

## Keweenaw Heritage Center—Opening Doors to Our Heritage.



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### 2022 — Another Active Year

Things were only a little quieter this year on the corner of Fifth and Scott Streets. Although there was no scaffolding for a major construction project at the Keweenaw Heritage Center, there were performances, celebrations, weddings, meetings, and visitors from near and far.

From June into September, visitors enjoyed the exhibit *Finding New Places* during open hours Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Some afternoons, music resounded from the organ. Evenings found audiences enjoying Musical Mondays upstairs or downstairs in Sandstone Hall. All told, more than 3,500 people came through the doors to participate in events.



Volunteers enjoy a thank-you pizza party

As always, KHC owes so much to volunteers who serve on the Board, who provide music on the organ or on Musical Mondays, and who serve as hosts during the summer afternoons. This year, Board members logged 568 hours either in meetings or activities. Hosts and organists spent 190 hours welcoming or entertaining guests. In performances alone (not including set-up and time practicing), Musical Mondays performers and hosts contributed 50. Grab your calculator and punch in the numbers.

The total will come to 808 hours! What would those hours cost if they weren't volunteered? Multiply the figure approved for grant applications by 808 to get

\$24,199.60! Wow! To say we couldn't be here without them is to state the very obvious. "Thank you" and a pizza party doesn't seem adequate.

Volunteers are what keep the Keweenaw Heritage Center going. **Please think about being a part of this important group of people.** Your time will be so well spent and you'll enjoy the experience of working with caring people. Put your name in the space in the Membership Form on the back of this newsletter and join the effort.

### **Holiday Greetings From the Board:**

It was and continues to be a busy year at Keweenaw Heritage Center. We welcomed approximately 900 visitors and were pleased to hear many positive comments regarding the building and exhibit.

Thank you to our dedicated hosts who graciously greeted guests. To defray the rising cost of utilities, adult admission fee was set at \$4.00. Children under 12 continue to have free admission.

Thanks to our Musical Monday musicians for again donating their time and talent. Included in this group are Jim and Teri Enrietti, Cathy Isaacson and Friends, The Copper Country Community Band, Gale English, Mike Irish, and Scott Veenstra, and Kathleen Arten and Tom Kraska. Some afternoons, music resounded from the organ played by Jan List and Kathleen Arten.

Rentals have increased with events such as weddings, receptions, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family events, and 2 ethnic groups that regularly hold their meetings and dinners at the Center. Keep the KHC in mind for your next event!

One very important summer gathering was the “Raise The Roof” dinner. It was the kickoff of fund raising for a new roof. Any donations toward this project are appreciated.

Lights will be on at night on the main floor during December. The beautiful glow through the stain glass windows is our thanks to the community for its support. We look forward to seeing you at the KHC next summer.

Phyllis Locatelli, Co-chair

### **Members of the Board — Taking Care of the Keweenaw Heritage Center**

Co-Chairs – Jean Ellis, Phyllis Locatelli      Secretary – Dave Geisler      Treasurer – Tricia Golus  
Trustees: Kathleen Arten, Patricia Miller, Jerome Patryjak, Nathan Perrault, Marcia Primeau, George Siira

### **Meet Our New Board Members**

**Jerome Patryjak** writes: Coming back to mom’s roots in Calumet, I’m a Detroit native and 2022 UP transplant. Born in Detroit, education in commercial art at Cass Technical High School, Detroit, Bachelor of Fine Arts -Wayne State University, Master of Fine Arts -Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. With a career in the commercial exhibition industry as a graphic designer, my first project with Design Origins was the museum of the Holiday Inn Corporation at their headquarters in Memphis. Later as manager of the graphics design department for the H. B. Stubbs Company I was responsible for graphic designers, the graphics coordinator and the department interns for the Warren, MI and Portland, OR studios — a great experience working with a team of talented directors, engineers, designers, artists and craftspeople that produced corporate and museum displays installed and utilized all over the world. My current graphic design work includes book illustrations, cover designs and layout of books. These include the Scarab Club members annual, catalogs for various artists and art organizations, children books and novels. At my studio in Calumet, I continue to work in graphic design but main interest is in pen and ink drawings, experimental art books and paper constructions.

**Nathan Perreault** is Assistant Professor of Management at Finlandia University’s International School of Business. A graduate of Calumet High School, he participated in football, basketball, and track. After graduation he obtained a Master’s in Business Administration, a Bachelor’s in Business Administration, and an Associate Degree in Applied Science. He currently serves as Treasurer of the CLK Foundation. Other organizations he is involved with include the MTEC SmartZone, One Million Cups. Personal interests include weight lifting and volunteering as a coach with the Calumet High School track team.

