

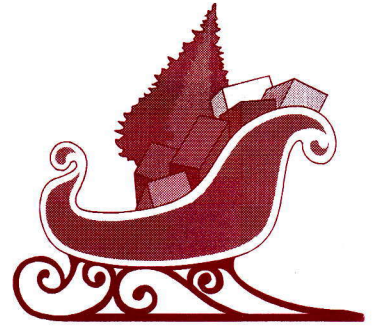
GENE STRATTON-PORTER MEMORIAL SOCIETY, INC.

NEWSLETTER

FALL 1999

P.O. BOX 639

ROME CITY, INDIANA 46784



Holiday Open House

*Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site
Limberlost North
Rome City, IN*

Saturday, November 13, 1999 - 9 am to 9 pm

Candlelight Walk - 6 pm to 9 pm

Sunday, November 14, 1999 - 12 noon to 5 pm

Entertainment:

Cabin: Augusta Butcher, Pianist

Carriage House: Nancy Bough, Harpist

Refreshments

Gift Shop

Information: 219-854-3790

CARRIAGE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER

The new visitor center has proved to be a wonderful addition to the site. The spacious room upstairs makes an ideal place to show videos, hold meetings, talk to school groups and teach workshops. The displays on both 1st and 2nd floors are easily viewed and as time permits will be changed to present a storyline and give the visitor more information.

The gift shop is light and pleasant and sales have increased considerable over last year. The office is easily accessible to the public and a pleasant work area.

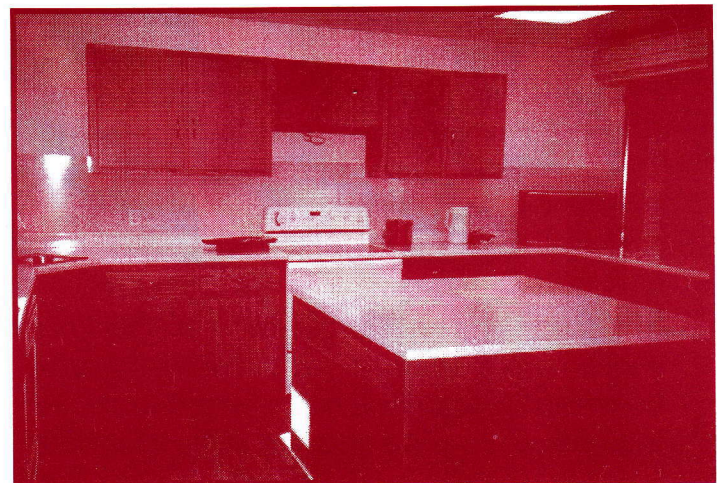
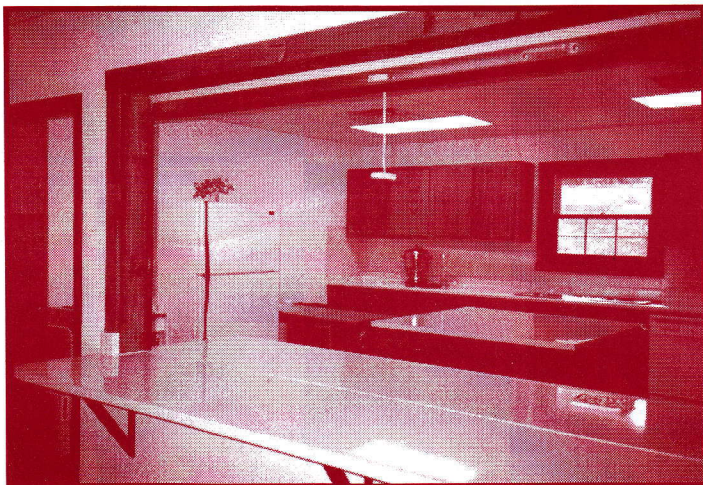
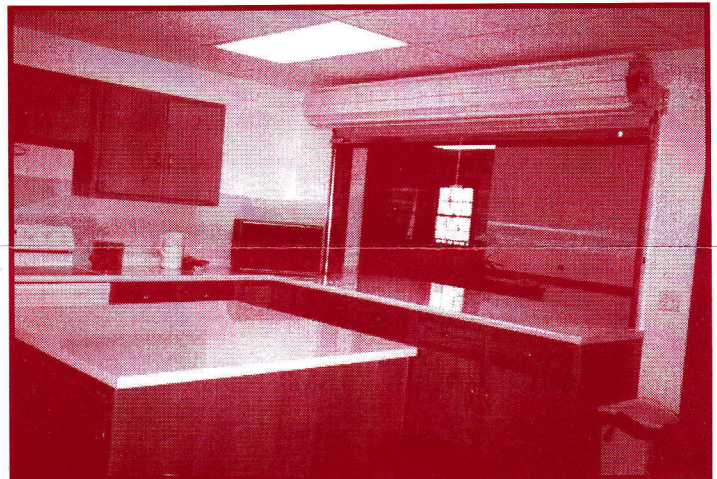
Modern, clean restrooms are enjoyed by the visitors. It's mighty nice to have a warm place when you need one with running water, soap and paper towels. Sure beats the old outhouse!

