

Planting potatoes at Robert Yonkin Farm outside Dushore in June of 1949

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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting

For any of you out there who have noticed the absence of historic signs along our highways – the reason is that the state is taking them to be cleaned and repainted. The signs will be returned to their original locations when complete, in fact if you look, the posts are still in place where the signs were.

Those of you wishing to visit the museum who utilize our Memorial Brick sidewalk, the applications for obtaining a brick are on our web site at <u>www.scpahistory.com</u> The bricks cost \$50 each, and can have a maximum of three lines with up to 14 characters per line (that includes spaces). It is not unusual to have visitors standing out on the walk reading the bricks, sometimes laughing and sometimes in quiet reflection.

The History Quest 2016 brochures are out now and available for site searching throughout Sullivan County. There are twelve questions on it, but you only need answer ten to receive a wooden nickel by turning in or mailing the brochure to either the Conservation District Office outside Dushore at 9219 Rte. 487, Dushore 18614 or the museum at 458 Meylert St., Laporte 18626. This project is for all who are interested in discovering just some of the hidden treasures of Sullivan County.

Century Farm applications are now available for landowners who qualify. The criteria is that the land must have been in the family for at least 100 consecutive years, farm buildings (if present) must be in good state of repair, the farm must contain a minimum of 25 contiguous acres and some portion of that land must be agriculturally maintained, e.g. fields or pastures (the use of the land need not necessarily be worked by the land owner themselves). Back in 1964 there were 14 farms that qualified for this award and many of those will qualify yet again for this round of awards. This time the signs will have the family name imprinted on them as well and be awarded at the Conservation District's annual meeting in October of this year.