?? If you haven't taken advantage of these wonderful offerings at the Carnegie Center for Art and History in New Albany, then you've been missing out! The Carnegie Center Family Fun Workshops have been a great success and these drop-in classes are the perfect way for families to spend Saturday morning together. All ages have a chance to look around the galleries and are led by CCAH staff as they create art related to the exhibits or an upcoming holiday.

Tin Punch (which is, just as its name implies, a design of holes punched into a tin sheet) is often seen in an early American type of furniture known as a pie safe. The tin punch panels on the doors of the pie safe let air circulate and keep insects away from the pies and bread inside. Tin punch is also used in lanterns even today: the metal prevents the candle from going out, and the holes allow air to escape and light to shine through.

At the August 9 workshop, Carnegie Center will be making a modified version of a tin punch lantern using aluminum cans that have been pre-painted silver. Each participant can either design a pattern on graph paper to punch out of use a pre-printed design. The top of each can has been cut off and the bottom has been removed inside the rim, and the cans have all been smoothed to ensure no sharp edges. At the "punching station", seven special punch machine (designed by Ed Wilkins, a great friend to the Carnegie Center) will be available for each child to punch his or her design out. The can fits over a piece of plastic pope with a hold in it, and then a simple wooden lover with a nail attached to it is moved up and down to punch the design. The nail goes down into the hole in the plastic pipe each time, so no fingers will be harmed and the cans will not get crushed. Each child will then receive a small battery operated tea light-size candle to use in the lantern

The workshop is free and open to the first 60 participants, suggested ages 2-12. Registration is required and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up early to reserve your child's place. Participants should arrive no later than 11:30a.m. Young artists must be accompanied by an adult and everyone should come prepared to get creative and messy! Call the CCAH to register or for more information call 812-944-7336. The Family Fun Workshops are sponsored by Tri Kappa of New Albany and the Carnegie Center, Inc.

The Carnegie Center for Art and History, a department of the New Albany-Floyd County Public Library, is a contemporary art gallery and history museum that offers a full schedule of changing exhibitions and other educational programs. The Carnegie Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10a.m.-5:30p.m., and is located at 201 East Spring Street in historic downtown New Albany, Indiana. The Carnegie Center for Art and History is fully accessible. Admission is free. Visit www.carnegiecenter.org for more information on exhibits, events, and classes.