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OLD JAIL EXHIBIT

Opening September 25

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from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

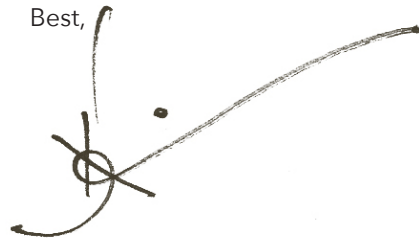
I've had the privilege of hearing great stories about the old, old jail for almost twenty years now. The late Bill Conover told me how the prosecutors used to call the jail the "graystone hotel" thanks to the whitewashed edifice and "guests" checking in at all hours. Wilma Luther shared the Civil War-era cookie recipe her grandmother Della used to bake in the kitchen while her grandfather, Lewis Green, was sheriff from 1904-1908. The late Ron Stevens, a deputy who married Sheriff Les Hine's daughter Margaret, clued me in on how pre-1950s Porter County was a lot like Mayberry from the *Andy Griffith Show*, with the exception that we had eight or nine "Otises" at any given time.

These wonderful stories – and so many more – are the primary reason we will be introducing our first-ever jail-focused exhibit at the PoCo Muse this September. There's no better way to celebrate our building's sesquicentennial and reopening to the public than by letting the jail tell its own stories. Look for more information about our new exhibit on our social media

pages and website in the coming months.

Until then, be sure to plan your summer visit to the MUG to view *On the Scene* before it closes forever on October 10.

Best,



Kevin Matthew Pazour

Executive Director • PoCo Muse & Montague/Urschel Gallery

P. S. – Look for the next issue of *PoCo Muse Magazine* in your inbox and mailbox in late July to learn the history behind great Porter County art and artists!

ABOUT THE IMAGE

Right • Circa 1866 handcuffs used by Porter County Sheriff Robert Jones in 1872. Image by Albert Photographic. 2020.

Metal handcuffs, as we recognize them today, were born with the Bronze and Iron Ages and were "one size fits all" for centuries. In 1862, W. V. Adams patented the first adjustable ratchet design. More handcuff styles were created and improved until the modern design emerged that we recognize today.

The cuffs pictured here were invented by Andrew Rankin of Philadelphia on December 20, 1866. Rankin designed his "improved manacles" with a semi-circle top portion and a hinged flat bottom piece. The bottom piece has a small half loop which was intended to allow the operator to insert their finger to pull the cuffs open when unlocked.

Robert P. Jones was the first Porter County Sheriff to live in the residence connected to the jail when it opened in March 1872. Although he left office in 1876, the handcuffs he brought with him remain as part of the PoCo Muse Collection today.



Cover • Photograph of the door of a jail cell in the former Porter County Jail. Image by Albert Photographic. 2020.

Above • Circa 1866 handcuffs used by Porter County Sheriff Robert Jones in 1872. Image by Albert Photographic. 2020.

JULY

POCO MUSE PODCAST: PREMIER THEATRE

Episode 3 will be available wherever you listen to podcasts on July 15.

In the third full-length episode of the *PoCo Muse Podcast*, we momentarily take a step away from the county jail and go down the street to the Premier Theatre in downtown Valparaiso.

Join podcast host Quinn Albert and Jeff Schultz, official PoCo Muse film critic, in a conversation about the history of the Premier Theatre, which opened in 1921 and closed in 1982. This iconic, family-owned theatre was a center for entertainment and culture for multiple decades. This episode will spotlight some of the stories that it left behind.

AUGUST

OUTDOOR TOUR OF OLD JAIL AND SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE

Saturday, August 7, 10a
Front Lawn of PoCo Muse

In anticipation of the reopening of the PoCo Muse and the unveiling of the upcoming *Old Jail Exhibit*, Quinn Albert will be leading an outdoor tour of the building, highlighting the architectural and historical details of the former Porter County Jail and Sheriff's Residence. Active for 101 years, the brick and limestone structure has quite a few stories to tell, of which Quinn plans to share a few.

SEPTEMBER

OLD JAIL EXHIBIT OPENING

Saturday, September 25, 11a
Old Jail Portion of PoCo Muse

On September 25, the PoCo Muse will unveil the *Old Jail Exhibit*, a new exhibit in the 1871 Porter County Jail. Following a long closure and minor rehabilitation project, the PoCo Muse will reopen the historic jail, bringing its history to life for the first time ever in an immersive exhibit highlighting artifacts and stories connected to it from the last 150 years. Explore the building that served as Porter County's jail for just over a century and learn more about the lives of those who lived, worked, and were imprisoned there.

MEMBERS' PREVIEW
Thursday, September 23, 4-7p



Image • A photograph of the still-functional jail keys from 1949 of the former Porter County Jail. Image by Albert Photographic. 2020.