**Thank you to our generous members:**

Ace Hardware	Carl Adams	Charles Anderson
Lee and Kathleen Arten	Blaise and Ethel Audet	Mary Ann Bammert
Gracia and Greg Bracco	Marvin and Ruth Bradford	Christine and Tony Clements
Janet Dalquist	Michael and Janet Dudenas	Marilynn Ehrenreich
Jean Ellis	Gregory Gardner	Randal and Patricia Golus
Rick and Donna Holmstrom	Incredible Bank	Margaret Kekko
Ann Kemppainen	George and Linda Kingstrom	Robert and Deloris Langseth
Brian and Charlene Laakonen	Gene and Pat LaRochelle	Joseph Lizzadro
Tony and Phyllis Locatelli	Tom and Benita Maksimchuk	David and Jacqueline Mente
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Michael and Phyllis Ramos	Anna and Patrick Roche	Bruce and Karen Rovano
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Nancy Sanderson	Carmen Sandretto	Robert and Donna Shea
Leonard and Karen Simonson	Raymond and Diane Tiberg	Robert Townsend
David and Carol Waisanen	Michael and Bonnie Wolff	UP Engineers and Architects
Harold and Valerie Zimdars		

**Specified for the Organ from:**

**In Honor of**

**In Memory of**

Jan Anderson  
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Pam Shaughnessy  
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John Sullivan  
Claudette Vairo  
Tony and Phyllis Locatelli

Anita and Paul Campbell, Robert Townsend, Kevin Wright  
Jack Marta by Tony and Phyllis Locatelli

## Summer and Fall events



Pasty Fest 2022 not only brought delicious pasties to 5th Street but also a crowd pleasing Heritage Car Show. 33 spectacular cars or trucks lined the 100 and part of the 200 blocks of 5th street in downtown Calumet. Plenty of positive comments were heard about the quality of workmanship that was evident with the vehicles' restoration.

This was the 5th Annual Heritage Car Show spearheaded by Joe Locatelli to benefit the Keweenaw Heritage Center. The board members of the Center wish to thank Joe and his son, Joe, who traveled from Chicago for the event. Thanks also to Krissy and Ernie Tepsa for their assistance. We hope to see you all at the 2023 **Heritage Car Show!**

*Finding New Places*, the summer exhibit highlighting the lives, challenges, and attitudes faced by eight remarkable local women born before the passage of the women's rights to vote, attracted nearly a thousand spectators. An outgrowth of the exhibit came when Mary Locke Petermann, Ph. D., was inducted into both the Honor Roll of Distinguished Alumni/Alumnae for Calumet High School and into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. This was especially timely since Dr. Petermann's discovery of Petermann's Particles, later called ribosomes, provided a foundation for research that led to COVID vaccines.

Plans are to feature the exhibit again next summer. Be sure to see more about Dr. Petermann and the other seven women who contributed so much to Keweenaw Heritage and all our lives.



Main Street Calumet rented the Sandstone Hall for their **FOCUS FORWARD** event showcasing the numerous collaborative efforts by nine entities working to renew Calumet by removal of bling and entrepreneurial development. Presenters were Main Street Calumet, the Downtown Development Authority, Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance, Village of Calumet, Village of Laurium, Calumet Township, Keweenaw National Historical Park, Calumet Theatre and Calumet Electronics.



John Sullivan, Laurium Village President, is standing and speaking to the crowd.



Superintendent Wendy Davis updates 30 years progress at Keweenaw National Park.



Todd Brossard shows Calumet Electronics' support of Main Street's effort with a check to MS Board Chair, Bob Langseth.

One of the special advantages of renting Keweenaw Heritage Center is the ability to link with other groups. In October, Keweenaw Kernewek, the Cornish Connection of the Copper Country, celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Noteworthy, the Women’s Chorus, helped make the event fun. An additional feature was linking with Proper Job, a musical group from Camborne, Cornwall, Calumet’s Twin Town.



Delicious lunch, featuring pasties (of course), catered by Lindell’s followed the performances. Table decorations included American and Cornish flags and coasters made by Melanie Moyle. The connection with friends in Cornwall made the event more memorable. Think about your own events and how much more fun it might be to connect with friends and family from afar.



Scott Veenstra, Gail English, Mike Irish

**Musical Mondays** are a special treat in the summer. This summer, some of them took place upstairs and some enjoyed the cool temps in Sandstone Hall. Cathy Isaacson and Friends were the first group to perform downstairs. Along with great music, people seemed to enjoy the different venue.



There was more room for dancing.

Back upstairs for the Copper Country Community Band and for an organ performance by Kathleen Alitalo-Arten and Tom Kraska. Kathleen made this extra special by donating admission for everyone. This was her tribute to Toini Heikkinen, Ruth Matthews, and Jean Abramson who had been her teachers and mentors. What a lovely way to recognize special people in your life!

