

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



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### 2021 — The Year of *Wow!*

If 2020 was a quiet year, KHC made up for that in 2021. In December 2020, no one was sure whether we would be able to open in the summer. But to be ready, preparations had to get underway. The preparation list is long and includes: exhibit planning, arrangements for performances, contact with volunteers, lift inspection, and organ maintenance, and a rental calendar/schedule. The Board did some planning in January and accepted a suggestion for a summer exhibit, along with a committee that had agreed to work on it. In February, the Board welcomed Dave Geisler as a new member. Dave was invaluable in helping to obtain funding to remedy a gaping hole in the ceiling above the balcony.

As winter wound on in the Keweenaw, *Finding New Places* was beginning to take shape. Laura Eaton, Jean Ellis, Greta Erm, and Ann Newton spent hours researching eight amazing Keweenaw career women whose lives were likely influenced by the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Problems with the lift that goes upstairs caused concern.



But plaster falling from the ceiling in the balcony was the major concern. Moisture could affect the organ and no one knew where the building was leaking. Was it the roof? Was it a hole in the sandstone or the tuck pointing? Where? Was other damage not yet visible in the 120-year-old building? Clearly, we had to find out.



KHC is very fortunate in having wonderful people who help when they are needed. We appealed to John Sullivan, P. E., and John Arnold, Historical Architect at the Keweenaw National Historical Park (KNHP). Mr. Sullivan consulted Keith Bastion who had done work on the Firefighters Museum. The three inspected the site and made suggestions about finding the problem's source. Grants from the KNHP Advisory Commission and the Americana Foundation, matched by KHC's funds, provided resources that would be needed for repairs. "Covering It Up and Tucking It In" on page 3 will show what was done.

## **From the Board:**

Greetings,

With mixed emotions we see 2021 coming to an end. There were so many ups and downs, dealing with COVID. At the KHC, we were skeptical but opened for July and August. It was a pleasure to greet the many visitors that came.

Special thanks to the dedicated volunteers who hosted out guests this year. The Board is grateful! We couldn't open without you. The exhibit featuring eight Copper Country women was masterfully done by Jean Ellis, Greta Erm, and Ann Newton, helped by Laura Eaton. Guests raved about its quality. If you have not seen it, mark your calendar as a must for summer 2022.

Thank you to the Americana Foundation and to the KNHP Advisory Commission for the grants KHC received. Tuck pointing of the entire building is complete, thanks to their support. Hopefully the areas causing leaking problems have been fixed.

Musical Mondays and organ concerts were limited due to the virus. Finding musicians was a challenge. Thank you so much to those who were able to participate. They were well received.

The Board welcomed two new members this year. Patricia Schmitt-Miller and Dave Geisler immediately became involved in the many activities of the KHC. My heartfelt thanks to my fellow Board members who have carried us through this past trying year. You are the best!

A sincere thank you to our many donors who financially assist the KHC. We appreciate your support as it aides in keeping this magnificent building a treasure to the area.

Good wishes to you and your families for a Joyous Holiday season. May 2022 bring good health and happiness. We hope to see you at the Keweenaw Heritage Center.

Best Regards to all.

Phyllis Locatelli, Co-Chair

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

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Teri Enrietti – Trustee

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Tricia Golus – Treasurer

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Phyllis Locatelli – Co-Chair, Rentals, Musical Mondays

Patricia Miller – Trustee

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## **Meet Our New Board Members**

Dave Geisler is a native of southeast Wisconsin. Dave lived in Chicago for 40 years before retiring to Calumet in 2011. Since moving to the Keweenaw, he has been active in a variety of civic and not-for-profit organizations. In addition to the Heritage Center, Dave is involved with Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly, Main Street Calumet, the Keweenaw Storytelling Center as well as other organizations. In his spare time, Dave enjoys reading and gardening.

Patricia Schmitt-Miller prepared for her 40-year teaching career by graduating from Eastern Michigan University and going on to Lawrence Technical University to earn a Masters in Educational Technology. Downstate, Patti and her late husband raised two daughters. After retiring, they moved to the Keweenaw where she continues community activities along with hobbies like stained glass and becoming a master knitter. She says she misses teaching and looks forward to helping KHC as a presenter and Board member.

## Covering It Up and Tucking It In

Seeing a hole in the ceiling above the organ (picture on page 1) was scary. Would it expand? What other damage might appear? Sometimes, it's easy to fix problems. Just find the source and repair it. This was not one of those times.

Where, oh where, was the water coming from? It was so hard to see what was happening high up.

Was it here?



Or maybe here?



Or even here?



Clearly, one of the challenges was getting close to the problem. Renting a lift was essential and expensive.

