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The Indiana Genealogical Society maintains a listing of people who are willing to speak on genealogy-related topics. This information is furnished as a public service by the Indiana Genealogical Society, not as a recommendation. Please make arrangements directly with the speakers. Membership in the Indiana Genealogical Society is not required to be included.

If you would like to add your information to this listing, or to submit changes, please contact the Speakers Bureau chair: **Darlene Anderson, 2420 W. 750S, Lebanon IN 46052; Phone (765) 482-2188; E-mail darlene-anderson@hughes.net**

Speaker	Topics
Peg Brettin 7720 E. Toto Rd. Knox, IN 46534-9513 Phone (574) 772-3343 E-mail pjbrettin@yahoo.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starke County resources• Indiana Genealogical Society
Jana S. Broglin, CG 2780 County Rd. E. Swanton, OH 43558 Phone (419) 825-5437 E-mail jana@janabroglin.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beginning genealogy• Land records• Court records• Newspapers• Ohio probate records• Kentucky probate records• Military records• Society management

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<p>Ron Darrah 8126 Bittern Ln. Indianapolis, IN 46256 Phone (317) 594-9786 E-mail darrah@comcast.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil War Research • Occupational Records • Circuit Court Records • Beginning Genealogy • Using Maps • Indianapolis Metroplex • Probate Records • Publishing • School Records • Special Census Schedules • Ulster Scots • NUCMC and PERSI • Spanish-American War Records • Revolutionary War Records • Internet Research
<p>Mary Catherine Grobis 2723 O'Day Rd. Ft. Wayne, IN 46818-9729 Phone (260) 625-3722 E-mail marycatherinegobis@teknology.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring professionals • New England research • Allen County Public Library
<p>Mary Ellen Sweet Grossman 1103 Union St. Columbus, IN 47201 Phone (812) 379-9670 E-mail mgrossman@bartholomewco.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indiana clerk's office research • German research
<p>Corasue Hatton 6951 E. Michigan Rd. Waldron, IN 46182 Phone (765) 525-7421 E-mail achatton@tds.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library research • Beginning genealogy • Computer genealogy • Locating unmarked graves • Census records • Death-event records
<p>Lloyd Hosman 5725 W. 450 South Knightstown, IN 46148 Phone (765) 987-8820 E-mail hosman@kiva.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning genealogy • Indiana research • Ohio research • Migration • Newspapers • Church records • Libraries • Vital records • Census records • Military records • Writing family histories • Indiana State Library • Indiana State Archives

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<p>Jerry M. Lawson 2229 Muskoday Pass Ft. Wayne, IN 46809 Phone (260) 415-8283 E-mail jerry@lifescapes.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviewing • Oral histories • Personal histories • Biographies • Family histories • Story writing for genealogies and family histories
<p>Stephen McShane IU Northwest 3400 Broadway Gary, IN 46408 Phone (219) 980-6628 Fax (219) 981-4289 E-mail smcshane@iun.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calumet Regional Archives
<p>Phyllis Penninga 10407 W. State Rd. 10 DeMotte, IN 46310 Phone (219) 987-3101 Email penns6@comcast.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning genealogy • Dutch research • Genealogy for youth
<p>Terry Prall 625 Cobblestone Rd. Avon, IN 46123 Phone (317) 386-6118 E-mail tprall@indy.rr.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using online resources to complement onsite research • Researching collateral ancestors • Mining family histories and compiled genealogies • Researching Revolutionary War ancestors • Using city directories to fill in the blanks • John Faucett: Pioneer and Pensioner • Captain Edward Prall: The Exploits of a Patriot
<p>Patricia B. Smith P.O. Box 209 Brookville, IN 47012-0209 E-mail brookgen@juno.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quaker records • Courthouse records • House history • Cemetery land titles • County cemetery commissions

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<p>Linda Herrick Swisher 18441 Chicago Ave. Lansing, IL 60438 Phone (219) 659-5769 E-mail LHSwish@comcast.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning genealogy • Volunteers • Society public relations • Publicity • Publications • Newspaper research • Skeletons • City directories
<p>Betty L. Warren 6922 Rocklane Rd. Greenwood, IN 46143-9739 Phone (317) 862-2426</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning genealogy • Land survey • Numbering systems • Oral history • Courthouse research • Cemetery records • Libraries • Paleography • Maps • Deeds • Census records • Taxes • House history • Military • Passenger lists • Immigration • Organizing records • Kentucky land title research • German research • Reunions
<p>Marjorie V. Weiler-Powell 277 Northside Dr. Batesville, IN 47006 Phone (812) 933-0846 E-mail mvwpowell@hotmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning genealogy • Deciphering handwriting • Transcription rules • Art of abstracting • Science of indexing • Designing your family history book
<p>Donna W. Wetzel 211 S. Cullen St. Rensselaer, IN 47978 Phone (219) 866-0107 E-mail donnabw@midwaynet.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning genealogy • Church and cemetery records

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<p>Shirley Willard 3063 S. 425E Rochester, IN 46975 Phone (574) 223-2352 E-mail wwillard@rtcol.com Website: www.potawatomi-tda.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on Potawatomi Indians • How to do genealogy research without traveling - save gasoline
<p>Curt B. Witcher 7525 Linde Ln. Ft. Wayne, IN 46815 Phone (260) 421-1226 (24-hour voice mail) Fax (260) 421-1386 E-mail cwitcher@acpl.lib.in.us</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen County Public Library • Effectively using libraries for genealogical research • Using biographical resources in your research • Census records • Death-event records • Indiana research • Using directories for genealogical research • Passenger & Immigration records • Using the Internet [a couple of different talks] • Military records [a general talk as well as specific talks on Revolutionary War research and Civil War research] • Native American research • African-American research • Writing a family history • Using church records • Using periodicals in family history • Midwest resources • Research methodology • Using government documents in your family history research
<p>Ronald Woodward 574 Ferry St. Wabash, IN 46992 Phone (260) 563-2794 E-mail drwoodward@verizon.net</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wabash County genealogical sources • Introduction to genealogy • Wabash County Jewish history • Unusual tales of Wabash County • Any topic on Wabash County