**Docents, Guides, or Hosts? We Thank Them for All They Do.**

Whatever you want to call them, these folks opened the building, greeted guests, and made things work.

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| Janice Crouch      | Jean Ellis              | Margaret Kekko  | Bob Langseth    |
| Marilynn Lightfoot | Phyllis Locatelli       | Jerome Patryjak | Annette Preston |
| Carmen Sandretto   | Patricia Schmitt-Miller | Hope Stroup     |                 |

**The Calumet Township Team –Keeping Things Moving Along**

Keweenaw Heritage Center is owned by the Charter Township of Calumet. Supervisor Tim Gasperich, Treasurer Lana Hyrkas, and Clerk Robin Hick and other teams provide guidance and skills. Thanks to them for taking care of many things, including mail, admissions, and donations.

## Raising the Roof

28 years. Subtract those from 2022 and you'll get 1994. That was the year that the rescue of the building began. Coincidentally, 28 years before 1994 was 1966, the year that St. Anne's was deconsecrated. From 1966 to 1994, little or nothing had been done for upkeep on the building. What would the building look like now if that neglect had continued?



A nearby building on Sixth Street gives an idea. Windows broken, sandstone crumbling, roof caved in. Towering in the background is the steeple of a building in very different condition. Concerned citizens, generous donors, caring people guided twenty-eight years of care to change the course of the Keweenaw Heritage Center. Step by laborious step, the steeple has been stabilized; stained glass windows saved, glass block repaired; sandstone tuck-pointed; holes patched, and patched, and patched.



Why so much patching? Consider the age of the roof. That's not actually known. But it is known that it was put on *before* 1966. Since St. Anne's congregation had been steadily shrinking for some time before 1966, it's likely to be another ten or fifteen years before. It doesn't seem possible that this is the original roof (1901) but no one knows. Wind damage a few years ago seemed to reveal another roof under the present one but records of any installation aren't available.



Whatever the age of the roof, various leaks have shown that something needs to be done. Waiting until there are multiple major problems will only add to expenses. So 2022 marks the year to start efforts to secure funds to **Raise the Roof**. Guesstimates for the costs have ranged between \$250,000 to \$380,000 but nothing is certain until the determination of problems that are there. Looking for grants will be part of the fundraising. Since grants usually require matching funds, your support will be crucial.

### Preliminary steps

After discussion, the Board established a category of funds specific to *Raising the Roof* and planned for activities that would benefit that fund. Thanks to the energy devoted by Marcia Primeau, Patty Schmitt-Miller, and Jim and Teri Enrietti, the first major effort took place in August. Invitations for dinner and evening entertainment went to previous supporters of KHC.



Following a social hour, a presentation on the history of efforts, a dinner catered by Lindell's of Lake Linden, attendees enjoyed an evening of music played by Jim and Teri. Through donations and fees, the event raised \$5,024.



# The Good Ole Days Weren't So Good

– Leak Damage Before Restoration Began –

In addition to thanks for monetary donations and hours contributed, KHC extends gratitude to:

- Aramark Linen Service for supplying the tablecloths and napkins
- Jean Ellis for cost of posters and for contributing books for the Silent Auction
- Jim and Teri Enrietti for performing
- Deborah Frontiera for her book for the Silent Auction
- Keweenaw Gallery and Gifts for their beautiful contribution to the Silent Auction
- Phyllis and Tony Locatelli for supplying wine for the social hour
- Marcia and Tom Primeau for contributing beverage cups, utensils, and beer for the social hour
- Jim Rule for contributing his book for the Silent Auction
- Patti Schmitt-Miller and Jerome Patryjak for signs, invitations, and certificates



Behind the Altar on the 5th Street side



Leak damage to the right of the Altar area



In the center Altar area



Center back of building



In the balcony area

Exterior problems that needed attention



Forces of Nature Right: A lightning strike damaged the steeple. Below: Wind storm damage from 2011



Approximate \$1,700,000 has been needed for restoration. Highlighted entries were for the most	
2004	Architectural building, structural elements... \$45,000
2005	Construction items... \$45,211
2006	Emergency repair work, including roof, gutters, soffits, porch, piers... \$72,000
2007	Decorative plaster repair work... \$45,000
2008	Engineering drawings for building... \$45,000
2009	Construction items... \$45,000
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2011	Roof and gutter work... \$45,000
2012	Interior work... \$45,000
2013	Exterior work... \$45,000
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2099	Exterior work... \$45,000
2100	Interior work... \$45,000

## The Remedy Raise the Roof

➡ Tuck pointing the sandstone and a new roof just in time to beat the snow ➡



### Donors to Raise the Roof:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to help by volunteering. Please contact me. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my donation. Please make checks payable to **Keweenaw Heritage Center**.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation      Additional donation to ***Raise the Roof***      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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