

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



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### 2018—A Year of Making Connections

Connecting. Networking. Building friendships. Reaching out to others—important words and actions that played crucial roles for Keweenaw Heritage Center in 2018.

#### Connecting Beyond the Building



For several months, the Board deliberated whether installing wi-fi would make the building more attractive to renters. Live-streaming special events like weddings and other celebrations; connecting with speakers through conference calls; and making connections with friends all over the world were convincing factors. Pasty.Net donated their installation services and equipment. We are very grateful for their generosity.

First to use the connection was Keweenaw Kernewek, the Cornish Connection of the Copper Country. Celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, they connected with Cornwall and the person who had inspired them to form the organization. Members and guests were able to chat with Howard Curnow via Skype. How far communication has come in just 25 years! Imagine being able to connect “across the pond” or to transmit live pictures of an important event like a wedding to friends or relatives in different states.



## Networking with Youth

As one of the twenty-one Heritage Sites of the Keweenaw National Historical Park, KHC is part of a large network. Early in May, the network reached out to fourth grade students across the Copper Country. Bob Langseth contributed this information about the Copper Traces program.

“Our mission includes teaching children heritage aspects of the peninsula. For the past three years we have partnered with the Intermediate School District in articulating the vital part that Copper Country Sandstone had in the constructing of America. Each year fourth graders from within a 100 mile radius are brought to Calumet by the National Park Service.

“As they enter our facility they must shout out the password **Open Sesame!** They then pass through the magic door into the era of 1880s as immigrants from Europe. In the photo above, they are rounding a curve on the **Jacobsville Express** on the way to the sandstone quarry where they will earn money. Here are pictures of their work site and one of the results of their labor—the 1890 Waldorf Astoria Hotel, made from Jacobsville sandstone.

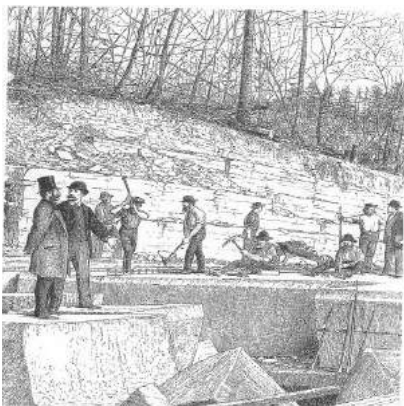
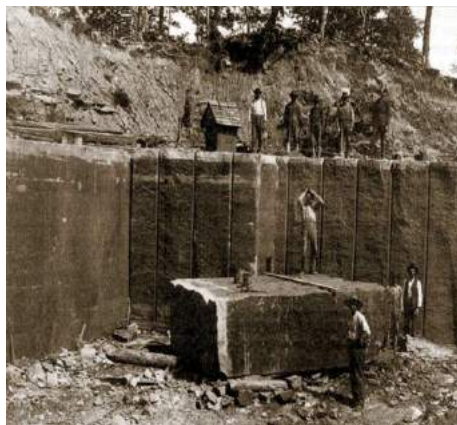


Illustration of the method of quarrying sandstone by blasting and wedging. From Plate XXIII of Report on the Building Stones of the United States and Statistics of the Quarry Industry for 1881, U.S. Department of the Interior, Census Office, Freds Coates, ed. P. 10 (Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1881).



Even though our partnership with the schools is only three years old, over 1600 fourth graders have attended events like this. We are one of your tools for bringing old knowledge to a new generation. We then send them away with fresh knowledge of U.P., fresh pride in the importance of the Keweenaw and fresh commitment to pursue a revitalized peninsula. . Don't you agree that the KHC merits your attendance and support?"

Horizons High School was another part of the networking with younger people. For the fifth year, the school has held its Commencement Ceremony in the Keweenaw Heritage Center. Seventeen young men and women celebrated earning their high school diplomas in June.



In October, French classes from [Hancock High School](#) explored the origin of the Keweenaw Heritage Center when it was a French-Canadian congregation. The kids braved the cold as they explored the upstairs, paying particular attention to the French inscriptions on the stained glass windows.

