAMS: KIDS & TEENS:

• **Tippecanoe Co. Public Library programs (below)**, for Storytimes & more info see www.tcpl.lib.in.us

Wanted: Teen Volunteers: Ages 12-18, apply April 8-May 17. The 2019 Summer Reading Club needs you. Pick up an application at any TCPL location.

Kids LEGO Builder Dropins: 3-5pm Wednesdays, April 3-24, Downtown branch. Parents/guardians build with kids 8 & younger. Older children welcome.

Mother Goose Time: 10:15am Wednesdays, April 3-24 at Klondike branch; 11am April 15 at Wy-

andotte branch. Babies & toddlers; older siblings welcome.

Lunch & Movie: Fantastic Mr. Fox, noon Sat, April 13, Klondike branch. Bring blanket, snacks, or lunch. Based on Roald Dahl story. **Family Fun Night Bingo Bash**:

6:30pm Tues, April 16, Wyandotte branch. All ages play bingo.

STEAM Gardening (2 sessions): 4:30 & 6pm Thurs, April 18, Wyandotte branch. Kids ages 6+ call 765-447-4774 to register.

Lego STEAM Drop-in: 4:30-6pm Thurs, April 18, Klondike branch, all ages.

• **Craft Your Story - A Summer Camp for Writers & Illustrators ages 10 & older**: 9am-2:30pm, June 3-7, led by Lafayette Writer's Studio at MatchBOX Coworking Studios, 17 S. 6th St., Lafayette. www.lafayettewritersstudio.com

• **Lafayette Barnes & Noble free programs**: For Storytimes & more info see www.stores.barnesandnoble.com/store/2810

Children's Storytime: 11am each Thursday. Free.

GALLERIES & EXHIBITS:

• **St. Louis World's Fair: Celebrating 115 Years**, tours 1-4pm Wed-Sat, to April 20, Haan Museum of Indiana Art, 920 E. State St., Lafayette.

Souvenirs from the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, where the mansion served as the Connecticut Building. Tickets: www.haanmuseum.org

• **New Artists 2019: A Juried Regional HS Art Exhibit**, 11am-4pm until April 21, East & McDonald Galleries, Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, 102 S. 10th St. Highlights work of art students from 11 area schools. Free. www.artlafayette.org

• **Untitled**, Juried Art Exhibition, 10am-5pm Wed-Sat, April 6-May 4 at Athens Art Gallery, 113 N Washington St, Crawfordsville. www.athensartgallery.com

• **"Harken the Hellbenders,"** artist Bekki Canine, 10am-6pm Mon-Fri & 10am-4pm Sat, April 11-May 8, Artists' Own Gallery, 518 Main St., Lafayette, www.artists-own.com. Spotlights plight of the Eastern Hellbender Salamanders. Half of proceeds go to Purdue research. www.BekkiCanine.com

• **'Drawn Together' Art Exhibit**, Lafayette Jeff A.P. Studio Art students, 10-6 Mon-Thurs, 10-5 Fri, 10-2 Sat, through May 2 at Art of Framing, 2505 S Earl Ave., Lafayette. Includes assortment of oil paintings, watercolor, photography, drawing, digital illustration. Free. www.artofframinginc.com

• **Return to Entry**, artists Frances Gallardo, Michael Oatman, Jennifer Scheuer, 10am-7pm Mon-Sat through May 11, Ringel Gallery, 128 Memorial Mall, Stewart Center. www.purdue.edu/galleries

• **Artist Laura Hale**, "Missed Beauty: Photographs of Prophetstown," through June 2, Shook Gallery, Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, 102 S. 10th. Free. www.artlafayette.org

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LAST CALL: Don't miss these unique things to do

• **Poetry as Memoir - Exploring a Childhood Place' with Indiana Poet Laureate Shari Wagner**: 11:30am-3pm on Sat, April 13, by Lafayette Writers' Studio at MatchBOX Coworking Studios, 17 S. 6th St., Lafayette. Fee \$48, signup: www.lafayettewritersstudio.com

• **Classic Movie Sunday**: See the film "Ben Hur" starring Charlton Heston at 12:30pm Sun., April 14, on the big screen at the non-profit Fowler Theatre, 111 E. 5th St., Fowler. Doors open at noon; intermission at 2:30. Admission \$5 at the door; cash only theater. Concessions available for purchase. www.fowlertheatre.com

• **Vinyasa & Vino**, 10am-noon Sat, April 20; signup by April 18. Class begins w/brief gallery talk by artist Laura Hale on her photo exhibit on the surrounding walls. Debra Steinhauer will lead a class for yogis of all levels, followed by sipping a glass of wine from Wildcat Creek Winery. Event partner, Community Yoga, will have info about classes. \$20; to register: www.artlafayette.org

Garden Expo/Plant Sale is April 27

LAFAYETTE - The Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County will hold its annual Garden Expo & Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Tippecanoe Co. Fairgrounds.

Admission is free, and there will be door prizes, more than 30 garden booths, plants, gardening information, a raffle, food truck, the Just Desserts Garden Cafe, a huge variety of heirloom tomato plants, a fairy garden for kids, and a free, bare-root tree giveaway (while supplies last).

