Author Jan Huttenstine to Speak
You are invited to attend the October 20 general meeting of the Chippewa County Historical Society, at 115 Ashmun Street. Author Jan Huttenstine will speak about “A Historic New Look at Whitefish Point and Sault Ste. Marie.” Her book Remotely Yours: A Historic Journey into the Whitefish Point Area expands existing marine history at the Point, but above all, it is a history of the people who settled the Whitefish area and how that story fits into the rest of the eastern Lake Superior region. Sault Ste. Marie was the center and key to Whitefish Point’s development in all aspects. The talk will bring well-known personalities to light through little-known stories of the Whitefish area.

Jan Huttenstine attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette and completed her student teaching at Ishpeming High School. Her love affair with the Upper Peninsula had begun. She earned her B.A. in English and secondary education, and taught writing and drama to high school students for fifteen years. She and her husband, Gary, worked as a team to publish Remotely Yours, with Jan researching and writing the book and Gary in charge of photography. Remotely Yours will be available for purchase and signing on October 20. Jan will generously donate 40% of the proceeds from the sales that evening to CCHS. For more information on Jan and her book, visit www.eastwestpressllc.com. This is her first book in a series of three she has planned.

The 7 p.m. talk is free to the public. Refreshments will be provided. You may park in our Portage Avenue parking lot or, if Ashmun Street is accessible during construction, you may park there.

Gems of Lake Superior Photo Show
No, this is not a photo from the 50’s! Part of the audience at Jack Deo’s “Gems of Lake Superior” 3-D show September 18th at the Soo Theatre that was a joint benefit for the Chippewa County Historical Society and the Soo Theatre Project.

CCHS and the Soo Theatre co-sponsored the “Gems of Lake Superior: A 3-D Trip around Lake Superior in 1870” fundraiser in September. Jack Deo of Superior View in Marquette presented two programs at the Soo Theatre from stereoscopic views by photographer Brainard F. Childs and others. About 310 people attended the two programs and delighted in viewing amazing scenes from around Lake Superior. 3-D glasses were worn by the attendees as seen in the photo by Soo Theatre Board member Tom Ewing. Jack provided running commentary about the views and the history of the Lake Superior region. We are grateful to the Roberts P. and Ella B. Hudson Foundation for their grant in support of the free matinee for young people under the age of 18. Thank you to the CCHS volunteers who helped at the showings.

Open House at the River of History Museum
The River of History Museum is planning an open house in November or early December. There will be an unveiling of a plaque and a thank you to our organization for our important contributions to the museum. All members of CCHS will be invited to the open house. Please watch for more details in early November. If you haven’t had a chance to view the RHM in their new location, at 531 Ashmun Street, do so before their seasonal closing on October 15 or be sure to attend the open house.
The Finnish Community on Drummond Island

Arthur Koski, Sault native and longtime friend of the CCHS, spoke at CCHS’s July general meeting. Arthur was a member of the Finnish-American community in Sault, Michigan, for twenty years. He currently lives in Colorado. While visiting the area this summer for the Finn Grand Fest in Sault, Ontario, he graciously agreed to share his knowledge with us. He spoke about the history of the Finns on Drummond Island and illustrated his talk with photos of the early Finnish homesteads, the homesteaders, and the Finn Hall. Included in the talk were photos of surviving buildings that he and his wife had taken on a recent visit.

Thank you to Marie Carter, Ginny Cymbalist, Leanne Barnes Deuman, Mary M. June, Bob & Margaret Money, and Tony Stackpoole of Cup of the Day for providing refreshments.

History Fest 2010

We are reprinting Ginny Cymbalist’s August 20, 2010, Letter to the Editor of the Sault Evening News that sums up July’s History Fest:

Once again the cooperative efforts of numerous local and out of town participants made a community event a great success. History Fest 2010 was fortunate to kick off with a beautiful evening for setting up the encampment featuring local and visiting fur traders and the Saginaw Voyageurs and for the enjoyment of the 140+ diners at the fish boil who listened and danced to music provided by Finn Hall, a band from Minneapolis.

Even the overcast conditions and the promise of rain did not dampen the spirits of the musicians, vendors, and visitors who participated in the Saturday activities. The rain held off. The cricket field was busy all day with children and adults alike learning and playing a very old game that was new to them. The “kids’ tent” was also a busy site as children of all ages and their parents learned historic games and crafts.