Left • Photograph of the Premier Theatre Marquee. 1978.

One of the most recognizable features of the Premier Theatre was its marquee. This photograph from the 1978 captures the marquee advertising the film from that summer, *Jaws 2*. Notice the paraphrase of the famous and oft-parodied tagline, "Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water."

Right • Postcard with drawing of Premier Theatre by Marlies Glickauf. 1981.

The Premier Theatre captured the hearts of Porter County for decades before closing in 1982. This sketch by Marlies Gilckauf, completed the year before Premier's closure, demonstrates the affection that many held for this beloved theatre.

Tune into the upcoming July episode of the PoCo Muse Podcast to learn more about the history of the Premier Theatre.



JULY

POCO MUSE MAGAZINE: MORE FROM THE ART COLLECTION

Members should check their mailboxes for print and digital copies of PoCo Muse Magazine in late July.

The summer issue of *PoCo Muse Magazine* will dive a little deeper into the life and work of a few regional artists, including Avery Weaver and Edna Agar.

Other topics include a closer look at our Henry H. Cross "fish" painting and an exploration of the artistic process behind marquetry.

Right • Detail of "Self Portrait," Edna Agar. Circa 1940s. Watercolor on paper.

AUGUST

TOUR OF "ON THE SCENE" EXHIBIT WITH THE CURATOR

Saturday, August 14, 4p
Montague/Urschel Gallery

Join Theanoe Christos, chief curator of *On the Scene: Selections from the Permanent Collection*, for an in-depth guided tour. Learn first-hand how Theanoe's research and discovery laid the groundwork for this exhibition and hear about a few of the processes used to create the works of art.

This member-exclusive tour is ticketed, so be sure to reserve your spot with Quinn Albert by email at quinn@pocomuse.org or call (219) 510.1836.

SEPTEMBER

POP-UP ART DISPLAY Beginning September 2 *Montague/Urschel Gallery*

To celebrate the end of a successful summer run for *On the Scene*, we are pulling additional works of art from our collection and presenting them alongside the works already on display. Plan your visit to catch a glimpse of this "pop up" and view these rarely-seen pieces (two of which are featured on the next pages)!

Remember the MUG is open until 7p on Thursdays until Labor Day thanks to a gift made in memory of Vince & Ida May Montague.





Left • Detail of "Wild Flowers," Hazel Hannell, circa 1938. Woodblock print on paper.

Hazel Hannell spent much of her life in a home and studio in Furnessville, nestled into the woodland surrounding the Indiana Dunes. In her time living in the Dunes, Hazel fell in love with the area's beauty and endeavored to preserve Indiana's remaining duneland. This woodblock print features spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*), a wildflower native to the Dunes.

Right • "Black Mesa," Jacob Howard Euston, 1940. Drypoint on paper.

Jacob Howard Euston was one of the multitude of Chicago artists who devoted time to depicting the Indiana Dunes in the early- to mid-twentieth-century. Euston, however, also traveled and worked in the west, shown here by his drypoint on paper of Oklahoma's Black Mesa.