Kathryn Reeves will do 10-minute workshops during the day on "succulents in teacups." Cost is \$5 for supplies

Free lectures on two other subjects are planned:

• Reeves also will talk on "Upcycle! DIY Teacup Planters," which will be presented at 10 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. It will present a DIY guide to making small planters for succulents, herbs, and seasonal flowers

• Mickey Penrod will speak on "Alternatives to Invasive Plants" at 1 p.m.

For info: www.tippecanoe mastergardener.org/expo-2019



Narratives: Works from the Permanent Collection

11am-4pm daily to June 2, Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, 102 S. 10th St., Weil Gallery. Free. www.artlafayette.org

From Crawfordsville to Constantiople: Travel Around the World with Lew & Susan Wallace

10am-5pm Tues-Sat until early December in the Carriage House Interpretive

Center at Gen. Lew Wallace Study & Museum, 200 Wallace Ave., Crawfordsville. Free. Visitors also

may also take a paid tour through the "house that Ben-Hur built." One-hour tours \$7 adults; \$1-3 students. www.ben-hur.com

HISTORY & CLASSES:

• **The Farm at Prophetstown**, Noon-4pm daily; 3534 Prophetstown Rd., Battle Ground. Visit 1920s

was donated this year by Angus Ogilvie, a native dancer at the

Feast of the Hunter's Moon who recognized the value of the Seed Library. Other donors include Purdue Extension, Park Seed Co., and the Seed Savers Exchange. Some seeds, like green beans, are still available.

The Farm is presented as close as possible to what a 1920s working farm would have been. That includes keeping about 100 chickens for eggs, raising a few cattle and hogs, and accomplishing a healthy dose of canning and preserving. There also are two sheep who donate their wool each year, as well as resident ducks, horses, and turkeys.

Donors can sponsor an animal to help pay for its feed and care.

The animals are cared for by Purdue veterinarians who bring animal science students out to learn by doing on this working farm.

The cattle and hogs are raised for meat, which is sold to the public to support the Farm. "We're very open about that," Leslie says, as their mission is to present the Farm as it was in the 1920s. But they go to great lengths to treat the animals humanely. A local volunteer breeds the cattle for the farm and when it comes time to thin the herd, he and Leslie

themselves take the animals straight to the processor. "The animals never go to feedlots," Leslie says. "We go with them to see the process through to the end, and make sure they're treated humanely. We're very transparent here."

They also raise non-GMO corn, but not soybeans, which weren't grown in the 1920s. They grow as much hay as they can, because there's a good market for it. Leslie said she'd like to enhance the size of the gardens in the future, and they plan to plant more apple trees.

They doubled the number of their popular Farm-to-Table Dinners this year, but they still sold out at \$50 a person as soon as they were listed (yep, 2019 is all booked), thanks to superb food prepared by Chef Lauren Reed, who also serves as the Farm's Education & Events Co-

ordinator. Lauren's skill (which has been borrowed a few times by the folks at the Super Bowl) has been tested, but not conquered, by a very tiny basement kitchen. But thanks to a grant from North Central Health Services, the kitchen is now undergoing a remodel that will

more than double the space

needed for dinner preparations and classes.

"We're very real here," Leslie says of the Farm, which doesn't surprise anyone who knows that she's also Director of the annual Feast of the Hunter's Moon, an authentic re-enactment of French trading at Fort Ouiatenon.

Part of that reality also is that the Farm does have to play by the rules of their lease with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - no dogs on the property, for example.

But Leslie says it's actually a very harmonious relationship, with each group having complementary skills: "The DNR is expert on prairies and we did farming really well."

So in 1996 the Farm leased the 100 acres from DNR, and in 2004 Prophetstown State Park was opened.

"The DNR is separate, but they are very helpful to us and part of our purpose is to support the DNR. We are partners."

"The DNR does great work creating a whole experience [in the State Park]. The camping sells out quickly, and they do programming, too" at the Museums of Prophetstown.

The Farm, on the other

hand, remains an ever-changing "agrotourism site ... a 1920s working site," Leslie says.

In addition to four full-time staffers, there are eight part-time Farm Operation Specialists who keep the day-to-day Farm running.

Leslie encourages visitors to come out and roam, paint, visit.

"The staff are out at all times for questions" and there are always opportunities available for selfies - which might be the only nod to the present that you'll ever find at The Farm. www.prophetstown.org; 765-567-4700; Facebook: @ ProphetstownFarm

farmstead that highlights sustainable agriculture, homesteading, heirloom gardening, & farm-to-table cooking. Farm entry is free admittance but all must pay \$8 state park car fee at gate (noncommercial).

www.prophetstown.org

Food Preservation: 1-2:30pm April 14. Class fee \$10 - call 765-567-4700 to book your spot.

Sheep Shearing: 10am-noon & 1-3pm Sat, April 20. Watch how ahnd shearing is done.

MUSIC/DANCE:

• **Jazz ensemble Veronica Swift featuring the Emmet Cohen Trio**, 7:30pm Thurs, April 11 at Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center. Tickets are \$20 adults; \$15 age 18 and younger, Purdue students and Ivy Tech Lafayette students. Tickets are available at the Stewart Center box office at 765-494-3933 or www.purdue.edu/convocations

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• **Lullaby of Broadway**, 4pm Sat, April 13, by Lafayette Children's Choir at Christ United Methodist Church, 3610 S. 18th St, Lafayette. Tickets: \$10 adults; \$5 students 18+. Call 765-429-5151 or visit www.lafayettemasterchorale.org</