



HISTORIC
NEW HARMONY

First Look

October 2024



Town model of New Harmony, IN, as it looked in 1824. Currently on view at the Atheneum Visitors Center. Photo courtesy of Historic New Harmony.

INTERPRETING THE PAST,
DOCUMENTING THE PRESENT,
AND IMAGINING THE FUTURE



New Harmony under a Harvest Moon, September 18, 2024.
Photo courtesy of Historic New Harmony.

This month in New Harmony offers visitors and residents of New Harmony the unique opportunity to experience New Harmony's past and present, as well as imagine its future. Throughout the month, Historic New Harmony offers daily and monthly activities to explore New Harmony's rich history. The Midwest Chapter of the Society of Photographic Education will be hosting their annual conference October 18-20, and photographers will be documenting New Harmony as it is today. Finally, we'll be celebrating Design Week during the first week of October. We hope you'll add your voice via resident or visitor surveys or the public forums being held that week to imagine New Harmony's future and collectively build New Harmony's next version of Utopia.

Diane Sanders
Assistant Director of Historic New Harmony

DESIGN WEEK IN NEW HARMONY

New Harmony, Indiana, is located in the Central Time Zone.

TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

In June 2024, New Harmony began the process of creating a town comprehensive plan to guide the future growth, development, and sustainability of the community over the next 20 years. It will include a vision, goals, and actionable strategies for where and how land could be developed and used, transportation, housing, economic development, and other important areas. This plan will incorporate community feedback to address current needs, preferences, and aspirations.

New Harmony hired [Rundell Ernstberger Associates](#) (REA) to lead the planning process, which is anticipated to be finished by April 2025. Learn more about the New Harmony Comprehensive Plan and stay updated on its progress at the website linked below.

[NEW HARMONY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SITE](#)



Thrall's Opera House at 612 East Church Street in New Harmony. Photo courtesy of Historic New Harmony.

DESIGN WEEK SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 4, 2024

Design Week in New Harmony is happening from Monday, September 30 to Friday, October 4, 2024. REA will be in town that week to conduct focus groups and public meetings.

If you are a resident or work within New Harmony, we highly encourage you to attend one or both of these public workshops during Design Week:

Monday, September 30

6:30-8 p.m. at Thrall's Opera House

This session is focused on understanding the community's hopes for New Harmony.

Thursday, October 3

6:30-8 p.m. at Thrall's Opera House

This session will be an initial attempt to draft a vision statement for New Harmony.

These workshops are opportunities to learn more about the Comprehensive Plan and the Parks and Trails Master Plan. Both are strategic documents intended to guide New Harmony over the next 20 years.



Main Street in New Harmony in 2016. Photo courtesy of Historic New Harmony.

SURVEYS

REA has two online surveys available for visitors and for town residents/those who work in New Harmony. The feedback from these surveys will provide valuable information on the desires, needs, and concerns of those who live and work in New Harmony as well as how to enhance visitors' experiences.