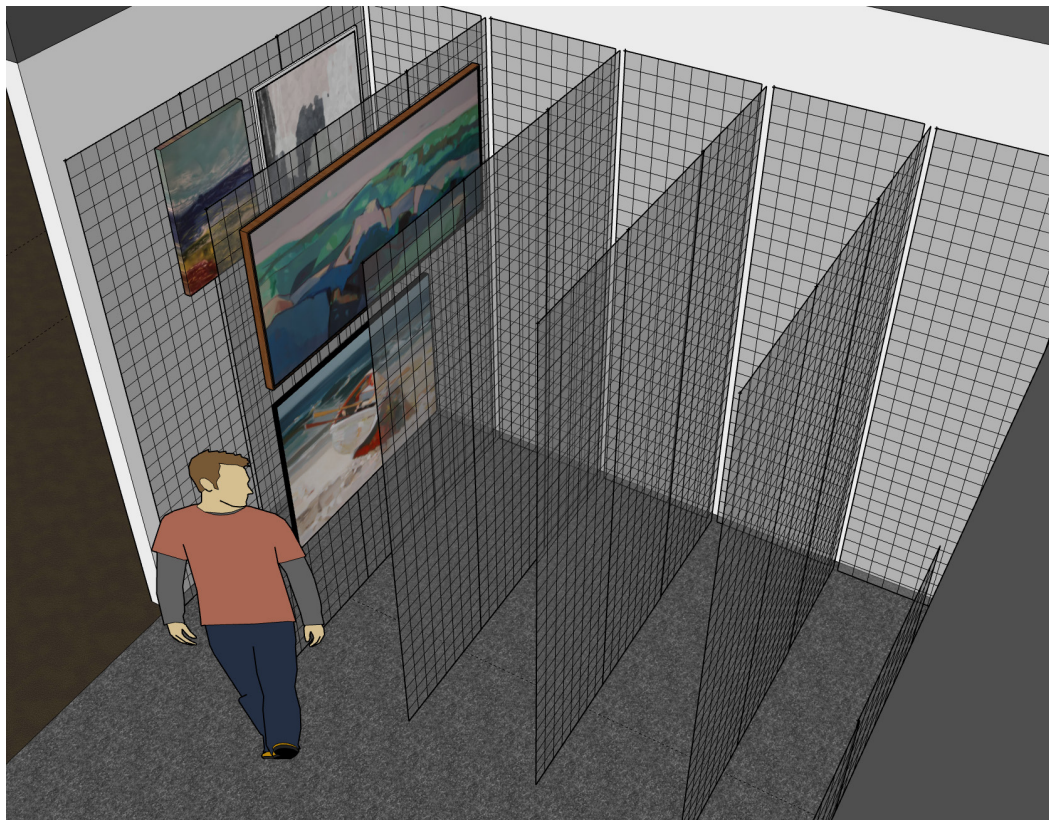


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SPECIAL GIFTS

Have you ever considered making a special gift to support something specific at the PoCo Muse? Visit mypoco.org/special-gifts to view different opportunities that exist to help us educate, enrich, and inspire the Porter County communities we serve. Appreciate art and artifacts? Make a special gift to help us care for all of the artworks and objects in our collection. Special restricted gifts have allowed us to move forward with projects like our new art storage area inside the Montague/Urschel Gallery, which provides a safe, secure, climate-controlled environment for our local art. Your generosity in all its forms helps make the PoCo Muse a better institution for everyone.

Right • A digital rendering of the new art collection storage system for the Montague/Urschel Gallery.



MEMBERSHIP *benefits*

Number of people receiving benefits at each level:

1	2	4	1	2	4
\$40	\$75	\$125	\$36	\$64	\$110

Subscription to <i>PoCo Muse Magazine</i>	PRINT	DIGITAL
Seasonal subscription to the <i>Muse News</i> newsletter	PRINT	DIGITAL
<i>Musings</i> e-mail updates and members-only digital content	●	●
Discounts on select events, programs, and tours	●	●
Exclusive members-only hours to view exhibits	●	●
Invitation to exhibit preview receptions*	●	●
Use of the <i>Slagle Members' Lounge</i> during visits*	●	●
Access to the museum's archives via staff help	●	●
Complimentary membership to the <i>Time Travelers</i> reciprocal membership network	●	●

*This benefit is not currently available due to the pandemic.

STANDARD

DIGITAL

**ON THE SCENE:
SELECTIONS FROM THE
PERMANENT COLLECTION**

Thru October 10
Montague/Urschel Gallery

This inaugural exhibition presents never-before-displayed artwork from the PoCo Muse Collection which demonstrates the rich, complex, and meaningful ways that regional artists perceive their world. On display now through October 10, 2021.

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general **INFORMATION**

POCO MUSE

153 S Franklin Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383
(219) 465.3595, pocomuse.org

The award-winning PoCo Muse maintains free general admission as this area's oldest institution devoted to the history and culture of Porter County.

**MONTAGUE/URSCHEL
GALLERY (MUG)**

20 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383
(219) 510.1836

Accessible by door on the south façade, the Montague/Urschel Gallery – also known as the MUG – is the art museum of the PoCo Muse.

MUG Hours:

Thursday - Sunday, 11a until 4p.

Members and their guests receive special access from 10-11a during every normal day of operation. The MUG is open late on Thursdays until 7p between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

MISSION

We engage Porter County's rich past with its evolving present to educate, enrich, and inspire our communities.

RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT

The PoCo Muse would not be possible without the ongoing support of the Porter County Commissioners and Porter County Council.

POCO MUSE FOUNDATION

20 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383
(219) 510.1916

The PoCo Muse Foundation is a recognized 501(c)3 organization that supports the PoCo Muse and the MUG.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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VOLUNTEER

Would you like to volunteer at the PoCo Muse or the MUG? Email your interests and availability to Quinn Albert at quinn@pocomuse.org.

DONATE AN ARTIFACT

Start the process of donating an artifact by visiting pocomuse.org/donate-an-artifact. Email Asa Kerr at asa@pocomuse.org with any questions.

WHY CONTRIBUTE?

Monetary gifts made to the PoCo Muse Foundation enable our employees to create mission-driven programs and exhibits, preserve our vast collection of artifacts, and engage the public in ways that make our museums exceptional.

MAKE A GIFT

Visit pocomuse.org/donate to make a gift online or mail a check to the PoCo Muse Foundation.



CALENDAR *of events*

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