Documenting U.P. Traditional Culture for Four Decades

The Chippewa County Historical Society and Bayliss Public Library are co-sponsoring a program to be held at the library on Wednesday, June 22 at 7 p.m.

Sociologist/Filmmaker Dr. Michael Loukinen will speak about his almost 40 years of making films about the U.P., including those about Finnish and Ojibwe cultural themes. He is Professor Emeritus from Northern Michigan University and Director of Up North Films. Loukinen will provide an overview of his work along with excerpts from various films. His latest film, “Winona: A Copper Country Ghost Town,” was recently shown on public television. His DVDs will be available for purchase. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information about Loukinen and his films, see www.upnorthfilms.com. Bayliss Library, an affiliate of the Superior District Library, is located at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie. Please enter by the front door, since the rest of the library will be closed that evening.

Rendezvous in the Sault

By Ginny Cymbalist

Rendezvous in the Sault 2016 is shaping up to be another exciting event with both returning and new re-enactors, merchants, demonstrators, and performers. There will be activities and fun for all ages. Set up will be July 27, 28, and 29 with the City Hall grounds open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31.

Admission for the event, which includes the City Hall grounds and the Water Street Historic Homes, is good for both days. The cost is: Adult, $4.00; Children (12 & under), $2.00; Family, $10.00. For specific information, please see our website, www.historicwaterstreet.org/rendezvous. Volunteers are always needed for both small and large jobs so, if you’d like to take part in this celebration of our history, or, if you would like more information, please contact Ginny Cymbalist at 906-632-9523. Don’t miss this exciting event!

Rendezvous in the Sault is an annual event, presented by the Chippewa County Historical Society in cooperation with the City of Sault Ste. Marie.
2016-2017 CCHS Board Members
By Paul Sabourin

As part of the 2016 CCHS Annual Meeting held on April 13, several amendments to the CCHS Bylaws were approved by the general membership. One of the changes involved the election procedures for Board members:

Article 6.1 stipulates that: “At the first Board of Directors Meeting, following the Annual Meeting of the Society, the Board of Directors shall elect the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer from the current Board Members. Terms of office are for the period of one (1) year and shall commence at the time of election.”

Consequently, the CCHS Board members met on May 11 and elected a new slate of officers. As previous President, Mary M. June was then appointed as Past President. The position of President was assigned to Paul Sabourin and that of Vice President designated to Caroline Grabowski. Ginny Cymbalist and Susan James were appointed to the dual secretarial positions, being the Recording and Corresponding Secretary roles, respectively. The Treasurer position remained with Bernie Arbic. This constitutes CCHS’s 2016-2017 Executive Committee.

The remaining Board members will be assigned responsibilities based on the various Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.

There are seven Standing Committees comprised of: Collections, Education, Finance, Fundraising, Membership, Programs, and Publications. In addition, the CCHS is engaged in several Ad Hoc Committees such as: Building, Rendezvous, and Summer History Camp, to name a few. The June Special Board Meeting will be set aside to discuss and finalize our tasks and responsibilities for this year.

Section 4.1 provides guidance for the number of Board members. The management of the Society is vested amongst nine to seventeen members. We have a complement of fifteen individuals, leaving the opportunity to accept additional in-term Board members upon invitation or in response to requests.

If you are eager to become an active Board member, contact the CCHS at your convenience. This will give you a first-hand experience to be involved in promoting an appreciation of the history of our community.

Three Board members were up for renewal this year. Dennis Hank, Mary M. June, and Carolyn Person will continue to serve with terms running through April 2019.

Company Towns Program Report

CCHS hosted Christian Holmes, retired librarian and dean from Bay de Noc Community College, at its Annual Meeting in April. Holmes is the author of Company Towns of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula that focuses on 16 U.P. communities that operated as company towns within the 1850 to 1950 period. There were in fact many more, probably two to three times as many, especially additional ones in copper mining areas. About 90% of the towns disappeared when they ran out of resources. Two company towns discovered since the book came out are: North Lake (near Gwinn) and Johnswood. Company Towns is available for purchase in CCHS’s Gift Shop.