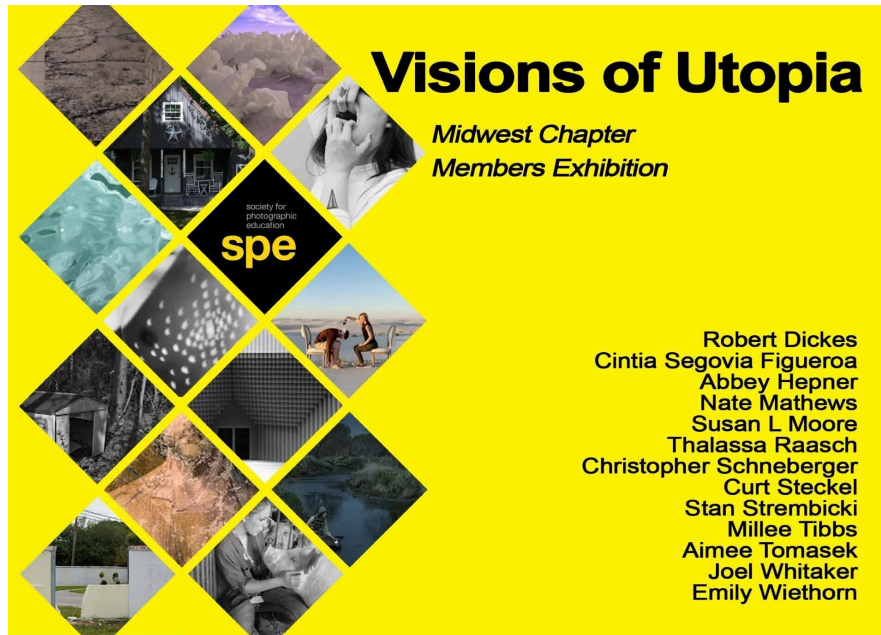
RESIDENT SURVEY

The resident survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. As a thank you for participating in this survey, you will be eligible to enter a raffle for a \$100 credit toward your utility bill upon completing the survey.

VISITOR SURVEY

The visitor survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete.

EXHIBITS AND OPEN CALLS



New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art

VISIONS OF UTOPIA: SOCIETY OF PHOTOGRAPHIC EDUCATORS
MIDWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS EXHIBITION
SEPTEMBER 14-OCTOBER 26, 2024

The Society of Photographic Educators Midwest Chapter Conference, *Visions of Utopia*, is happening in New Harmony on October 17-20, 2024. Current SPE Midwest chapter members will also be showcasing the essence of their research through images in the juried exhibition, "Visions of Utopia," at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art from September 14-October 26. The juror for this show is Paul Paletti, founder/owner of Paul Paletti Gallery in Louisville, KY.

An artist reception is scheduled for Saturday, October 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. Artists will be present at this event to talk about their work. The reception is **FREE** and open to the public.

[LEARN MORE](#)

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art

OPEN CALL: FILLED UP 5

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art (NHGCA) in partnership with the New Harmony Clay Project welcomes artists working in clay to submit to the upcoming juried cup show: FILLED UP 5. The juror is Duane Reed of Duane Reed Gallery in St. Louis, MO.

The exhibition will be on view at the NHGCA from November 9 to December 14, 2024, with best in



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show awards to be announced on November 9.

Deadline to apply is Friday, October 18, 2024, by 11:59 p.m. CST. More details on eligibility and submission requirements are available on the open call application website linked below.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Honorable Mention in the 2023 exhibition FILLED UP 4: "The Kiss, in Paris" by David Sacket. Photo courtesy of the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



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SPECIALTY ARCHITECTURE TOUR WITH BEN NICHOLSON OCTOBER 12, 2024 - 3:30 PM

On Saturday, October 12, 2024, Ben Nicholson will provide a presentation and specialty tour of the Atheneum. Designed by internationally acclaimed architect Richard Meier, the Atheneum has received numerous design awards, including the Progressive Architecture Award for 1979, the American Institute of Architects Award in 1982, and the Twenty-five Year Award in 2008. The presentation will take place at 3:30 p.m. in the Clowes Theater followed by a tour of the building led by Ben. He will be available afterwards to sign copies of his 2019 book, *Avant-Garde in the Cornfields: Architecture, Landscape, and Preservation in New Harmony*. (From his [website](#)): Ben Nicholson was educated at the Architectural Association in London, the Cooper Union, New York, and Cranbrook, Michigan, and is Associate Professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He has guest taught at the Southern California Institute of Architecture and the universities of Edinburgh, London, Michigan, Houston, and Cornell. His interests range from agriculture to gun culture, and primitive geometry to labyrinths.

Talking History

Theme: New Harmony Ghostlore

Thursday, October 24 at 10 a.m. Central Time

Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott House
603 West St., New Harmony, IN

Talking History is a social gathering of history lovers who meet monthly to share and discuss New Harmony's history.

Sponsored by Historic New Harmony



Nellie Hargraves and friends in Maple Hill Cemetery in New Harmony, Indiana, 1900
Don Blair Collection, USI Archives and Special Collections

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TALKING HISTORY OCTOBER 24, 2024 - 10 AM

Our next *Talking History* gathering will happen at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 24 at the Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott House, 603 West Street in New Harmony.

