Author Phil Bellfy to Speak
You are invited to CCHS’s fall general meeting that will take place at Bayliss Public Library on Thursday, October 20, at 7 p.m. Local author Phil Bellfy will speak about his new book, *Three Fires Unity: The Anishnaabeg of the Lake Huron Borderlands* that was recently published by University of Nebraska Press. The book is the winner of the Press’s North American Indian Prose Award. Dr. Bellfy has been part of the Sault community since 1970, when he moved here to attend Lake Superior State College (now LSSU), and soon after purchased property. He has a B.A. from LSSU, an M.A. in Sociology from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from MSU. A copy of his Master’s thesis, Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, An Internal Colony: The Sault Ste. Marie Experience, is in Bayliss Library's Steere Room. His new book is an extension of that study. Dr. Bellfy is a founding member of the American Indian Studies Program at MSU, where he is an associate professor in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures. He has also taught at LSSU, Bay Mills Community College, and Wayne State University. Three Fires Unity will be available for purchase and signing at his talk. Refreshments will be provided. There will be a brief business meeting prior to his talk. The event is open to the public. Phil offers his new book for sale at the Sault Farmers’ Market, along with the handmade notepads and diaries he produces; a selection of which are also available in CCHS's gift shop.

Stories from the Woods
The traveling exhibit “Stories from the Woods” is at CCHS until November 30. It was organized by the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center at Northern Michigan University in Marquette and is funded by the Michigan Humanities Council. Curator Dan Truckey spoke to CCHS volunteers about the show and later that same day gave a talk at Bayliss Library to about 30 attendees. The exhibit is multi-media and will be of interest to students, middle school aged and older, as well as adults. It is a great opportunity to have the exhibit on loan in Sault Ste. Marie. It introduces the various storytelling traditions of the U.P: Native American traditions, including Susan Johnston, her daughter Jane, and her son-in-law, Henry Schoolcraft; as well as the stories of Finnish and other immigrants, and workers in lumber camps, the mines, and on ships. There is also a panel on Paul Bunyan. The display is open extended hours, Monday through Saturday, 1-4 p.m., as volunteers are available. Bayliss Library is featuring related storytelling programs: Susan Askwith on October 4, Jim and Mary Couling on October 25, and Pauline Andrews on November 22. In addition, Susan Askwith is leading a new Storytellers Group on Saturdays, at 1 p.m., at the library.
Maple Ridge Cemetery Tour Fundraiser
On Sunday, October 23, at 2 p.m., CCHS volunteer Caroline Grabowskì will present a tour of Maple Ridge Cemetery on Ashmun Street. She has done extensive research on the cemetery and has offered tours previously at Sault History Fests and to members of the Chippewa County Genealogical Society and the CCHS Board. This tour, presented in the Halloween season, is a fundraiser for CCHS. The suggested donation is $5 per person at the gate. Please dress for the weather. Warm beverages and refreshments will be provided after the tour. We thank Tim Ellis, WSOO, Fred Benoit, and the City of Sault Ste. Marie for their permission to use the parking lot and cemetery site for this purpose.

Reception for Sharon and Arline
The CCHS Board, members, and friends honored Sharon Maclaren and Arline Fitzmaurice with a thank you reception in August. Over 60 people attended the lavish wine and cheese reception. Former Board member Jane Duffield and her husband Paul Pioszak served as the hosts. Donors to the reception are listed on page 5. Certificates and photo collages were presented as gifts to honor Arline and Sharon for their many contributions to the history of this area, and especially to CCHS. Music was provided by Susan Askwith and David Stanaway.

Historic Churches of Sault Ste. Marie
This year's series of Monday evening programs at six of the Sault's historic churches ran from June 20 to August 29 and was the most successful yet, in attendance and donations. There were concerts: the Osborn bells, Celtic music, music of Bishop Frederic Baraga, violin and fiddle music, and music for a Royal wedding; talks on St. Marys River history, the history of the Presbyterian Church, stained glass windows, and the Salvation Army; and a Mount Athos Monastery video. Thank you to all of the volunteer coordinators, programmers, hosts and hostesses, and bakers for making the programs a big success. We are pleased to have been able to include the First United Presbyterian Church this year. We hope to see you at next summer's programs.

