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The Perry County Old Courthouse Museum is a hidden treasure of our local history. The Museum is home to thousands of artifacts, mementos, and old photos passed down through generations and graciously donated to the museum for everyone to enjoy. The Museum provides an important window through time of how early citizens lived, worked, played, and worshiped here. Names, places, and events now only a memory, are collected for future generations.

The old stone courthouse has stood proudly since 1896 and often we've taken her for granted. For local traffic, the beautiful building blends in with the landscape without realizing the significance of its purpose. I'm writing today inviting you to take another look. Your investment in the Perry County Old Courthouse Museum shows your commitment to preserving our local history and sharing this invaluable resource with others in our community now, and for many generations to come.

Let me introduce myself, my name is Brandi (Schwartz) Hess and I've recently been elected as president of the Perry County Museum. I've been a lifelong resident of Perry County having grown up in an area called Goosetown, and now living near Deer Creek. With every visit I find something I didn't see before that is somehow connected to someone in my family tree. This resource is important to me when I bring my two young sons to show them the old photos and artifacts that were used by the many people that have come before us.

The Museum board elected a new Curator, Lena Joyal, who joins us with a passion for local history and preservation. Lena has a History degree from the University of Southern Indiana and studied closely with Perry County historian Michael Rutherford. Lena is excited for her new role at the Museum and the board is thrilled to have her leadership.

We recently met with the Indiana Historical Society and identified several projects we hope to work on in the upcoming year. We're expanding our services to the community by offering traveling exhibits, reaching out to the local schools, and offering events for the community. Along with the expanded programming, we also have several infrastructure goals we would like to work toward. With electric being the top priority, a new heating and air system, improved insulation and windows, painting, plasterwork, and plumbing are on our short list of maintenance and renovation goals.

The Museum board is excited for the opportunities the upcoming year holds. We want you to share in that excitement by joining us and completing the attached membership form. A gift to the Perry County Museum will help us make the renovations needed to offer an even greater experience for our visitors. Your gift will also help us build matching funds for grants at the local and state level that can help with educational projects or infrastructure improvements.

The next page explains several membership levels and benefits for joining the Perry County Museum. We're a volunteer board of trustees, so 100% of your gift goes toward the museum's operating costs, programming, and maintenance.

Thank you,

Brandi Hess

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First Annual

Night for the Museum

Music • Auction • Food • Wine

Friday, October 21, 2011

Doors open at 5pm, Music starts at 6pm

Featuring Monte Skelton

Jazz Musician from Evansville, Indiana

Part of the Wine Over Water Concert Series

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Tickets:
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Membership Levels

\$25 Explorer Individual: Receive newsletter, 10% Discount in Museum Gift Shop.

\$50 Explorer Family: Receive newsletter, 10% Discount in Museum Gift Shop.

\$75 Pioneer: Receive Newsletter and Perry County Museum Coffee Mug.

\$100 Founder: Newsletter, coffee mug, name on annual Founders recognition plaque.

\$250 Entrepreneur: Newsletter, coffee mug, name on annual Founders recognition plaque, two tickets to "Night for the Museum" event (October 21, 2011).

\$500-\$1000 Philanthropist: Newsletter, coffee mug, name on Founders recognition plaque, four tickets to "Night for the Museum" event (October 21, 2011), exhibit sponsorship for one year.

YES! I would like to join the Perry County Old Courthouse Museum at the annual membership level below:

\$25 Explorer Individual

\$75 Pioneer

\$250 Entrepreneur

\$50 Explorer Family

\$100 Founder

\$500-\$1000 Philanthropist

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Make checks payable to Perry County Old Courthouse Museum

Yes, I would like to help with the Museum activities or volunteer in some way.

Return to: Perry County Museum, PO Box 36, Cannelton, IN 47520

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