The theme for October is "New Harmony Ghostlore." We're excited to welcome Joni Mayhan to the program this month. Joni is an author, paranormal investigator, and operator of the popular Haunted New Harmony

ghost walks. She recently published a new book, *New Harmony Ghost Stories*.

We invite you to bring your own stories to our *Talking History* gathering and learn more about this fascinating aspect of New Harmony's local history.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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FREE TOURS FOR NEW HARMONY RESIDENTS AND USI COMMUNITY

New Harmony residents and University of Southern Indiana faculty, staff, and students can take tours with us for **FREE**, every day! All you need is your ID showing your address (for town residents) or your Eagle Access Card (for USI community members).



Visitors and New Harmony residents listen to an interpreter discuss the Tree of 40 Fruits on a special public art tour in August 2024. Photo courtesy of Historic New Harmony.

LIBRARY PATRONS IN POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA

Take a Tour with Historic New Harmony for Free!

Check Out the Historic New Harmony Pass at the Alexandrian Public Library (Mount Vernon, IN) or the Poseyville Carnegie Public Library (Poseyville, IN)



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FREE TOURS WITH LIBRARY PASSES

Historic New Harmony is pleased to partner with the Alexandrian Public Library in Mount Vernon, IN, and the Poseyville Carnegie Public Library in Poseyville, IN, to offer **FREE** admission to their members. Check out a library pass at one of these libraries to receive free admission on all our tours for your family. These passes are good for 7 days and just need to be shown to the Atheneum Visitors Center staff when you arrive for a tour.

CONTRIBUTE TO
TOWN-WIDE FOOD DRIVE

Red Geranium Enterprises in partnership with the New Harmony Ministerial Association (NHMA) is conducting a town-wide food drive from October 1-8 for the NHMA Food Pantry. Plastic bags will be left at all New Harmony residences (in town) on Tuesday, October 1, and will be collected the next Tuesday, October 8.

Please consider making a donation to this initiative and help meet the food needs of our community!

VISIT THE NHMA FACEBOOK PAGE



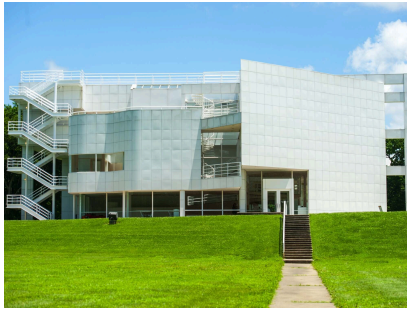
LOCAL TOUR GUIDES WANTED

The Midwest Society for Photographic Education is hosting the conference, *Visions of Utopia*, in New Harmony on October 17-20, 2024. During the conference, photographers will be exploring New Harmony with their cameras and trying to capture the town's unique essence.

Conference organizers are seeking local tour guides with golf carts to work with attendees on photo excursions on Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19 from 9-11:30 a.m.

No photographic knowledge is required - only a desire to share your time and knowledge about New Harmony. If you or someone you know would like to work with the photographers as a local tour guide, please contact Aimee Tomasek at aimee.tomasek@valpo.edu or at 219-406-2033.

DAILY ENGAGEMENTS



ATHENEUM VISITORS CENTER

The Atheneum serves as New Harmony's visitor center. Start your tour here or contact us for help in planning your trip to New Harmony!

401 North Arthur Street
812-682-4474
harmony@usi.edu

Hours

Tuesday-Saturday
9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday
12-5 p.m.

Closed Monday



NEW HARMONY GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART

NHGCA provides exhibition space for current Midwestern artists and promotes discourse about and access to contemporary art in the southern Indiana region. Come see the latest exhibit and browse the Gallery Shop!

506 Main Street
812-682-3156
NewHarmony.Gallery@usi.edu

Hours

Tuesday-Saturday
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Closed Sunday-Monday



HISTORIC NEW HARMONY OFFICE

Historic New Harmony's administrative offices are housed in the Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott House. Stop by to say hello!