Blocking off Scott St.



Getting closer and closer



Patching, plugging, and pointing



As work progressed, so did hope that the problem had been solved. Because of the uncertainty about source(s), the estimate for the project was \$75,000 and a time span of two years. But there was wonderful news! It seemed likely that gaps between the steeple and the cylindrical columns (not the entire roof) were the primary source. That meant that the problem could be addressed so much less expensively than had been expected. Thanks to the support from the Advisory Commission and the Americana Foundation, along with so many people who have been friends of KHC, we were able to continue with preventive measures.

Blocking Fifth Street



Progress



Nearly tucked in

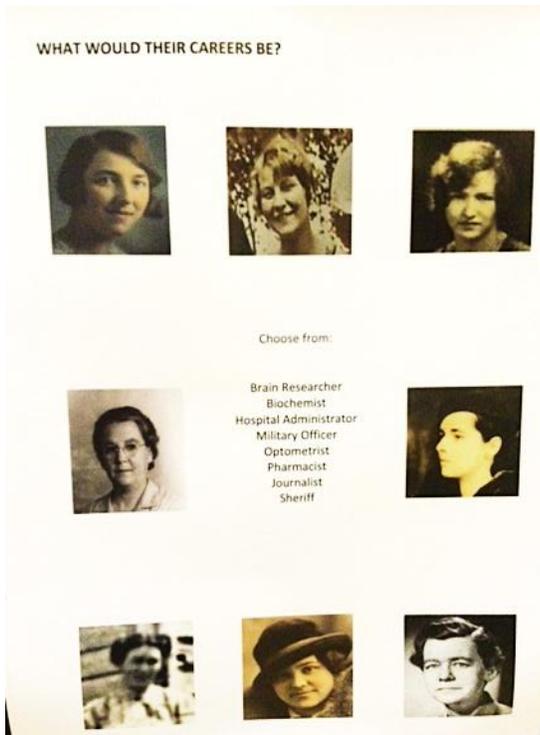


The end result is that the upper part of the sandstone building is now re-pointed/tuck pointed. One major project, the roof, remains so that the 120 year-old building will be covered up and tucked in.

## What Was Happening Inside?

*Finding New Places* explored eight amazing women who were:

- ✓ Born before the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, allowing women to vote
- ✓ Spent their adult lives in non-traditional **careers**
- ✓ Either born in the north part of the Keweenaw or spent the major part of their **careers** there.



These women contributed to the community through their work, contributed to all our lives, and served as role models for upcoming generations.

KHC will feature *Finding New Places* again in the summer of 2022. If you weren't able to come in in 2021, please visit in 2022.

Meet Ida Jarve Bergh, Edla Fahlen Remillard, Manila Noetzel Gipp, Mary Locke Petermann, Bessie Phillips, Ruth Rhines, Betty Mae Roche, and Ione Davis Westlake. Learn about the contributions they made to all our lives, the challenges that they faced, and the way attitudes affected their lives.

Discover a very positive side of Keweenaw history and share our pride in Keweenaw heritage.

Special thanks to the Exhibit Committee, composed of Jean Ellis, Greta Erm, and Ann Newton. They were helped in planning by Laura Eaton and Wendy Davis and by thirty-five others who contributed information and artifacts that helped the exhibit come alive. We are also grateful to the volunteers who hosted afternoon sessions throughout the summer:

## Musical Mondays

Concerns about the pandemic decreased the number of performances scheduled for 2021. Audiences enjoyed Kathy Isaacson and Friends as the first offering. Usually, Musical Mondays take place upstairs but when the construction was underway, Jim and Teri Enrietti entertained downstairs.



The performance downstairs was so successful that, in the future, smaller groups may perform in the lower level. Larger groups will continue upstairs, as will organ performances. The decision was also made to charge an admission fee for Musical Mondays that will benefit the building.

## Barckhoff Historic Pipe Organ Activity report for summer, 2021 by Kathleen Arten

Kathleen Arten and Jan List provided most of the traditional Thursday and Friday matinees during July and August. Tom Kraska and Daniel Yoder played occasionally. Daniel invited guest organist Nicholas Schmelter of Caro, MI, who had just returned from a European tour to present a program.

Two evening events including the organ were held this year. Area musicians Robin Oye on flute, Maple Sugar Folk, Superior Ringers, Tom Kraska on organ, Jan List on clarinet, Kathleen Arten on organ, St. Paul's Lutheran choir and guest singers performed a lovely variety of music for a Musical Monday. Daniel Yoder played for a First Friday and welcomed visitors to the organ loft.