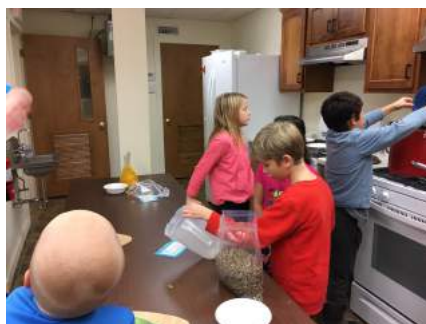


Their teacher, Mme. Smith, had a particular treat in store for them downstairs. After listening to some background information (some in French) on French-Canadians in Calumet and Hancock from Dave Bezotte and Jean Ellis, the classes enjoyed tourtiere (pork pie) and apple cider before they left.



Cries of “Au revoir” and “Merci” echoed through the building, connecting the building to its much earlier days when parishioners communicated largely in French.

In November, [Young Historians](#) learned about food that could have been grown locally and consumed by Native Americans. With the help of staff from the Keweenaw National Historical Park and volunteers, the kids prepared the meal and delighted in consuming it.



## Connections with the Community

Keweenaw Heritage Center is pleased to be able to be part of different community networks. Long dependent on gifts of time and money, KHC is now able to also be a contributor, benefiting the Heritage Center and the whole community. As more people learn about attractions the Heritage Center offers, usage of the building increases.

The Board started out the year by continuing membership in Main Street. When August came along, so did Pasty Fest. Admirers of antique cars were among the crowd attracted by the vendors and other activities. Thanks to Joe Locatelli, Krissy Kovachich and Ernie Tepsa. They worked to contact car owners who contributed entry fees to KHC.



Another part of our networking is the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau. They help us by publishing KHC's activities, directing tourists to the Center, and by selling the CDs of the C & H Personnel Records that still contributed to the Center's funds. We are pleased to be a member.

More networking provided wonderful entertainment. Musical Mondays have played a huge role for KHC. We could not be more grateful to the musicians who have donated their time and talent to help raise funds for the building's restorations. This year, performances by Ron Lahti and Friends, Jim and Teri Enrietti,, the Copper Country Community Band, and Cathy Isaacson and Friends again delighted audiences. KHC's cooperation with the Calumet Theatre in a grant application helped to pay for publicity.

Once again, organists also allowed visitors to enjoy the 1899 Barckhoff organ in concerts and on special days. The restoration of the organ was also a result of community networking that continues under the direction of Board member Kathleen Arten. The organ music continues the musical heritage from the days of St. Anne's. thanks to people like Jan List and Carol Waisanen for connecting with visitors and the community.

Ethnic Heritage is an integral part of Copper Country history. Today, a few ethnic heritage groups still exist. We are pleased that Cornish, Croatian, and Italian groups rent and support the Heritage Center by donating and/or scheduling their meetings and celebrations in the building.

*Meur ras* to the Cornish, *Hvala* to the Croatians, and *Mille grazie* to the Italians for continuing Copper Country traditions.



## Christmas Craft Shows

For years now, local artists and crafters have found the lower level of Keweenaw Heritage Center to be a great place to show their wares to local shoppers. What a grand opportunity to see what local crafters have to offer and get holiday shopping off to a great start!



## Projects and Renovations



After all the exterior work done in 2017 (tuck pointing, roof repair, lower level window replacement, front step repairs, and window frame painting), interior projects were on the docket for 2018. Crumbling windowsills downstairs got the first attention. You may have noticed the change in previous pictures but here they are decorated for a graduation party in May.

Also covered were the cement blocks that had concealed the entrance to an old tunnel between KHC and the former rectory.

### Adding to the Kitchen

Planning a dinner party at KHC? You may want to take advantage of table service added in the spring. The Board authorized the purchase of Corelle dishes and acrylic drink ware. Tricia Golus supplemented the dishes with some of her own, bringing the total number of dinner plates to 72. Everything is dishwasher-safe.



