

Keweenaw Heritage Center—Opening Doors to Our Heritage.



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The PAST—>The PRESENT—> The FUTURE

As a year draws to a close, looking back on events can become a pastime. Looking ahead and making plans usually comes next. Keweenaw Heritage Center followed that pattern this year.

For just a brief time, let's look at the past. Go back 115 years to 1901. Copper production is close to its peak. Streetcar service has just been extended from Houghton and Boston, going to Laurium, Red Jacket, and as far as Wolverine*. There are few, if any, cars. Calumet Township's population numbers 25,991. In June, a huge parade marks the dedication of a new building on the corner of Fifth and Scott Streets. The Calumet News reports thousands would help celebrate the dedication. St. Anne's church will serve a primarily French-Canadian parish.

Now imagine you were watching the parade but can be transported to June 2016. How things have changed! Calumet Township's population is roughly one fourth of what it was 115 years ago. The streetcars are gone and their tracks either torn up or *paved over*. St. Anne's was deconsecrated a half century ago (1966). As Keweenaw Heritage Center (KHC), it now serves residents and visitors in many ways: celebrating events; offering concerts and lectures; showcasing the heritage of the Keweenaw.

Paving was a big part of the summer of 2016. For most of June, July and August, some part of Red Jacket Road was blocked for construction. No parade could get through; even PastyFest's had to be re-routed. Visitors sometimes gave up the opportunity to get to KHC to attend exhibits, concerts and lectures. But they still managed to attend graduation ceremonies and weddings so the building wasn't totally abandoned! And plans were being made.

Our past and our present are important parts of our heritage. Those parts lead to our future. That's true for buildings, too. So let's look at what's in store for Keweenaw Heritage Center.

(*Sproule, William J., Copper Country Streetcars, p. 26)

From Phyllis Locatelli, Co-Chairperson:

Greetings,

Summer 2016 was an interesting time again at the Keweenaw Heritage Center. The board members continue to work diligently to keep the building in good condition and inviting to guests. We appreciate the support given by the community. A sincere thank you to Phil Ruppe for his generous donation to the KHC. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the Keweenaw Community Foundation, The Herman Gundlach Donor Advised Fund for the grant.

The Musical Monday Nights were again well received. We are grateful to the musicians who donated their time and talents. Thank you also to the presenters at the Tuesday Night Live Lecture series. This year our attendance was down from the previous year. There was road construction all around us. This may have the reason for a decline in visitors. We will explore some marketing suggestions for next year.

With a building that is 115 years old, there always appears to be one problem or another. A few weeks ago, leaks were discovered in the ceiling of the choir loft and side arch. Paper and plaster has been damaged. Apparently there is a leak at the bottom of the tower. We are hoping for a few good days to get it at least temporarily repaired.

I am sending a personal thank you to the people who were willing to serve as hosts this past summer. You did a wonderful job! I would be remiss not to sincerely thank my fellow KHC board members. They are a hard working, great group.

Wishes and regards to you and yours for an enjoyable holiday season. We hope to see you at the KHC in 2017.

Phyllis

Grant Received:

Keweenaw Community Foundation, The Herman Gundlach Donor Advised Fund

In August, KHC learned that its application to the Community Foundation for \$4,020 had been funded. The funds will go toward securing the building from weather. Currently, broken glass blocks in the basement and water seeping through the sandstone pose a security threat.

The funds have already been used to contract a professional engineer to inspect the entire building and prepare a roadmap for immediate repairs and future maintenance. His preliminary recommendations are to: 1) Repair the SE corner of the main roof; 2) Repair sandstone at grade and seal the joint at the base of the wall; 3) Replace 42 broken glass blocks; 4) Repair/replace entry stairs and concrete aprons; 5) Provide tuck pointing below belt course; 6) Replace exterior wood window trim; 7) Provide tuck pointing on balance of exterior; 8) Clean exterior stone. Use of a silicone type sealant to improve the water resistance of the sandstone should be considered; 9) Inspect and replace the roof shingles/flashing as needed.

We are grateful to the Keweenaw Community Foundation for helping us prepare for the future.

Gifts to the KHC Endowment at the Keweenaw Community Foundation from:

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A STORY THAT STRETCHES OVER 115 YEARS

New visitors to Keweenaw Heritage Center often remark on the beauty of the building. Learning that the building is on the National Register of Historic Places impresses them. The stained glass windows never fail to motivate people to get out their cameras. Community efforts to save the building have produced wonderful results.

This exhibit starts with the beginning of St. Anne's in 1901. It goes on to the deconsecration in 1966 and shows the deterioration of the building until 1994.



FROM THE NOT-QUITE-SO-DISTANT PAST



Early last winter, remodeling began in a building on 5th Street. This sign had been in the window—a relic from part of KHC's history we would often like to forget.

Still, it's part of the history so we asked if KHC could have it. Luckily, it fit in a car. It's currently under the stairs waiting for a place to display it.

The "collectables" included moldy old mattresses and other gems. Fortunately, we no longer have to worry about those.

TO THE CURRENT CHAPTER IN THE STORY

The building was open for 54 days during the summer. Four exhibits were featured: a history of the building, information about the stained glass windows, *Discover a Woman's Place*, and *Fifth Street in 1910*. Volunteers contributed 369 hours to welcome more than a thousand visitors. The SEEDS students, sponsored by Keweenaw National Historical Park, helped out by cleaning.

Local performers contributed their talents for six Musical Mondays. Two concerts featured the restored 1899 Barckhoff organ. The building was the venue for four weddings and for a baby shower. New, comfortable chairs and round tables make the basement even more attractive. It has become a popular choice for meetings and/or dinners by ethnic heritage groups.