With the completion of the kitchen, it's nearly done, the visitor center will be completed and 4 years of slow, sometimes exasperating, work becomes a reality.



CARRIAGE HOUSE - KITCHEN

On Thursday, September 30, 1999, Hart Cabinets of Kendallville installed 11 base cabinets, 7 wall cabinets and a 4 x 4 island in the kitchen of the Carriage House. A three bay sink, a garbage disposal, a hand sink and a range hood have yet to be connected then the kitchen will be finished. Of course we still need pots and pans, dishes, utensils, etc.



HAVE A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON!

TREASURERS REPORT AS OF REGULAR

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CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,093.04
OPERATING SAVINGS	\$ 899.32
PROGRAM SAVINGS	\$ 470.24
OPERATING C.D.	\$1,000.00
OPERATING C.D.	\$3,000.00
CARRIAGE HOUSE CHECKING	\$ 185.98
CARRIAGE HOUSE SAVINGS	\$1,109.43

GIFT to GENE STRATTON-PORTER MEMORIAL SOCIETY

At the dedication of the Carriage House on May 1, 1999, John Meehan, one of Gene Stratton-Porter's grandsons, presented his Grandmother's *Field Guide of American Wild Flowers* by F. Schuyler Mathews to the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society. This field guide was copyrighted in 1902 and was published by the Knickerbocker Press, New York. There were reprints of this book April, 1902, January, 1903 and May, 1903.

Written in ink on the inside cover, though slightly smeared, is "*Gene Stratton-Porter Limberlost Cabin 1908*". This guide, quite worn, contains 552 pages listing flower families. In among the pages are some 21 dried flowers or stems of leaves which I assume Gene found and placed in her guide for identification at a later date. In leafing through this field guide, I found it almost unbelievable that I had in my hands a book that Mrs. Porter held in her hands and that she picked the small branches of leaves and flowers placed in this book. This is 1999 and she touched and read these pages around 1908, 91 years ago! Thank you John, for giving this wonderful field guide to our society. It will be on display so people of today and tomorrow can see something Gene touched, read and carried in her pocket to identify unknown flowers.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

GENE STRATTON-PORTER MEMORIAL SOCIETY, INC.

Route 1 - Box 639 Rome City, IN 46784

1-219-854-3790

Name _____

Business or Organization Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip Phone

Single	\$10.00	Business	\$25.00
Family	\$15.00	Life (40 yrs. of age or older)	
Sustaining	\$20.00	Single	\$100.00
Non-Profit Org.	\$25.00	Husband & Wife	\$150.00

Thank You!

PAINTER WEEKEND A SUCCESS

During Mrs. Porter's birthday celebration, August 14 & 15, 1999, the Indiana Plein Air Painters from all over Indiana and LaGrange County painters scattered throughout the historic site and proceeded to paint whatever scene was in front of them. They were an enthusiastic group, serious about their paintings and just a joy to have at the birthday celebration. They painted many interesting paintings and some were sold to the visitors who came to talk and watch.

Painters and visitors alike seemed to enjoy their time at the site and many expressed a desire to return next year. All of us here at the site look forward to their returning next year. Watch your spring 2000 newsletter for details, then mark your calendar and plan to join in the fun.

GIFT SHOP

A phone call to the Executive Director of the Indiana State Museum Foundation, the present owners & operators of the site gift shop, verbally set the date for our society to take over ownership and operation of the site gift shop as October 1, 1999. As of October 18, 1999 no written confirmation of this has been received by your president, but we expect it soon.

No monies from the gift shop sales can be used to operate our society. Monies from the gift shop can be used for inventory merchandise, operating expenses of the shop and to fund site projects for education and development of the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site.



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LADY ON THE MAUSOLEUM

The white marble statue was a gift from Tony Mulholland in memory of the Mulholland Family. The gift was inspired by Beverly Mulholland Emrick, an avid collector of the works of Gene Stratton-Porter.

Originally the statue was commissioned as a memorial to a Civil War captain. Mulholland purchased the statue out of storage at an estate sale for the express purpose of giving it to the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site so the many visitors could enjoy the beautiful work of art.

Mulholland takes great pride and satisfaction in knowing the statue is part of the mausoleum for Indiana's own Gene Stratton-Porter and her daughter, Jeannette Porter Meehan, beneath the giant oak on the hill overlooking their beloved Limberlost North gardens and cabin.