A couple of minor construction-type projects are planned for the organ next summer: reinstalling the walk boards and putting in an in-chamber light. We have a tuning/technician service, Attuned Organs, from Wakefield to service the organ; it saves many miles and makes emergency calls easier. Pipe organs, especially antique instruments, can be temperamental. Weather, humidity, lack of play—all are factors that might cause a pipe organ problems. Sometimes, the problems seem to fix themselves. Interestingly, the steady cold in the winter actually helps the organ to be more stable than if it was actively used intermittently.

For many years, local organists have worked together as Organists of the Keweenaw to preserve the historic instruments of the area. Eleven years and many adventures after the KHC project completion, we need to develop a long-term plan for the organ. Keeping it in good repair and at a good performance level is the first priority. We will also plan for larger, longer-term maintenance and maybe potential additions to the organ.

## As Summer Came to A Close and Fall Colors Drew Attention

Main Street Calumet planned something that was a lot of fun. Pumpkin carving attracted a great deal of people to the lower level of the Heritage Center. More than 80 pumpkins took on new identities.

Here's Bob Langseth, enjoying the fun.



The finished products on the front steps greet passersby.



## And now, on to 2022 and Further Needs

The hole in the ceiling and leaks that caused it were warnings that work **must** continue on this 121 year-old building. Many major projects have been completed but one looms large — the whole roof. We don't know the roof's age but know that it is at least 65 years old. It has had to be patched in different places. It will be a major expense so extensive fundraising is necessary. Here's what will need to be done:

- Inside — Repair the hole in the ceiling above the organ
  - Get estimates on the cost of a new roof
  - Identify ways to raise revenues (Exhibit, Musical Monday, and Organ concert admissions, available grants)
- Please help in these efforts. Plans are taking shape for a fund-raising event on August 3, 2022.

New volunteers are needed for hosts and for the Board. Two Board members have served more than 25 years. New ideas and perspectives will contribute to the longevity of the building and organization. Play a part in keeping this building as an important part of the community and its heritage.

## Our Wonderful Supporters

2021 Undesignated Donations from:

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2021 Designated donations:

**For the Exhibit fund** — Greta and Michael Erm

**For the Organ fund** — Carmen Sandretto, Kevin Wright

**In Honor of** Jean Ellis from Carsyn, Gunner, Jennifer and Richard Boggio

**For Birthdays** — Jean Ellis's 80<sup>th</sup> from Phyllis Locatelli; Phyllis Locatelli from Jean Ellis

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## Recognizing Major Donors

In 1994, a decrepit building at the head of Fifth Street faced an uncertain future. After 28 years of neglect, the building might have been headed for disaster. It was for sale. Rumors flew about what would be done.

Thanks to the efforts of a group called Foresight, the Downtown Development Authority, and the persuasive talents of R.V.Langseth, donors came forward with money to purchase the building. Without those initial gifts, there might be another parking lot on the corner of Fifth and Scott Streets.

Since then, restoration of the building has depended on donations. KHC is grateful for each gift. Over twenty-seven years, recurring gifts have made the restoration/rescue of the building possible. This list recognizes the initial donors along with people, and agencies that have played a major part over the years.

### Gifts or grants above \$20,000 (cumulative)

Americana Foundation	Jean and Tom Ellis
Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission	Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs
Michigan Department of Commerce	Philip Ruppe
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### Gifts or grants from \$10,000 to 20,000 (cumulative)

Robert and Deloris Langseth	Ann Locatelli
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Carmen Sandretto	James and Nancy Sanderson
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### Gifts of Time

In addition to the organists Kathleen Arten details in her message, Hosts in the Summer contributed these hours.

Kathleen Arten	3	Janice Crouch	8	Jean Ellis	58	Dave Geisler	6
Tricia Golus	10	Margaret Kekko	41	Bob Langseth	21	Marilynn Lightfoot	24
Phyllis Locatelli	30	Annette Preston	20	Patti Schmitt-Miller	39		

Jim and Teri Enrietti, Cathy Isaacson and Friends, and the Medley of Performers on August 23 contributed their time and wonderful talents.

Board members spent more than 672 hours in meetings, coordinating rentals, arranging for performances, applying for grants, cleaning, and developing exhibits. Not all of their time was recorded.

Supervisor Tim Gasperich, Clerk Beth Salmela, and Treasurer Fay Mattson kept track of operations. Crews installed energy-efficient lighting to help with electrical costs. Thanks, everyone!

### A Gift in Return

For fifteen years or so, light from the restored stained glass windows has wished a wonderful holiday season to the community and all KHC's supporters. As you look at the glowing windows, know that we thank you all and look forward to a happy and productive new year. Your help will make it happen.

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