The list of those who made this event a success includes: Lake Superior State University, Cloverland Electric, and Famous Soo Locks Cruises, Inc. for the use of the property; the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Biz E Bee Enterprises, and Waste Management for the needed site amenities; the Chippewa County Sheriff’s Department for assistance with the stage set up; the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau for arranging and providing the fish boil; CLM Community Action Agency for providing the trolley and Roger Greil, Wendy Malaska, Caroline Grabowski, the Soo Theatre Project, The River of History Museum, Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, and Bayliss Library for providing programs for our trolley tours; David Stanaway, Susan Askwith, George Snider, Dave O’Gorman, Mark Simonis, and Marty Feldhake for providing the music all day Saturday and David Stanaway for providing the sound system and coordinating the musical program; Mike Bennett, Ed Herman, Susan Askwith, Randy Miller, and the Traverse City traders who, along with the Saginaw Voyageurs, made our encampment one of the highlights of the festival; all of the vendors and craftspeople who demonstrated their work and made it available to interested buyers and the volunteers who did more than their share to make this festival a great success.
Ginny Cymbalist was the Coordinator of the Sault History Fest 2010 Planning Committee and we are grateful to her and her family for another fun-filled and educational event. Thanks to the City of Sault Ste. Marie’s Governor Chase S. Osborn Trust Fund for their grant to help fund the History Fest this year.

Bayliss Public Library hosted a History Fest display in its lobby that was coordinated by Carolyn Person, Amber Clement, Ginny Cymbalist, and Susan James.

Trolley tour participants and the general public attended a reception at Bayliss Library celebrating its 2010 Superior Award from the Historical Society of Michigan. The new Judge Joseph Steere Room brochure was available as were tours of the room and a PowerPoint presentation of the room’s historic highlights.

Historic Churches of Sault Ste. Marie
The 2010 “Historic Churches of Sault Ste. Marie” series was a successful one. 302 people attended and $215 was donated by attendees. (Unfortunately, we neglected to collect donations at one of the venues.) Attendance was down about 20% from the previous year, but donations were about the same. The programs ran on Monday nights in July and August. The Historic Churches program is organized by the CCHS. Susan James and Mary M. June wish to thank all of the coordinators (Rev. Bob Aldrich, Jackie Willey, Peter Gianakura, Jennifer Parker, and Captain Daniel M. Voss), the volunteer hosts, and presenters, who dedicated their time to the excellent programming and refreshments. Among the new programs offered this year was music by American composer Mark Novack, who lives in Finland, played by Rev. Aldrich on organ, with commentary by Jean Austin at St. James Episcopal Church; a talk by the new Salvation Army Captain Voss; and one on Eastern Orthodox Christianity by Father Iakovos Olechnowicz, the visiting priest at St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Next year, we welcome back the First United Presbyterian Church, 555 Bingham Avenue, to the Historic Churches program for two programs. Their church history is extensive, dating back to the 1820s in this area. After their disastrous fire in 2000, they rebuilt on the same spot in 2002. We expect that this addition will extend the series into late June as well as into late August. Join us next year for another series of exceptional programs.

If you are interested in helping support the continuation of this series through your time or contributions, please contact us. Contributions are welcome to help pay the only expense of the program, the $270 cost of printing the brochure. We are grateful to National Office Products and Printing for keeping the cost the same over the years.

Water Street Historic Block Update
Sharon MacLaren served as Coordinator of the Historic Structures Restoration Project this past summer. She and various contractors have made great progress. Most of the work was done on the interior of the Bishop Baraga House and the exterior of the Schoolcraft House, but plans are in the works for various other projects involving all four buildings in the Water Street Historic Block. The Johnston House, the Schoolcraft House West Dependency, and the Kemp Museum will reopen next summer with exhibits and programming.

CCHS Building Update
Work is progressing on CCHS’s kitchenette near the American Café display. Volunteer Roger Blanchard painted the area this summer. Ledy Cabinetry has installed the cabinets, countertop, and sink. The refrigerator and flooring will soon be added. Thank you to Mary M. June for coordinating the project and to Carolyn Person for her advice on paint colors. Street and sidewalk work has not begun in front of our building on Ashmun Street.

