

**2023 Proved To Be A Busy Year for
HSBC And The Cragun House!**

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We're excited to announce that we will be hosting a **Cragun House Christmas** on December 2, from 3:00 pm—7:00 pm. The house will be all dressed up in it's Christmas finery with refreshments being served. Guided historical tours will be available after the party from 7:00 pm—close. Tickets are \$10.00 a person.

To purchase tickets, contact us via our website, call 765-483-9414 and leave a message or e-mail us at cragunhouse@mymetronet.net.



Join or Renew Your Membership

Become a **new member** or **renew** your current membership. Or you may want to consider a separate donation to the Cragun House Restoration and Maintenance Fund to help preserve this county treasure.

Complete the following and return with your membership dues to:

PO Box 141, Lebanon, IN 46052 or complete on-line at: www.boonecountyhistorical.org

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Type of Membership: _____ Single (\$25.00) _____ Family (\$50.00) _____ Business (\$100.00)

In addition to our membership, please accept this donation to the General Fund: \$ _____

In addition to our membership, please accept this donation to the Cragun House Fund: \$ _____

_____ /we are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities.

Find our **new** Facebook page at *Boone County Indiana Historical Society*

Visit our website for upcoming events and stories: boonecountyhistorical.org

And you can always reach us by our message line: 765-483-9414 or

Email: cragunhouse@mymetronet.net

**THANK YOU
FOR VOLUNTEERING**

"THE SMALLEST ACT OF KINDNESS
IS WORTH MORE THAN THE
GRANDEST INTENTION."
- OSCAR WILDE

Of course, **NONE** of these accomplishments would be possible without the tireless efforts of our incredible volunteers, and the support of our sponsors and members. We are a not-for-profit organization with no paid employees. 100% of any and all monies received pay for the maintenance of the house; all customary monthly and yearly operating expenses; and any costs affiliated with events.

Volunteer – We can't do it without you! May we add your information to our volunteer contact list? Contact us via our website, our message line at 765-483-9414 or e-mail us at cragunhouse@mymetronet.net

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The house has really kept us hopping! We've seen repairs to the exterior windows and siding, and then repairs to the resulting ceiling leaks in several of the upstairs bedrooms.

The house (primarily the attic) is now finally rid of years of bats and the accompanying mess they leave behind. It's safe to go up there now!

If you hadn't noticed, improvements have been made to the flowerbeds including all the brick edging being reset. Can't wait for this spring!

As with any property, we still have an ongoing and never ending list of repairs - but we are making headway!

Inside the house we've been going through years of paperwork including cleaning out filing cabinets and organizing our resource library.

The business of inventorying and cataloging all the items in the house—which as you can guess is a slow and never ending process—continues.

We've also added some cabinets to better display some of the historical artifacts of the house and Boone County. This has resulted in the reworking of the layout of several of the rooms. A future goal is to open the Cragun House once or twice a month for viewing to the public. We currently offer paid tours by appointment only.

Of course the Cragun House continues to be available for hosting small events like meetings (we have WiFi!), showers, and parties.

We've had some events of our own!

We partnered with *unseenpress.com* in 2022 with the Cragun House being one of many hosts for their Historic Indiana Ghost Walks & Tours. This has proven to be a fun and popular event bringing folks from all over Indiana.

2023 also found us proudly bringing Lincoln's Lebanon Civil War Reenactment & Military Encampment back to the community for it's 15th year! This two-day event continues to appeal to Civil War enthusiasts from all 50 states!

As a part of the 2023 Indiana Quilters Trail Shop Hop, we exhibited our large collection of vintage quilts including those stitched in the 1800's by the Booher sisters of the Cragun House. One of those same quilts went on to win the Champion Blue ribbon in the antique quilt division at the Boone County Extension Home-makers' Open Show.



Guided historical tours available after from 7:00pm - close. \$10.00 a person

Make us part of your Christmas Plans!