### Serving Station



Two renovations make preparation to entertain so much easier. The first major addition is a movable counter. The second may not seem like a big deal. But anyone who had to move the large wooden table wheels appreciates how much easier new wheels make it to move now. Whoever invented the wheel surely has our thanks!

### In the Works

During the winter, plans are for installation of sound-absorbing panels to address the echo downstairs. New flooring is also under consideration.

If KHC was a great place for a party before, it's even better now. Universal accessibility, a full catering kitchen, capacity of about 200 on either floor, and very reasonable rental rates:

Meetings:	Two Hour	\$ 35
	Four Hour	\$ 70
Events	Six Hours	\$100
	All Day	\$175
Weddings	Friday Evening – Sunday noon	\$500
	Wedding Only	\$250

Call 906-337-1640 for more information or to reserve the Keweenaw Heritage Center.

## Making Connections and Building Networks—You, the Community and the KHC

From Jean Ellis, Co-Chairperson of the Board

Networking and establishing connections have rescued an important part of Keweenaw heritage. Keweenaw Heritage Center could have shared the fate of the YMCA building that once stood across Fifth Street. It's now a parking lot.

As we plan to celebrate Keweenaw Heritage Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, there are many, many people to thank and many, many events to remember. Old videotapes and photographs show all that has been done to rescue the building. In 1994, bushes had taken root over the front doors; the front steps were broken; sandstone blocks were loose; broken glass block windows in the basement let small animals in to live and die; holes in the roof let pigeons find places to roost upstairs; and lead in some stained glass windows had deteriorated so much that panes of glass flapped whenever wind blew. Twenty-eight years before, the building had been deconsecrated. Five years later, it was sold. The purchaser paid \$4,000 for this building and the rectory next door. His plans were to sell "antiques" in the building.

The building had been placed on the National Register of Historic Place in the mid-1970s, honoring its past. However, its status in 1991 was hardly a place of honor when it became the setting for a horror movie. Its future was in question and became more uncertain after the death of the owner. Rumors flew around town that the building had been sold again and that the plans of the new owner was to remove the stained glass windows. Galvanized by these rumors, the Foresight Committee alerted the community. Individuals stepped forward, including Township Supervisor Paul Lehto and Pastor R. V. Langseth. Calumet Township would take ownership of the building but no tax money could be used. Reverend Langseth found people to contribute toward the purchase. A network of caring began to form.

The first volunteers stepped forward to clean out ten tons of junk. Volunteers scraped walls, did planning, wrote applications for grants, offered lecture series, worked as guides, and arranged for rentals—caring people coming together to rescue a beautiful building. Musicians donated their time and talent to offer entertainment and raise money. By 2018, more than 80,000 volunteer hours had gone into the rescue. Gifts of time matched gifts of money. Some gifts were bequests; some were to honor friends; some were offered in memory of loved ones. Donors were connected by their desire to save an important part of Keweenaw history. Today, a building whose future was in question now stands proudly at the entrance to Fifth Street, its existence guaranteed by expenditures of \$1,750,000. 55% of those funds have come from donations and rentals. 45% has been raised through grants.

Networks and connections exist through different interests. Some of those are highlighted in information in this newsletter. KHC has 1,150 people who are connected on Facebook from different parts of the country and world. Similar connections will help to assure the building's future. People mention precious memories from when the building was a church. Connecting those memories to commitment to the present and future is key to survival.

Please let me end these comments by thanking everyone who has helped to rescue the building. With other Board members, I encourage everyone to attend events, volunteer to help wherever you can, and promote rentals. ***If we don't use it, we will lose it.*** Nobody wants that to happen.

## Thank you for the Donation of Time:

### Board Members and areas of responsibility

The Keweenaw Heritage Center Board were pleased to welcome Jim and Teri Enrietti as new members in September. Connecting via Skype they join the following people for monthly meetings.