New in the Gift Shop
Jan Huttenstine’s new book Remotely Yours: A Historic Journey into the Whitefish Point Area as well as Leon Hank’s book, Proud Hunters, Proud Yoopers: 50 Yooper Hunting Stories from Michigan’s Wild Upper Peninsula is now available in the shop. Volunteer Mike Bennett has donated copies of three titles: Place of the Pike (Gnoozhekaaning): A History of the Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan Fur Trade, and A True Description of Lake Superior Country. If you are interested in placing a book order by mail, we would be glad to send you a copy of our book list.

Our gift shop and displays will be open Monday to Friday, 1-4 p.m. until October 15, with reduced hours after October 15. Call 635-7082 for the seasonal hours. The shop will be open the evening of October 20 for Jan’s talk and for special occasions such as holiday open houses, including the DDA’s Annual Christmas Open House on November 26. Thank you.

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New in the Gift Shop (continued)
to the volunteers who have worked in our gift shop all season - Mike Bennett, Caroline Grabowski, Patty Olsen, and Norajean Wilcox. Thank you too to those who answered our call to fill in on various occasions: Ginny and Gil Cymbalist, Sharyn Faunt and Bob Arfstrom, Susan James, Mary M. June, Dee Stevens, and Gail Ulrich. The shop will reopen with regular hours in the spring. If you would like to volunteer for a few hours a week, or occasionally do so, please contact us.

“Then and Now” Photo Display
The “Then and Now” display of photos by Walter Materna paired with current images by Bernie Arbic is currently on display at CCHS and will be through the fall. Plans are in the works to have the display travel to various locations around town.

January 26 Meeting
Photo collector Jim Dwyer will discuss “Amazing Finds in Old U.P. Photos” at CCHS’s January 26 meeting that will take place at Bayliss Public Library. He has many “amazing finds” that help in understanding scenes displayed in the photos. Jim is a Newberry native who has amassed a collection of a “few thousand” old postcards and photos of eastern U.P. communities. He has presented the best of those at eight annual photo shows in the Newberry High School gym and in U.P. newspapers. He recently relocated to Sault Ste. Marie and has expanded his collection to include an increased focus on this area. You will hear more about this program in our January newsletter.

Maple Ridge Cemetery Tour
In September, CCHS volunteer Caroline Grabowski gave a special tour of Maple Ridge Cemetery for CCHS Board members and members of the Chippewa County Genealogical Society. CCHS is considering offering the tour as a future fundraiser. Caroline shared her vast knowledge on the cemetery with the group of 18 people that was comprised equally of CCHS and CCGS members. We learned about the years the cemetery was used (1852-1901), the diseases that claimed early Sault residents, many of whom were children, the various areas of the cemetery (Protestant, Catholic, and Native American), the various cultures of the Sault, various work related deaths, etc. The cemetery has been much improved in the past several years, with the fencing (that will be repaired) and the cleaning and re-erecting of many stones. If you are interested in viewing a copy of the cemetery map and sexton’s book, you may do so at Bayliss Public Library. Or you may view a transcription of the sexton’s book made by Marjorie Cooper and Gail Pratt, current officers of CCGS, at the Chippewa County MIGenWeb site.

History of Lighted Flag Update
The lighted flag on CCHS’s roof is a patriotic landmark that serves to locate our building as well as add interest to the city’s skyline, especially at night. Former Sault mayor and City commissioner Verna Lawrence remembers it from World War II times and is proud that the restoration of the flag occurred during her time as mayor. I also heard from the granddaughters of Azarie (Izzy) Menard, who worked for Edison Sault for many years. When he retired from Edison, a party was thrown in his honor, and August 1, 1983 was proclaimed Izzy Menard Day. The adjacent
photo taken in the early 1960s, showing Mr. Menard and the flag, was supplied by his proud granddaughters Jennifer (Menard) Jesperson, Debbie (Menard) Murray, and Wendy (Menard) James.

If anyone has any additional information or historic photos of the lighted flag, please contact CCHS through e-mail cchs@sault.com or a letter to PO. Box 342.

Thank You to Summer Volunteers!
Thank you to the many volunteers who helped us this summer at History Fest, the Arts Festival, and Downtown Sidewalk Sales. (A list of our volunteers appears later in the newsletter - we apologize for any omissions.) We made about $300 in new book sales at every venue this summer and over $200 in used books at Sidewalk Sales. We made $37 through our raffle at the Arts Festival. The raffle winners were: Robert G. Mishlan - limited edition hardcover of City of the Rapids (donated by the author Bernie Arbic) and Rebecca Neveu - "Seabrook Lake" watercolor by Gene Usimaki (donated by Mary M. June). Thank you to the raffle donors and to the donors of used books: Jack DeWeese, Susan James, Mary M. June, Robert Money, Don Myers, Janet Russell, Bev Tankersley, and others we may have missed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wellington chat with Mary M. June and Ginny Cymbolist at the Arts Festival.