Facebook Likes have increased to nearly 1,000. The new website and Facebook have been used to promote events like Musical Mondays and the four lectures on Keeping Calumet Strong.

THE SUMMER OF 2016

Connecting Students to the Heritage of the Keweenaw

“Copper Traces”, a program initiated by Keweenaw National Historical Park (KNHP) brought kids to Calumet. At Keweenaw Heritage Center, fourth graders started things off by learning about sandstone early in May.



Bob Langseth and a friend helped them imagine that they were involved in quarrying the material for many buildings on the Keweenaw and other places.



Here, the kids careen around corners on an imaginary train as the “engineers” conduct them to the quarries.

Horizons High School students made Keweenaw Heritage Center the place to begin the next step in their lives when they celebrated their graduation in a Commencement Ceremony.

Revealing the Potential of the Keweenaw Heritage Center to the Community



Volunteers Bonnie Dyni, Charlene Pearce and Marcia Primeau address invitations to a wine and cheese reception. It showcased the new kitchen and the many ways that KHC can serve to celebrate different life events.



Some of the Events Showcased



Craft shows



Weddings and Wedding receptions



Showers

On the following day, KHC opened its doors to all in the community to begin summer hours.

HELPING OPEN THE DOORS TO OUR HERITAGE

Musical Mondays and Tuesday Presentations

Some attractions at KHC in the summer come in the evenings. This year's schedule included:

Performances by:

The Copper Country Community Band
Yesterday's Wine
Cathy Isaacson and Friends
The Singing Sheriff-Ron Lahti
Woodwind Quintet

Calumet Strong Presentations

Our Schools -Superintendent Darryl Pierce
Our Hospital-Administrator Chuck Nelson
Community Arts-MTU Professor Richelle Winkler
Our Downtown-Pres. Dave Geisler & Leah Polzien
Our Churches-Rev.Peter Vorhes & Deacon Art Stancher

Sometimes, the audience is a major part of the attractions.

When **Jim and Teri Enrietti** performed, the audience got into the act.



Jim took his accordion right to Marie Regis, delighting her and others in the audience with an up-close and personal performance.



Two performances highlighted the Barckhoff organ. A hymn fest, featured choir and audience participation. Kathleen Arten and Susan Byykkonen conducted a workshop in September.

Tallying hours of rehearsals and lecture preparation, along with performers' and lecturers' investment in instruments and equipment would require a lot of calculation and result in totals of thousands. Nevertheless, performers and lecturers have willingly donated all of this to the existence of the Keweenaw Heritage Center. There's no way to adequately thank them or the other volunteers. We try to express our appreciation with a party after KHC closes. Everyone enjoyed mixing with other KHC supporters. By the looks of the empty boxes, they liked the pizza!



Legacy Award

During the Volunteer Appreciation Party, Phyllis Locatelli presented the Legacy Award to Jean Ellis. Jean has been a member of the Board since 1994, serving at various times as Co-Chairperson, Secretary, and Newsletter Chair. She also chaired the committee that developed the exhibit, *Discover A Woman's Place*. Jean was taken by surprise with the award. Phyllis commented that she had never seen Jean speechless before!

Students Use KHC and the New Kitchen to Learn about Heritage Foods

Just before Thanksgiving, KNHP's Kathleen Harter, Ellen Schroeder and Lynette Webber helped third grade students discover how to cook foods that grow in the Keweenaw Peninsula.



Keeping Keweenaw Heritage Center Running

Slowly (and sometimes it seems *very* slowly), we are working toward a goal of making KHC self-sustaining. We hope that admissions, income from endowment, and rents will allow for the payment of utility bills, cleaning, snow removal, and the myriad of expenses of upkeep.

Volunteers contribute many, many hours, working as guides and helping set up for events. Board members spend time planning, making repairs, cleaning, arranging for rentals, being sure that supplies have been purchased, opening the building for events and keeping information current on the website (www.keweenawheritagecenter.org) and on Facebook.

Volunteer guides contributed 369 hours this summer. *Independent Sector* reports that volunteer time in Michigan is valued at \$23.54 per hour. If we put a dollar amount on time, these people have contributed close to \$8,900 to keeping Keweenaw Heritage Center open:

Janice Primeau Crouch	Bonnie Dyni	Jean Ellis	Guy Goode
Wanda Goode	Dave Grahek	Kathy Henderson	Margaret Kekko
Lori Kinnonen	Bob Langseth	Margaret Lauren	Marilynn Lightfoot
Phyllis Locatelli	Charlene Pearce	Carol Puotinen	Phil Puotinen

In addition to the time contributed by the guides, Board members have tallied more than 500 hours of time during the past year. Dollar amount for those hours — approximately \$12,000.

Members of the Board:

Kathleen Arten, Jean Ellis (Co-chair), Tricia Golus (Treasurer), Bob Langseth, Phyllis Locatelli (Co-chair), Tom Oldfield, Marcia Primeau, George Siira, and Joe Snow.



Board members Marcia Primeau and Jean Ellis took on the task of organizing records that go back to 1994. Here, they've covered the tables downstairs to categorize applications, building plans, celebrations, minutes and restorations.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the folks at Calumet Township for all they do for KHC. Paul Lehto, Beth Salmela, and Debbie Aubin, along with the rest of the staff—KHC wouldn't be here without you! We really appreciate all you do.

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Serve as an afternoon summer guide [SEP]

Clean the building for the June Opening [SEP]

Other (please let us know how you would like to help).

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