



DID YOU KNOW?

- Fort Wayne's location at the western edge of the Eastern Time Zone means citizens bound for Chicago actually disembark their planes approximately 10 minutes before they took off?
- The bustling city at the confluence of the St. Joseph, St. Mary and Maumee rivers traces its founding to the 1794 establishment of a fort by the American Revolution hero "Mad" Anthony Wayne.

Fort Wayne is home to America's largest public genealogy library. With more than 350,000 printed volumes and 513,000 items of microfilm and microfiche, the genealogy department of the Allen County Public Library is a world of information. The extensive holding includes African-American and Native-American records. There is also a direct link to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Best of all, there is no charge! ■



FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Celebrating the Good Life!

by Hilary Sandeen

Fort Wayne, Indiana's second largest city is one happening place. Downtown is a cultural mecca—home to more than a dozen museums and attractions, including the newly expanded Fort Wayne Museum of Art, the Science Central children's museum and the impressive Foellinger Freimann Botanical Conservatory.



The botanical conservatory is a sanctuary for plants and an urban oasis for human visitors. It includes more than 25,000 square feet of indoor gardens presenting more than 500 species. This summer, the year-round attraction celebrates

Flower Power with a big, bold blooming tribute to 1967—the summer of love. As part of the celebration of all things groovy, the annual Botanical Roots concert series features Country Joe McDonald, a renowned Vietnam-era singer and author of the anti-war anthem *I-Feel-Like-I'm-Fixin'-To-Die Rag*.

Country Joe's August 12 appearance is just part of a fun-filled calendar of events. Local festivals celebrate everything from the exquisite Cord Duesenberg antique cars (September 2 through 6), to native son Johnny Appleseed (September 18 through 19), to pickles. Preserved cukes make up a major industry in nearby St. Joe. They are feted the weekend of August 12 through 14. For those with a broader palate, Fort Wayne's A Taste of the Arts, August 27, invigorates four city blocks with downtown's premier art and food festival. The same weekend Viva Fort Wayne pays homage to the local Hispanic community.

All summer the Fort Wayne Zoo is a must-see attraction. It's easy to understand why *Parents Magazine* named it one of the nation's best zoos for kids. It strives to teach children about its more than 1,500 residents with informative exhibits, events and presentations, and it engages adults as well. No matter your age or interest, you'll find ample amusement in Fort Wayne.



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