

## About Settlers, Inc.

Since 1971 costumed *Settler* members have researched the early Americana domestic arts and crafts, their politics, history, folklore and mechanics involving the many skills needed to survive early America. *Settlers* share their knowledge with the community via their Speakers Bureau and their programs at the Swinney Homestead.

### The Swinney Homestead

In 1980 *Settlers* leased and moved into the **Swinney House** and began teaching classes in a historical, elegant setting. As part of their mission, they also initiated the restoration of the house which is owned by the City of Fort Wayne and is on the National Historic Register.



The 1844  
Swinney House

Fort Wayne's  
Swinney Homestead

Settlers'  
1849 Log House



The **1849 Log House** on the property is much like the one the Swinney family lived in before the stately house was built. It was laboriously moved, piece by piece, from Huntington County and is used for *Settlers* activities and Living History presentations.

## Get Involved Today!

Join *Settlers, Inc.*

Membership Information:  
(260) 637-6692

By becoming a *Settler* you have the opportunity to take part in the following activities which support the restoration and maintenance of Fort Wayne's Historic Swinney Homestead.

### Johnny Appleseed Festival

September 16 & 17, 2023

Volunteer for a few hours, a day,  
or the week-end, in these areas:

Soup & Stew

Corn Bread

Apples & Caramel

Lemonade & Sassafras Tea

—Make this a family affair—

Men and children over 10 years of age, are also invited to help. Costumes are available for volunteers on-site.

Information contact:

Denise Keane 260/413-4413

Louise Larsen 260/432-7314

### Settlers Herb Garden

A group of dedicated *Settlers* maintain the **Herb Garden** at the Homestead.

Plants from the garden are used in *Settlers* activities. A walk through the garden is enlightening and refreshing.

**Volunteers are always needed to help with garden work during the growing season.**

**No experience is necessary.**

Information contact:

Louise Larsen 260/432-7314

Norene Brown 260/637-8622



## Settlers, Inc. Events

2023-2024

September 9 & 10, 2023 (11 a.m.—5 p.m.)

**Swinney Homestead Open House**  
**West Central Historic Home Tour**

September 16 & 17, 2023 (10 a.m.—5 p.m.)

**Johnny Appleseed Festival**  
**on the grounds of Johnny Appleseed Park.**

October 12, 2023 Series Class (9:00—11:30 a.m.)

**“THE ROOT CELLAR”**

November 9, 2023 Series Class (9:00—11:30 a.m.)

**GERMANFEST IN A “MOST GERMAN TOWN”**

Dec. 1 & 2, 2023 (2:00-4:00 p.m.)

(Doors open at 1:30 pm)

**Christmas “At Home” with the Swinney Sisters Tea**  
Reservations - (260) 747-1501 or (260) 432-4232

February 8, 2024 Series Class (9:00—11:30 a.m.)

**“GRANDMA’S SEWING BASKET”**

March 14, 2024 Series Class (9:00—11:30 a.m.)

**“SPRING EGG-STRAVAGANZA”**

April 11, 2024 Series Class (9:00—11:30 a.m.)

**“VICTORIAN PLANTS and FLOWERS”**

May 3, 2024 (10 a.m.—4 p.m.) (Event to be decided)

**Herbs and Perennials Plant Sale**  
**Swinney Homestead Open House**

May 4, 2024 (9 a.m.-Noon) (Event to be decided)

**Second Day Plant Sale**  
**in the Swinney House Basement**

May 9, 2024 Series Class (9:00—11:30 a.m.)

**“BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE HISTORY CENTER”**

# Settlers, Inc.



Dedicated to  
preserving and  
teaching  
Victorian and  
Early American  
hand arts and  
history.

## 2023-2024

Historic Swinney Homestead  
1424 West Jefferson Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802  
260/424-7212

[www.settlersinc.org](http://www.settlersinc.org)

## 2023-2024

### Settlers, Inc. Hand-Arts Classes

#### Settlers invite you to join their 2023-2024 Historic Hand-Arts Series

The lifestyle of early Indiana women is celebrated in this Series. We will touch on their activities, joys, and concerns, as life progressed from a log house by the river to a stately brick mansion beside the street.