New Potter’s Field Book

CCHS Board member Caroline Grabowski led a tour of St. Mary’s Cemetery, the Catholic section of Riverside Cemetery on June 11. A report will appear in our October newsletter. Her new book, Lest We Forget: The Riverside Cemetery Potter’s Field is now available in the Gift Shop for $5.00. It gives a history of each of the 290 people who were buried there be-
tween 1890 and 1932. About 20 additional people are unidentified. Her previous book, *Unto Dust* is about the Potter’s Field at St. Mary’s Cemetery. Caroline is currently leading a fundraiser for a large plaque to be installed there. Over $1,000 is needed to make the plaque a reality. If you would like to donate to the cause, you may make your check out to CCHS and send it to our address. CCHS is collecting the funds for her project. The next cemetery tour will be held at Maple Ridge Cemetery on Saturday, October 22, at 1 p.m. It will be a spooky one hosted by Caroline Grabowski and part of the Superior District Library’s NEA Big Read grant focusing on the stories and poems of Edgar Allan Poe.

**Period Clothing Workshop**

By Ginny Cymbalist

From May 12 – 17, seven local people were busy making period clothing for adults and children to be used on Historic Water Street and for historic events held in the Sault. Experienced historic clothing sewist, Christine Irwin came from Port Huron to lead the workshop. After learning about appropriate fabrics and styles the intent is that these people and other volunteers will use the techniques learned to continue constructing clothing that will be appropriate to each period represented in the Historic Water Street Homes and Kemp Industrial Museum.

Thanks to grants from the Roberts P. and Ella B. Hudson Foundation and Sault Ste. Marie’s Osborn Trust, fabrics and notions have been purchased to clothe docents and performers on Water Street and to be used by volunteers for Rendezvous in the Sault.

Additional thanks are due to Huntington Bank for the use of their conference room to hold this workshop.

Christine’s husband, Tim, accompanied her on this trip and they were joined by Lee Carlson, Ellen VanLaar, and others to entertain patrons of the Soo Brewing Company with three evenings of traditional music.

**Water Street Historic Homes and Kemp Industrial Museum**

By Ginny Cymbalist

The Water Street Historic Buildings are being readied for opening on Engineer’s Day, June 24. Changes will be made to the displays in the Kemp Industrial Museum with the addition of photos and information from the collection of Steve Jorgensen who was raised on the property where his father was the last manager. Be sure to stop by this summer.

**History Camp**

Our 2016 Summer History Camp will be held this year from June 20 to June 24, the week of our general meeting. There will be a report on it in our October newsletter. Thanks again to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for their support and to Patty Olsen and Ginny Cymbalist for leading the camp.

**Appraisal Event with Mark Moran**

Do you have something you have always wanted to know the value of? You are in luck. On Saturday, July 30 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Bayliss Public Library, an affiliate of the Superior District Library, will be hosting an Antique and Collectible Appraisal Event with appraiser Mark F. Moran of Iola, Wisconsin. Due to the success of last year’s event, Moran is making a return visit to our area. He has been an appraiser for more than 20 years, a guest expert on PBS’s *Antiques Roadshow*, a contributing editor to *Antique Trader* magazine, and co-author of over 25 books on antiques and collectibles. The charge per item to be appraised is $10.00; you may register more than one item. You must register and pay in advance at the library; space is limited. The appraisals will be verbal, not written. You may be part of the audience for the appraisal day and watch him in action. Moran will appraise most items, including: fine art, furniture, ceramics, glassware, vintage photographs, advertising, folk art, assorted toys, metalware, clocks, and costume jewelry. The library has a more detailed list of categories he can appraise. For $75.00 per hour, Moran is also available to visit homes to assess...
collections. For more information, see www.markfmoran.com or contact Susan James at Bayliss Library (sjames@baylisslibrary.org).

EUP History Consortium
By Mary M. June

Members of the EUP History Consortium (EUPHC) paused for a group photograph during their recent spring meeting. CCHS hosted their meeting on May 7. CCHS President Mary M. June gave a presentation, with the assistance of Board member Carolyn Person, on the facade improvement the building underwent last summer. The EUPHC is composed of history groups, societies, libraries and museums from across the Eastern U.P. that work together to advertise their organizations and to provide educational and collaborative opportunities.

Members in attendance represented historical groups from: Bay Mills, Bruce Township, Cedarville, Curtis, DeTour, Engadine, Gould City, Newberry, Pickford, Rudyard, and the Sault. The next EUPHC meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, at the First Presbyterian Church in Newberry.
To CCHS Members and Friends,

This past year has been another great year for the historical society. One of the most obvious things was the façade improvements undertaken last summer to our building at 115 Ashmun Street. CCHS was able to participate in a façade improvement grant available through the Downtown Development Authority, with Justin Knepper’s assistance. Working with Bob Tracy of Source Restoration Engineering Inc., Pullman, and local contractors, the façade was restored to its former 1889 glory.

