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Local authors set for appearances at Christmas Gift & Hobby Show

INDIANAPOLIS – Five Central Indiana authors are scheduled to make appearances at the 59th annual Christmas Gift & Hobby Show, selling and signing their books and talking about their wide-ranging topics with show visitors.

Writers confirmed to appear include:

Rita Rose, whose new book, *World's Tallest Woman: The Giantess of Shelbyville High*, chronicles the life in small town Indiana of the late Sandy Allen, who held the Guinness Book of World Records' title as World's Tallest Woman (7'7-1/4") for many years. (*Wednesday, November 5, 6 to 9 pm; Friday, November 7, 6 to 9 pm; Saturday, November 8, 10 am to 12 noon, and Sunday, November 9, 2 to 4 pm*)

Mary Anne Barothy, whose *Day at a Time - An Indiana Girl's Sentimental Journey to Doris Day's Hollywood and Beyond* recounts Barothy's years as assistant to film star Doris Day. (*Wednesday, November 5, 6 to 9 pm; Friday, November 7, 6 to 9 pm; Saturday, November 8, 10 am to 12 noon, and Sunday, November 9, 2 to 4 pm*)

Nelson Price, author of several books about the Hoosier state's history as well as its most famous sons and daughters, and host of "Hoosier History Live with Nelson Price" weekly on WICR (88.7FM). (*Thursday, November 6, 12 noon to 2 pm; Sunday, November 9, 12 noon to 2 pm*)

Lawrence Connor, former managing editor of *The Indianapolis Star*, who pays tribute to the glory days of the daily newspaper in *Star in the Hoosier Sky*, (*Friday, November 7, 4 to 6 pm, and Saturday, November 8, 12 noon to 2 pm*) and

Dick Wolfsie, writer, humorist and TV personality who has penned numerous books including *Indiana Curiosities*, *67 Ways to Amuse Yourself in Two Minutes of Less*, *Dog Dilemmas*, *Cat Conundrums*, and *Barney, The Stray Beagle Who Became a TV Star*, a

loving tribute to his long-time canine sidekick. (*Friday, November 7, 12 noon to 4 pm; Saturday, November 8, 10 am to 2 pm, and Sunday, November 9, 12 noon to 2 pm*).

The 59th annual Christmas Gift & Hobby Show runs Wednesday, November 5 through Sunday, November 9 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds West Pavilion. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am to 9 pm; Sunday, 10 am to 6 pm. Tickets at the door are \$8 for adults; \$6 age 55+; children 12 and under, free. Seven dollar discount tickets are available at Marsh Supermarkets, and, for the first time, on-line at www.christmasgiftandhobbyshow.com. For additional information, call 317/576.9933 or 800/215.1700, or log on at www.christmasgiftandhobbyshow.com.