Kathleen Arten	Organ
Gracia Bracco	Honorary
Jean Ellis	Co-chair, newsletter, interim Recording Secretary
Tricia Golus	Treasurer
Robert Langseth	Liaison with Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission and Keweenaw Community Foundation
Phyllis Locatelli	Co-chair, Rentals, Musical Mondays, Summer guides
Marcia Primeau	Corresponding Secretary
George Siira	Building committee
Joseph Snow	Building committee

### Summer Guides

During July and August, Keweenaw Heritage Center is open Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. These people help visitors learn about the Center.

Janice Crouch	Bonnie Dyni	Jean Ellis	Dave Grahek
Kathy Hendrickson	Lori Kinonen	Margaret Kekko	Bob Langseth
Marilynn Lightfoot	Phyllis Locatelli	Patricia Miller	Annette Preston

### Organists and Committee

Kathleen Arten	Dave Bezotte	Janet Dalquist	Corbin Eddy
Jan List	Tom Kraska	Julie Norton	Carol Waisanen

### Calumet Township Staff

Paul Lehto, Supervisor	Beth Salmela, Clerk	Fay Johnson, Treasurer
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### Musical Mondays

Copper Country Community Band	Jim and Teri Enrietti
Cathy Isaacson and Friends	Ron Lahti and Friends

The Board would also like to thank Tony Bausano and the staff at Copper World for all their help in being Keepers of the Keys and for directing their customers to visit the Keweenaw Heritage Center.

A note of appreciation to Tom Primeau for always being there to help set things up!



For their gifts to Keweenaw Heritage Center, our thanks go to:

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R. E. Wisti

Harold and Valerie Zimdars

We are also grateful to Pasty.Net for their in-kind contributions of equipment and installation costs.

**Adopt- A- Pipe (Organ)**

Carl Adams  
Charles and Angela Anderson  
Lee and Kathleen Arten  
Janet Dalquist  
Roland and Barbara Elenich

Virginia Jamison  
Aditya Primeau  
Carmen Sandretto  
David and Carol Waisanen  
Bud West

**For Gifts in Honor of:**

Jean Ellis

**From**

Michael and Greta Erm  
Thomas and Connie Hoerauf  
John and Xuyen Lindblom  
Tony and Phyllis Locatelli  
Jeannette Medlyn

Phyllis Locatelli

Jean Ellis

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**From**

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Randal and Tricia Golus  
Phyllis and Tony Locatelli

James Brooks

Charles and Angela Anderson  
Lee and Kathleen Arten

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Eleanor Kehoe

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Mary Woywood

Charles and Angela Anderson  
Ron Woywood and Family

**For the long-term needs, KHC has an endowment fund at Keweenaw Community Foundation. Donations to this fund came from:**

Michael and Karen Arola

Roberta Noetzel

Jean Ellis

Douglas and Norma Stuart

Alison K. Hoagland

Raymond and Diane Tiberg

James Johnson

Mr. and Mrs Marshall Wethersby

Joseph Kirkish

## Join our network! Connect with Keweenaw Heritage Center as we celebrate its twenty-fifth year after Rescue, Repurposing, and Restoration!

Planning is underway to mark the quarter century of work that has gone into the building.

If you know what happened to any of the furnishings from St. Anne's, please let us know.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact (Phone or e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have pictures of what the building looked like between 1971 and 1994 (the junk shop years), we'd love to make copies of them. At this date, we don't have any of the making of the horror film, *Children of the Night*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact (Phone or e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

If you were part of the volunteer crew that started the process, we'd like to have your contact information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact (Phone or e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

If you can help by serving on a committee or in any other way, please let us know.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact (Phone or e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

I can help by \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for contributing in any way to celebrate and perpetuate this beautiful part of Keweenaw's history.

### MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM (GIFTS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation

In addition, please accept my donation of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for: Adopt-A-Pipe contribution toward restoration and upkeep of the organ

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation made in memory of or to honor: Please notify (name and address) of my gift in memory or honor:

Check total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Keweenaw Heritage Center, 25880 Red Jacket Rd., Calumet, MI 49913

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





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