

# Cedar Lake Historical Association

VISIT THE *Lake of the Red Cedars* MUSEUM

LOCATED ON THE SHORES OF CEDAR LAKE

## *Escape to the Past*

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## **Cedar Lake Organization Receives Funding for Archives**

*Cedar Lake Historical Association receives its second IHS Heritage Support Grant*

**Cedar Lake**—As they celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation, the Cedar Lake Historical Association (CLHA) is once again recognized for its work upholding the state's heritage. The Indiana Historical Society (IHS) has awarded CLHA with a grant of \$4,949.73.

The funding comes from the third round of IHS's Heritage Support Grants, made possible by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. Grant funds from the Endowment are allowing IHS to award a total of \$2.5 million to organizations across Indiana, in at least five cycles through 2019.

CLHA says its award will be used to relocate its archival library from the second floor to the first floor of its Museum, located at 7408 Constitution Ave. in Cedar Lake. The move was a 2014 recommendation of Ramona Duncan-Huse, Senior Director of Conservation at the Indiana Historical Society, when she performed a comprehensive review of CLHA's holdings as part of the Collection Assessment Program funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

"It's been a goal of mine to better catalog our archives and eventually make our material available for public viewing," says Scott Bocoock, historian/curator of the Cedar Lake Historical Association. "This grant has given me a start in that direction by allowing us to purchase several archival supplies, steel shelving, and a museum grade vacuum."

The museum is housed in a building constructed in 1895 by the Armour Bros., who used it as a boarding house for "ice farming" employees who cut and harvested ice on the lake. During the winter of 1919, the entire building was moved over the frozen lake, where it was expanded and remodeled into a hotel.

Today, the museum portion of the building consists of 14 rooms featuring settings from the past and 11 special exhibits. Nearly 100 years after that historic move, museum organizers say this award will help them expertly preserve the heritage of Cedar Lake for the next 100 years. "Now all I need is an intern to help me

digitize the archives so we can share our collection across the globe!” added Bocock. CLHA welcomes students to consider the museum for a Collections Care or Organizational Development internship opportunity. For more information, call (219) 390-9423 or visit [www.cedarlakehistory.org/volunteer.php](http://www.cedarlakehistory.org/volunteer.php).

### **About Cedar Lake Historical Association**

The mission of the Cedar Lake Historical Association is to bring together those interested in the history of Cedar Lake and those seeking to understand our traditions and heritage through the operation of a museum located on the shores of Cedar Lake in Cedar Lake, Indiana. CLHA intends to be the most vital and energetic town gathering place where residents, researchers and tourists of all generations “escape to the past” and where volunteers help them create memories through unique programs and special events.

### **About Lilly Endowment Inc.**

Lilly Endowment is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. In keeping with the founders’ wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion and maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and its home state, Indiana.

### **About the Indiana Historical Society**

Since 1830, the Indiana Historical Society has been Indiana’s Storyteller™, connecting people to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing the state’s history. A private, nonprofit membership organization, IHS maintains the nation’s premier research library and archives on the history of Indiana and the Old Northwest and presents a unique set of visitor experiences called the *Indiana Experience*. IHS also provides support and assistance to local museums and historical groups; publishes books and periodicals; sponsors teacher workshops; produces and hosts art exhibitions, museum theater and outside performance groups; and provides youth, adult and family programs. IHS is a Smithsonian Affiliate and a member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

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