In following our mission to promote the history of the area the Society has:


- Cemetery tours led by Caroline Grabowski were offered at Riverside Cemetery in June and Maple Ridge Cemetery in October.

- Programing and displays were planned and installed at the Historic Water Street Homes.

- The Rendezvous in the Sault celebration was held for the third year and sponsored jointly with the City. It keeps getting bigger and better each year.

- Sponsored our fourth annual History Camp for students finishing grades 3 through 6, led by retired elementary school teachers Patty Olsen and Ginny Cymbalist.

- Held three Open Houses in December and January featuring model train displays set up by Dennis Hank and Gil Cymbalist, and a display of Barbie Dolls and Accessories from Cherie Tocco’s collection.

In addition to promoting our history, our Board was busy during 2015 with efforts to strengthen our organization that included:

- The ByLaws were reviewed and went through a major overhaul, and are being presented this evening for approval.

- Improved our financial reporting with a better budget process.

- Have been successful in shortening and improving board meetings.

- CCHS’s website has become popular thanks to the historic photographs featured on the site on Thursdays.

- Made significant progress with the capital campaign.

CCHS has been fortunate to obtain a grant from the Hudson Foundation for a sewing workshop to create historic period clothing, and a MCACA grant for History Camp. I would also like to mention how much the Sault News has helped with coverage of our events and articles.

I would like to thank all the support our organization has received from its membership, financial contributions, volunteers, and attendance at our programs and events. CCHS is a volunteer run organization and your support makes it possible for us to continue to thrive. At this point I would also like to extend a special thank you to the CCHS Board for all of their support and work over the past year. They are crucial to the success of our organization and they come through every year.

We are thrilled to be able to provide another year of excellent programs this year. News of our upcoming events can be found in our newsletter, website, and Facebook page, besides articles in the Sault News and announcements on the local radio station.

Thank you for your continuing support. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

With Warm Regards,

Mary M. June
President
CCHS Annual Revenues and Expenses
By Bernie Arbic

In order to keep our members informed of the financial side of our organization, here are pie-charts showing our revenue sources and expenses for 2015; each is broken down into eight categories. On the revenue side, by far the largest category last year was fundraising for the Façade Project, headed up by Paul Sabourin. Our share of the total project cost was just over $64,000, so the fund-raising campaign during 2015 has paid a sizeable part of that with the $19,045 amount raised.

The expenses are probably self-explanatory; when one combines Utilities, Insurance, Maintenance, Repairs and Improvements to the building, those expenses account for over 40% of our total expenditures for the year.

Since the Chippewa County Historical Society is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, all of our financial information is a matter of public record. The most recent information available online currently is our 990 form for 2014, filed just over a year ago with the IRS. If you are interested in seeing that document, visit www.citizenaudit.org and type our Federal ID number, 386088276, in the search box.

Gift Shop

CCHS members receive 10% off of their Gift Shop purchases. (Please bring your membership card with you or we can search our membership list for your name.) Another way to acquire a 10% discount is through the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) Program. CCHS is a participating organization. Go to www.michiganactivitypass.info. Enter the bar code from your Superior District Library affiliate library card, and you may print out daily passes from hundreds of organizations throughout the state that offer discounted admission or other offers.

Annual Meeting

CCHS’s 2016 Annual Meeting was held on April 13. The changes to CCHS’s Bylaws were passed. Elections were held and a painting by local artist and poet Anny Hubbard was auctioned off.

Storyteller Jim Couling told the story of Anny’s painting. It depicts a local legend that took place in the Bucket of Blood Saloon, now the Antlers Restaurant. A Churichaun, a cousin of the Leprechaun, was said to live in the basement there. He would telepathically transport and ingest all of the liquor that patrons would consume. In this scene, his hat has fallen off his head, leaving him powerless. Legend has it he would soon be tossed out of the bar, leaving the establishment free of the surly fellow.

The painting was then auctioned by CCHS.
Board member Tom Tocco to benefit CCHS’s ongoing Façade Project fundraiser.

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Upcoming Event

Join us on Wed., June 22 at 7 p.m., for our general meeting at Bayliss Library, featuring Sociologist/Filmmaker Dr. Michael Loukinen speaking about “Documenting U.P. Traditional Culture for Four Decades.”

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Monday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
and by appointment
at back door

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Please call first.

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