October 12, 2023	<u>The Root Cellar</u>
November 9, 2023	<u>Germanfest— "In a most German town"</u>
February 8, 2024	<u>Grandma's Sewing Basket</u>
March 14, 2024	<u>Spring Egg-stravaganza</u>
April 11, 2024	<u>Victorian Plants &amp; Flowers</u>
May 9, 2024	<u>Behind the Scenes at the History Center</u>

Settler Series Classes are open to anyone 14 years old or older (ages 14 -18 must attend with an adult). The single class fee is \$15 per class for a *Settler* General Member and \$20 per class for a non-Settler.

**\*\*\*A Special Rate \*\*\***

The complete Series of 6 Historic Hand Arts classes is

Only \$30 if purchased with a  
Settlers, Inc. General Membership.

Series Classes always meet on Thursday. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for registration, program display, and refreshments. Program is from 9:30—11:30 a.m.

**Reservations for all classes are required.**

**Members, please RSVP a Series Chairperson if not planning to attend a Series Class.**

Series Chairpersons:

Louise Larsen 260/432-7314  
Nancy Jimenez 260/637-6714

### Settlers, Inc.

#### Is a non-profit organization.

Money raised through Memberships, Classes, the Gift Shoppe, the Johnny Appleseed Festival, the Herb Sale, Speakers Bureau, and other special events is used for restoration and maintenance of Fort Wayne's **Historic Swinney Homestead.**

#### Speakers Bureau

*Settlers, Inc.* offers a variety of Living History programs and demonstrations of Early American hand arts and domestic arts.

Contact:

Judy Bozarth 260/637-6692

#### House Tours and Events at the Homestead

Contact:

Gen Dornbush 260/897-2036

#### Settlers' Gift Shoppe

*Settlers'* Gift Shoppe is located on the second floor of the Swinney House. It is open during special events and offers a selection of unique hand arts, pioneer era toys, and gifts.

Contact:

Judy Bozarth 260/637-6692

## You can help Settlers, Inc. Support Fort Wayne's Historic Swinney Homestead

### 1. By becoming a General Member or a Series Member

\_\_\_ \$30 for a *Settlers, Inc.* General Membership

(Includes 4 *Settlers, Inc.* " Broadsides" newsletters and a June-May Settler membership in the Fort Wayne-Allen County Historical Society with free admission to The History Center.)

\_\_\_ \$60 for a *Settlers, Inc.* Series Membership

(Includes General Membership amenities plus attendance in the *Settlers'* 6 Historic Hand-art Classes.)

### 2. A donation to Settlers, Inc. toward the maintenance and restoration of Fort Wayne's Historic Swinney Homestead is tax deductible.

\_\_\_ \$125 Copper Kettle \_\_\_ \$100 Mob Cap \_\_\_ \$75 Wooden Spoon Other Amount \$ \_\_\_  
Donation Levels (select one)

*Settlers, Inc.* will provide donors with a receipt for tax purposes.

### Settlers, Inc. Membership/Donor Form 2023-2024

Please print clearly. Information will be used in the Membership Directory

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (for Settler use only) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Individual Classes (Circle)

- 1 October 12, 2023 — The Root Cellar
- 2 November 9, 2023 — Germanfest
- 3 February 8, 2024 — Grandma's Sewing Basket
- 4 March 14, 2024 — Spring Egg-stravaganza
- 5 April 11, 2024 — Victorian Plants & Flowers
- 6 May 9, 2024 — Behind the Scenes/History Ctr.

\_\_\_ *Settlers, Inc.* General Membership — \$30, also includes Fort Wayne/Allen County Historical Society Membership.

\_\_\_ *Settlers, Inc.* Series Membership — \$60, includes *Settlers, Inc.* General Membership benefits, plus 6 Series Classes.

\_\_\_ Individual Classes each \$15 for *Settlers, Inc.* General Members / \$20 each for non-members. Please circle class/es you wish to attend.

\_\_\_ Historical Society Publications — \$6.50 (includes 2 per year)

\_\_\_ Donation to *Settlers, Inc.* Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to Settlers, Inc.

Send to: Settlers, Inc., c/o Judy Bozarth, 320 Halldale Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46845