603 West Street
812-682-4488
harmony@usi.edu

Hours

Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Closed Saturday-Sunday

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NEW HARMONY TOURS

Next time you're in New Harmony, consider catching one of our daily tours!

In the morning, we offer 45-minute tours onboard our tram that give you an overview of the town without having to step out of the vehicle. "Tour like a local" while an interpreter points out interesting places to visit, eat, and shop while also sharing stories about our local history.

In the afternoon, we take a more in-depth look at New Harmony with our 2-hour history tour. Join



A tour group prepares to leave the Atheneum Visitors Center on the tram. Photo courtesy of Historic New Harmony.

Tour Times and Prices

one of our interpreters in exploring several historic sites and learning more about the Harmonists, the Owen/Maclure community, and what came afterwards in New Harmony's history. This tour travels between sites via our tram and can be an easier option than walking tours for many visitors.

All Historic New Harmony tours start at the Atheneum Visitors Center. The 1 p.m. History Tour includes a 12-minute orientation film and Atheneum exhibits.

We can also customize our tours for a group's interest and schedule. Guided walking tours are available as well as "step-on" tours for groups on tour buses. Contact David Angel at dwangel@usi.edu or 812-682-4488 for questions about scheduling group tours and discounted group rates.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Tram Tour (45 minutes)

Tuesday-Saturday
10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Adults and children over 5: \$5
Children under 5: FREE
New Harmony residents: FREE
USI students, faculty, and staff: FREE with USI ID

History Tour (2 hours)

Tuesday-Sunday
1 p.m.

Adults: \$15
Seniors (60+) and AAA members: \$12
Students (6-18) and non-USI student (with ID): \$5
Children under 5: FREE
New Harmony residents: FREE
USI students, faculty, and staff: FREE with USI ID

Bundle Pricing (tours combined)

Adults: \$18
Seniors (age 60+) and AAA members: \$15
Students (6-18) and non-USI student (with ID): \$8



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DAILY FILM SHOWINGS

Suppose you are only in New Harmony for a short time and want to get a feel for the community. What do you do? One answer is to watch our 12-minute orientation film, *Utopia: The New Harmony Experience*, at the Atheneum Visitors Center.

Utopia: The New Harmony Experience provides an introduction to New Harmony through visuals, archival materials, and interviews with town residents, business owners, and University of Southern Indiana faculty. Though the film touches lightly on the 200+ year history of New Harmony (save that for our 1 p.m. history tour!), you will come away with a sense of the community's unique vibe.

Free showings take place in the Clowes Theater at the Atheneum as requested and before tours.

WATCH THE FILM TRAILER

Funding for *Utopia: The New Harmony Experience* came from the Provost's Office at the University of Southern Indiana. [Blackstrap Media](#) of Evansville, Indiana, produced the film.



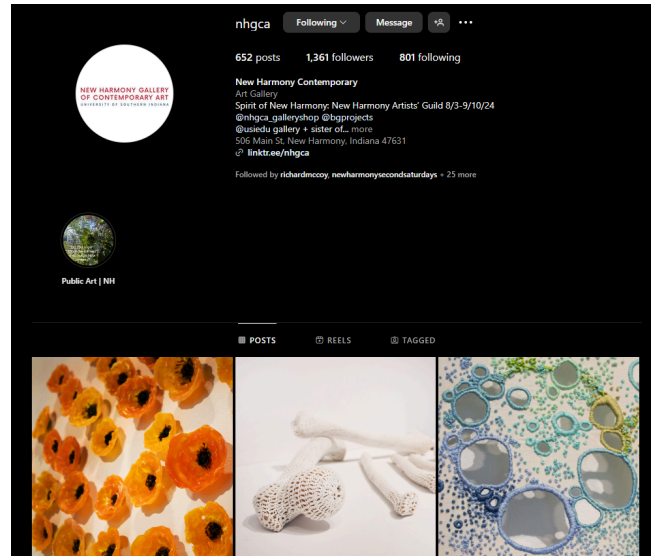
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GET YOUR DAILY DOSE OF NEW HARMONY

Do you love New Harmony and can't get enough of its history? Check out Historic New Harmony's Facebook and Instagram accounts. There we share photos, objects, archival materials, and stories from New Harmony's history, 1814 through the present day.

