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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**"Old Fashioned Christmas"  
at the Canal**

**Sat., Dec. 10, 10am-5pm**

**Sun., Dec. 11, 12-4pm**

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### Apple Dumplings On Sale Now!

Enjoy a fall treat and support the Canal Association when you purchase our homemade apple dumplings for just \$2.50 each. Buy them frozen and bake them fresh on demand. **They are perfect to keep on hand for the holidays!**



Sugar-free (Splenda) dumplings are also available. Buy frozen dumplings at the Canal Center (open daily, 1-4pm) until they run out. They can also be purchased from any board member.

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## Getting Ready For Cool Weather

*Volunteers Chink Logs On Fouts Home*

Don't miss our annual event!  
Enjoy the sights, sounds and  
smells of Christmas  
throughout Pioneer Village  
and the Canal Center. Find  
food and unique gifts for sale.

[More details>](#)

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## **BIKE AND BOAT RENTAL!**

[Noble Bikes at the Canal](#) is  
now open by appointment  
only until spring of 2012,  
when normal hours will  
resume. **Look for their tasty  
sandwiches at the Canal  
Christmas event!**



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## **HELP US CREATE THE TOTAL CANAL EXPERIENCE!**



Bring history alive by  
sponsoring an exhibit or  
interpretive panel.

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## **BECOME A MEMBER**

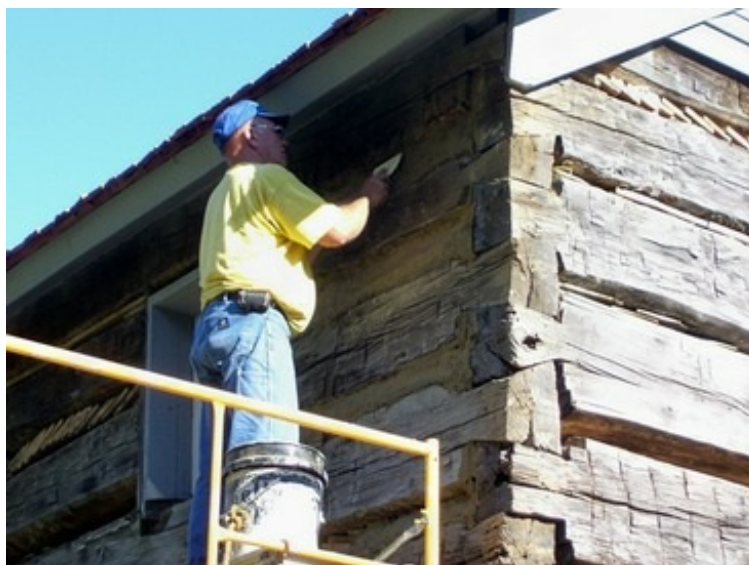
Your financial partnership  
restores and preserves a



Al Auffart chinks between logs on the Fouts Home. Notice the  
blocks of wood that are wedged into the space between logs, then  
covered with the "mud."



Long-time volunteers, Bill and Pat Draper, watch as the MWF crew  
works on filling the space between the logs.



Dave Smith places mortar on the spaces of the second floor.

rare, important piece of early American history and provides hands-on learning opportunities for people of all ages.

**There's still time to pay 2011 membership!**

[Find out more>](#)

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## **VOLUNTEER**



Do you enjoy sharing history with others? We need docents to take groups on guided tours throughout the year. **To find out more, contact us at 765.564.2870.**

**We have many volunteer opportunities to suit your skills and time!**

[Find out more>](#)

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Vern Cripe mixes mortar as the MWF crew tackles the process of "chinking" to fill the spaces between logs.

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## **2011 Canal Tour Season A Success!**

**The Canal Association is happy to report our most successful tour season yet! In 2011, over 2,600 passengers enjoyed a ride down the Wabash & Erie Canal aboard our replica canal boat, the Delphi.**

Passengers included:

- Over 1,000 riders on 37 charters
- 1,216 individual adults
- 304 youth
- 170 young, lap-sitting children (free)

Additionally, nearly 800 guests toured the Reed Case House:

- 260 people on 13 group tours
- 456 individual adults
- 73 individual youth

**We extend a heartfelt thank you to our hardworking volunteers who helped make this season a success!**

Thanks also to the artisans and craftspeople who helped bring Pioneer Village alive on the weekends this summer by demonstrating their skills.

We celebrated the end of our 2011 season on Saturday, October 15 with live music, artisan demonstrations, food and more. **Visit the gallery on [our Facebook page](#) for photos and details>**



*During our celebration, visitors watch a blacksmith work at a portable forge to heat pieces of iron.*

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