

LA GAZETTE HELVETIQUE

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IN EXPLANATION

LA GAZETTE HELVETIQUE (the Helvetian or Swiss Newspaper), is the official newsletter of Musee de Venoge (Museum of Venoge). The French adjective 'helvetique' refers to the Latin name for Switzerland (Helvetia) in use for more than 2000 years. Rhyming with "antique" it is easier for English speakers to pronounce than its synonym "Suisse". In 1802 the settlers of New Switzerland in the south eastern corner of Indiana territory, renamed Indian Creek "Venoge" after a small river in the grape growing region of European Switzerland.



October is a full month of exciting events for this area. Vevay will be celebrating its 200th year as a town. The website has a complete listing but we are featuring the events that relate to history in this edition of the Gazette.

www.vevaybicentennial.org/index.htm

RURAL HERITAGE TOUR

OCTOBER 12-13

Saturday 10-5

Sunday 12-5



Follow the **Rural Heritage** signs

Free Admission
Donations Appreciated

1812 Muster	Ox Roast Saturday
Civil War Unit	Period Music
Period Trades	Modern Dairy Parlor
Hearth Cooking	Jersey Herd

Musee de Venoge

West of Vevay, on Hwy 129 off of Hwy 56

Thiebaud Farmstead

Three miles west of Vevay, on Hwy 56

Garland Dairy Farm

2767 Garland Road, near Hwy 56

812-593-5726 or
812-427-3560



Attend
Chautauqua
You'll Enjoy it

Switzerland County
Historical Museum Grounds,
208 East Main Street, Vevay, Indiana



2 pm October 5

*No charge,
Tea served afterward*

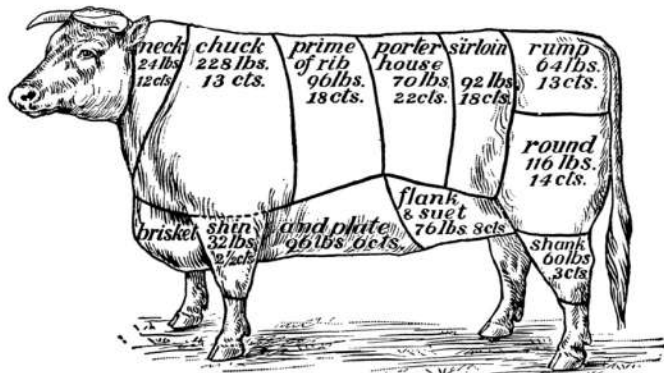
BIGGER & BETTER
Comic Interlude
Dance & Music
A Fiery Suffragette

Live On Our Stage!!!

William Jennings Bryan

Get the lowdown... call 812-427-3560

OX ROAST



BICENTENNIAL RURAL HERITAGE TOUR

October 12

SWISS BARBEQUE,
FIRST HELD JULY 4, 1805

Main course - beef & 2 sides, served at Venoge
Dessert - your choice, served at the Thiebaud Farmstead

Served beginning at 12 noon
only 200 served



Get your tickets at the Tourism Office, the
Historical Society or at
either site the day of the barbeque.

PATCHWORK of HISTORY



Opening Reception
October 4th, 4 pm - 7 pm

Regular Hours
October 5, 10 am - 5 pm
October 6, 12 - 5 pm

No charge



Switzerland County
Technology & Education Center
708 W. Seminary Street, Vevay

Patchwork of History" is a major event of the Bicentennial featuring a quilt show spanning over 100 years and history displays of social and service organizations that have a long term history in Switzerland County.

For more information call 812-427-3560

NEW ACQUISITIONS Mochaware

First made in England in the late 1700s, it was utilitarian pottery, used in taverns and modest homes. Simply put, it was the cheapest decorated pottery one could find. By the early 19th century, it was imported into America and was later produced here.

Most people assume that mochaware is named for its palette of browns, creams, grays, blacks, and muted tones of blue, green, pumpkin, and yellow. But the name derives from mukha ("mocha") stone, a type of moss agate from the Yemeni city of the same name. The stone features natural striations similar to the wares' seaweed and tree-like decorations.

But if mochaware was cheap, we have to assume that little time was spent applying its decoration. And therein lies the secret of mochaware's beauty: Many of the designs look natural, because they are natural. Pieces were first coated in a runny mixture of clay and water known as "slip"; then a tea made of tobacco juice, turpentine, hops, and purportedly urine was applied. The resulting chemical reaction formed delicate dendritic patterns in the glaze. Other designs were painted, scratched, or stamped on with fingers, brushes, or objects, resulting in a multitude of layers and colors. Such techniques lent a haphazard ease and fluidity to these straightforward objects.

The mochaware that Venoge has acquired was made by Joseph Jostes of S&J Pottery from Bethel Missouri. It is his first attempt to replicate the mocha ware of the past and we are thrilled to be able to use it.



Text adapted from an article by Catherine Riedel in 'Yankee' magazine.

VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to Jerry Golay and Susan Brewer Ash and Donna Weaver for keeping Venoge open to visitors on Sundays throughout the summer.

To volunteer, donate or for more information about Venoge please write, phone or email:
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venoge@embarqmail.com 812-593-5726

Regular hours will end at Venoge with the Rural Heritage Tour. It is always open by appointment