EUPHC Fall Meeting
The fall meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula History Consortium took place in Paradise on October 9. There will be a meeting in the spring: we should have information about it in our upcoming newsletters.

Bruce Township Historical Society News
The Bruce Township Historical Society continues to research various areas of the Township. At one time, there were at least three Granges within the Township. The group is interested in any stories or memorabilia that would involve the activities of the Grange and the Dunbar Experimental Forestry Station that was the Dunbar Agricultural School before Michigan State College (now University) acquired the property. The Society has obtained a few photos and information about the area and is interested in talking with anyone who was involved with activities at Dunbar. There was also a CCC camp located at Dunbar and it was a 4-H site for many years.

The Bruce Township Historical Society is collecting photos of early area businesses - stores, sawmills, and tourist camps. Members Shirley Patrick and Carolyn Person may be reached through the Township Hall office at 635-3058.

Pickford Area Historical Society News
The new book by Pickford Area Historical Society, Schools Memorybook, 1878-1958, was published in August. It is the second in the "Pickford Patchwork" series and includes memories of students who attended area one-room schools and the Pickford town schools during those years. The book covers the Pickford School District which includes three townships- Pickford, Marquette, and Raber. Many photos are included. Books are available in Pickford at the BP Station, Watson's Shoe Store, and Old Mission Bank. The cost is $25, plus $5 for postage, if mailed. Orders can be sent to PAHS, PO. Box 572, Pickford, MI 49774. For more information, call Carol @ 647-8533, Mary Jane @ 647-9633, or Jan @ 635-1330. All proceeds will be used for museum operation and improvements.

Although the museum is closed for the season, there are some upcoming activities at the museum: Oct. 18 - "Promoting Pickford" @ 7 p.m. This is a newly formed group whose goal is to encourage idea sharing/networking for area churches, clubs, organizations, and businesses in the area. On Nov. 11, the museum will host a Veterans Day recognition open house. All veterans are encouraged to visit the museum and the veterans' display sponsored by the Pickford American Legion. The book committee is seeking stories from former service members about their military service. Please submit them to the above address. When enough stories are received, another book will be published. The museum will also be open Nov. 12 &13 during the Pickford Craft Show. You may call Dianne @ 297-3013 to arrange a tour of the museum. Memberships in the Pickford Area Historical Society are Annual: $10; Annual family: $25; Life: $150. Each member receives the newsletter, Pickford Passages, which includes historical articles. Books and memberships make good gifts for friends and relatives. The Pickford Area Historical Society museum will re-open June 1, 2011.
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Bayliss Public Library Events
Dec. 4, 1-3 p.m., Book Fair will feature about a dozen local authors, such as Bernie Arbic, Rich Hill, Jan Huttenstine, Cheryl Lanning, and Dee Stevens offering their books for holiday giving. Peter Gianakura will have a representative there with his books. The Friends of the Library will be holding a used book sale earlier the same day.

Dec. 9, 7 p.m., Rich Hill will speak about themes from his new book Hitchhiking After Dark: Offbeat Stories from a Small Town.

River Soundings Newsletter
Thank you to Audrey Gillett, Carolyn Person, and Sharon Komondy for answering our call. They are the postage sponsors for our 2010 and 2011 newsletters. Would you like to be a newsletter sponsor? It costs $50 for bulk mail postage and $200 to print our quarterly newsletters. We also appreciate volunteers who can help us on short notice with preparing the newsletter for mailing. Please consider helping us in any way you can.

Membership Renewals
Please check your mailing label to see if it is time for you to consider renewing your membership. Thank you to everyone who has renewed. We appreciate your continued support of our organization. If you can, please include an extra donation with your renewal, or upgrade your membership to the next level. We count on your support and our costs are increasing.

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Walter Materna captured this beautiful shot of the original marquee of the Soo Theatre the night it opened for business in March, 1930.

This picture was taken looking across Ashmun Street from the location of the Soo Theatre. We believe it was taken as part of the celebration of the opening of the theatre, but can’t establish this unequivocally. The theatre was originally part of the Butterfield chain, which may explain one of the Bs in the banner. Can anyone provide any further information?
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