Johann Ingold Talk
Johann Ingold told about his fascinating journey from a farming village in Switzerland to Sault Ste. Marie with stops in Moran, Lansing, and Yale, Michigan in his talk, "When I Was Young," at Bayliss Library in July. There were many friends and former colleagues in the audience of almost 70 people. He told about his many years in the Sault schools. Dr. Ingold's 2008 memoir The Life of an Immigrant: A Short Biography is in the collection of CCHS and the library's Steere Room. Thank you to Ginny Cymbalist, Leanne and Gary Deuman, Sharyn Faunt, Mary M. June, and Janet Russell for donating refreshments.

Water Street Historic Block
By Ginny Cymbalist
After being closed for the summer of 2010, the Water Street Historic Block was once again a busy place this past summer. The Johnston Home, the office dependency of the Schoolcraft Home, and the Kemp Industrial Museum were open seven afternoons a week with docents in the Johnston and Kemp buildings. From Monday through Friday there was programming at the Johnston House with performances by Susan Askwith and Dave Stanaway and visits from John Johnston (Peter DeCourcy), Susan Johnston (Arline Fitzmaurice and Caroline Grabowski), and Jane Johnston Schoolcraft (Sabrina Neveu). Visitors to the Johnston House really enjoyed listening to these talented actors. The Schoolcraft office dependency sported a beautiful new sign crafted by blacksmith, Bill Morrison.

2012 promises to be an even better year when we welcome locals and visitors back to Water Street. The street, curbs, and sidewalks will be complete and the lovely new plantings on both sides of the street will be more established. Jim Couling has been busy planning more plantings around the Johnston House and in the median. And the best news is that the Baraga House may be opened sometime during the summer. Sharon Maclaren has supervised the Baraga House renovations for the last two summers and Peter DeCourcy is continuing to see that work is completed there (much of which he is doing himself as well as donating materials). We hope to have the plasterboard up and taped by next summer. The house probably won't be complete but it looks as if it can at least be opened. Thank you to all the performers, docents, and volunteers who continue to keep the history of Sault Ste. Marie alive on Water Street.

Lillian B. MacLaren Memorial Fund
Almost $700 was raised through donations in the memory of Lillian MacLaren, Sharon MacLaren's mother. The money is being used at Sharon's suggestion for a much-needed computer and copier for our office. Thank you to all of the donors.
January Poetry Talk
On January 18, 2012, poet and University of Michigan professor Keith Taylor will speak about the poetry of Jane Johnston Schoolcraft. The event will take place at 7 p.m., probably at 115 Ashmun Street. Professor Taylor was one of the featured authors at the U.P. Book Tour this summer at Bayliss Library. When he mentioned that he teaches Jane's poetry and likes to come to the U.P. for bird watching in the winter, we nabbed him for several events in January. He will speak at Bayliss on the following day about the new book of ghost stories he co-edited and he will visit LSSU classrooms as well. Keith Taylor was born in Canada, grew up in Indiana, and earned his M.A. in English at Central Michigan University. He worked for more than twenty years as a bookseller in Ann Arbor. Currently, he coordinates the undergraduate program in Creative Writing at the University of Michigan and directs the Bear River Writers Conference. He has published numerous books and won awards, including a fellowship in poetry from the National Endowment for the Arts. There will be more information on this event in our next newsletter.

History Fest
By Ginny Cymbalist
The third annual Sault History Fest was held the last weekend in July right in the middle of a heat wave. Friday evening's German/Polish dinner catered by Frank's Place was very well received and everyone enjoyed music by Jack Kinney and Kay Lawrence. Saturday's events included a trolley ride with narration by Sharon MacLaren and stops at the Water Street Historic Block, the newly renovated City Hall, the Soo Theatre, Cloverland Electric, the Chippewa County Historical Society, and Maple Ridge Cemetery. In addition, there were traders and re-enactors, children's activities, historical groups, artisans, authors, antique cars, and more great music.

