Honoring Reception
On Sunday, July 20, from 2 to 4 p.m., CCHS will host a reception honoring Sharon MacLaren, Bernard Arbic, and Dr. Thomas G. Robinson (all Sault High Class of 1958) for their many contributions to the preservation of the history of Chippewa County. Sharon is a past CCHS board member, grant writer, playwright, and organizer; Bernie is our long-time treasurer, author, photo curator, and interviewer; and Tom is president of the Sault Foundation for Culture and History. The public event will take place at 115 Ashmun Street. A donation of $10 per person is requested. Join us for an afternoon of tributes, music, and good food.

Deidre Stevens’ New Book
Local author and historian Deidre Stevens has a new book, Sault St. Marie, that was just released by Arcadia Publishing. Dee selected photos from the collections of CCHS and Bayliss Public Library and wrote the text. The book is available for $19.99 in the CCHS Gift Shop and may also be ordered by phoning the shop at 635-7082 and using a credit card. You will also be charged MI sales tax (if applicable) and a $4 shipping and handling fee. If you prefer, you may order by sending us a check with your order. Dee and Bernie Arbic are preparing a photo display of images from her book for display at the Downtown Sidewalk Sales and Arts Festival in August.

Other New Items in the Gift Shop
Local author Richard Hills’ new book, Lake Effect: A Deckhand’s Journey on the Great Lakes Freighters, is now available for $17.95 in the CCHS Gift Shop. A deckhand’s coming-of-age story of sailing the Great Lakes steamboats during the early 1970s, Lake Effect is an account of life aboard the giant ore boats. The stories are drawn from the author’s experiences as a deckhand on five Great Lakes freighters: four U.S. Steel boats and the 1000-footer Columbus Star.

Author and artist Lois Beamish recently spoke at Bayliss Public Library. Some of her birch bark pins are now available in the Gift Shop and her books will be available in the near future.

Late-Breaking News
On June 28, CCHS board member Robert Money was awarded the Charles Follo Award for playing a key role in preserving and advancing U.P. history at the Historical Society of Michigan’s 59th Annual U.P. History Conference in Gwinn (more in our next issue).
End of Summer Event

On Sunday, August 24, from 2-5 p.m., there will be an open house at the homes on the Water Street Historic Block. It will feature the MACA grant-funded display enhancements mentioned above, and celebrate another successful year. The buildings will be open for viewing and refreshments will be provided. By then the Schoolcraft and Baraga Houses will be sporting new roofs. More details about this event will be available at our other summer events.

Osborn Grant

In April the Sault Ste. Marie City Commission awarded $6,000 from the CCHS’ Osborn Historic Trust to CCHS for Phase 1 of a Documentation and Digitization Project. The project is to organize and catalog our Walter Materna Collection of over 1,500 negatives as well as several smaller collections. A representative sample will be prepared for an exhibition.

Bernie Arbic is working on the project.

Soo Line Talk and Display

Author Kerck Kelsey visited CCHS in May and spoke to a full house about his family’s history and their connection with the Soo Line Railroad. His husky, Remarkable Amanda! The Waisburn Family is available in the shop.

Local railroad enthusiast Dennis Hank created a “Soo Line and the Saal” display of his collection of Soo Line trains and memorabilia for the occasion. He has generously agreed to lend the display to CCHS for viewing through the summer. We thank Dennis and also Richard Trustein, who lent CCHS a Soo Line engine from his collection.

MCACA Grant

June Dufeld of Picture This Productions is working with CCHS this summer, thanks to a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). She is filming our programming at the Johnstone House and the Kemp Industrial Museum as part of a Multi-Media Display Enhancements project for visitors to the Water Street Historic Block. Ginny Cymbalist and Patty Olsen are creating special gildes for children. These will be unveiled later in the summer.

SUMMER V奥LUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This summer’s Icon Painting Workshop will be taught by Tony Haller of the Prosopon School of Iconology. He has continued to help with work in our building. He has helped clean the bathroom and done other cleaning, rearranging, painting, and organizing. Mike Bennett has helped Jack and eagerly taken on other challenges, including painting the first floor panels on the façade. Dallas and Nancy Steinhaus have been stripping the oak benches from the American Café for future installment at CCHS. Chuck Fabry, of CCHS Welding, will create and install railings for our front entry.

Icon Workshop

This summer’s Icon Painting Workshop will be taught by Tatiana Berestova of the Prosopon School of Iconology in New York. It will take place from July 7-12 in the St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Paul Raappana is the contact person at 635-4702. You will be able to visit their work in progress at the July 7 church program.

Walking Tours

UP Storyteller Jim Cooling has expanded his tour offerings for July-September with the assistance of a MCACA grant. He is offering Twilight Walking Tours, Lantern Light Mystery Tours, and Strong Women of the North Tours. Learn more about Sault history! Check out Jim’s website www.twilightwalkingtours.com for more information.

CCHS volunteer Mike Bennett painting the façade bathroom and done other cleaning, rearranging, painting, and organizing. Mike Bennett has helped Jack and eagerly taken on other challenges, including painting the first floor panels on the façade. Dallas and Nancy Steinhaus have been stripping the oak benches from the American Café for future installment at CCHS. Chuck Fabry, of CCHS Welding, will create and install railings for our front entry.

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