Learn about how Historic New Harmony works to preserve its historic sites and share the community's history with the wider world. Get updates on our upcoming events and programs. Interact with other people who live and work in New Harmony and are among our local experts on its history. We welcome you to be part of our growing online community!

Follow Historic New Harmony on:
Facebook - [historicnewharmony](#)
Instagram - [@historicnewharmony](#)



New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art

CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep up-to-speed with the activities of the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art through its social media channels: Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

On Facebook and Instagram, view new works on display and photos from the Gallery's programs and events. On YouTube, watch recordings of the Gallery's panel discussions, artist talks, and poetry readings.

Follow the NHGCA on:
Facebook - [newharmonycontemporary](#)
Instagram - [@nhgca](#)
YouTube - [@nhgca](#)

Or use the links below:



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OCTOBER HAPPENINGS IN NEW HARMONY

Dulcimer Chautauqua on the Wabash

October 3-6 in New Harmony

For more information, please visit: <https://www.dulcimerchautauquaonthewabash.com/>

Secret Garden Junk Journal

3 p.m.-5 p.m., October 5 at Petal & Patch, 413 Wood Ave.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/connections/44698-petal-patch/events/2024/10/5/221211/secret-garden-junk-journal/>

Erin Bode Concert

6 p.m.-8 p.m., October 5 at Sara's Wine & Bier Bar, 500 Church St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/connections/44668-saras-wine-bier-bar/events/2024/10/5/220835/erin-bode-concert/>

Meet in the Street

4:30 p.m., October 6 on Main Street in New Harmony

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/2024/10/06/220242/meet-in-the-street/>

Randy Peas Concert

7 p.m.-9 p.m., October 12 at Sara's Wine & Bier Bar, 500 Church St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/connections/44668-saras-wine-bier-bar/events/2024/10/12/220836/randy-peas-concert/>

Monthly Market Auction

9 a.m., October 12 at Wilson Auctions, 515 Main St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/connections/44677-wilson-auctions/events/2024/10/12/220756/monthly-market-auction/>

Watercolor Workshop with Joan Oakley

1 p.m.-3 p.m., October 13 at Lowry Hollow, 617 Main St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/2024/10/13/217006/watercolor-workshop-with-joan-oakley/>

Visions of Utopia: Midwest Society for Photographic Education Conference

October 17-20 at the New Harmony Inn Resort & Conference Center, 504 North St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.spenational.org/conferences/visions-of-utopia>

New Harmony Scenic 5K Run/Walk

8 a.m.-10 a.m., October 19 at the Ribeyre Center, 603 Main St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/2024/10/19/221249/new-harmony-scenic-5k-run-walk/>

The Blue House Band Concert

6 p.m.-8 p.m., October 19 at Sara's Wine & Bier Bar, 500 Church St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/connections/44668-saras-wine-bier-bar/events/2024/10/19/220837/the-blue-house-band-concert/>

Amy Rainey and Kevin Lampton Concert

6 p.m.-9 p.m., October 25 at Sara's Wine & Bier Bar, 500 Church St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/connections/44668-saras-wine-bier-bar/events/2024/10/25/220838/amy-rainey-and-kevin-lampton-concert/>

Trick or Treat at New Harmony Businesses

2 p.m.-4 p.m., October 26 at Main St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/2024/10/26/221836/trick-or-treat-at-new-harmony-businesses/>

Free Community Halloween Party

4 p.m.-7 p.m., October 26 at the Ribeyre Center, 603 Main St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/2024/10/26/221248/free-community-halloween-party/>

The Spirited History of Halloween

6 p.m.-7 p.m., October 26 at the Fauntleroy House, 411 West St.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitnewharmony.com/connections/48414-indiana-state-museum-and-historic-sites-new-harmony/events/2024/10/26/217684/the-spirited-history-of-halloween/>

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