The committee is busily planning History Fest 2012 for which there will be a number of changes; the most important being a return to the more intimate surroundings of the Water Street Historic Block. The historic significance of the fur trade, the Johnston family, and the War of 1812 on the development of Sault Ste. Marie will be the theme. The plan is to extend the time for the rendezvous portion of the event which will, we hope, encourage more participants to travel the distance to the Sault. The encampment will start on Thursday, August 2, and continue through Sunday, August 5. The other activities will begin on Friday evening, August 3, and end Saturday evening, August 4. The dates were planned to coincide with LSSU's “Sailabration” when a tall ship will visit the Sault. We extend a huge THANK YOU to all who helped with History Fest 2011. It couldn't have happened without all of our volunteers. We look forward to an even larger, more successful event next year.

New Acquisitions
CCHS member Carol Andary has generously donated to CCHS items that were recently housed in the old Christian Science building on Court Street, now the Northern Life Studio for Healing Arts. The gifts are a 19th century safe that bears evidence of a painted inscription, Church's Landing, Sugar Island, and a bench from the former church. They are both on display at CCHS. Research is being done on the safe and if anyone knows a safe cracker or has a spare skeleton key, please let us know.

The U.P. in 3-D
Jack Deo of Superior View Photography in Marquette returned to the Sault in September to present a new show at the Soo Theatre. About 130 attended the joint fundraiser by CCHS and the Soo Theatre. Included in the show were images taken all over the U.P. by various photographers, including James Rutherford, who was in the Sault in the 1860s and 1870s. Mr. Deo also showed images that he had recently taken with his new 3-D camera. An exhibit of 40 of Jack Deo's large-format historic U.P. photographs in 3-D is currently on view at the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center at NMU in Marquette.

Osborn Trust Grants
The City's Chase S. Osborn Trust provided funding to CCHS to create facsimiles of the ledgers of George and Charlotte Johnston and Peter Barbeau for display at the River of History Museum and for microfilming Charlotte Johnston's ledgers and about a dozen 19th century issues of Chippewa County News. The facsimiles were created by artist Bill Gerrish and the microfilming is currently in progress at Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University. A second grant was given to CCHS for conservation of an 1845 Map of Sault Ste. Marie. Conservation of the map took place at Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan under the direction of conservator James Craven. The map will soon be returned to CCHS.
Donations to the Capital Campaign
We welcome additional contributions to our Capital Campaign to help us pay down our loan for the purchase and renovation of our building. Recent donors are listed on our “Thank you” page.

CCHS Building
A roof beam was replaced in August by Kaysner Construction. Roadwork on Ashmun Street and Portage Avenue has made access to our building difficult. During the road construction, the best way to access our building is from the alley off of Water Street, across from the Federal Employees Credit Union. Eventually, besides a new road surface, you will see a new sidewalk and steps in front of our building.

Gift Shop
The CCHS gift shop at the front of our building is open through November 30, Monday through Saturday, from 1-4 p.m. We will have special hours in December, leading up to Christmas. For a list of the books we have for sale, check out our website www.cchsmi.com. If you are interested in placing an order, please call during shop hours to use a credit card, or you may send a check by mail. Limited edition prints of the 500 Block of Ashmun Street circa 1953 by Sault artist Genevieve Usimaki are available for sale. The print is four-feet long, like the original watercolor in the collection of Marian and Jon MacLeod that is on loan to CCHS. The prints are $75 shrink-wrapped on foam core. Thank you to volunteers Caroline Grabowski, Norajean Wilcox, Mike Bennett, Mary M. June, Sharyn Faunt, Bob Arfstrom, Ginny Cymbalist, Jim Dwyer, Karen Sabatine, Patty Olsen, Susan Askwith, and Susan James, who have helped in the shop this season.

Summer Volunteers
Thank you to all of our summer volunteers who helped us during the History Fest, Arts Festival, Sidewalk Sales, Historic Churches programs, and Dinner with the Johnstons. Mary Lou Weir was the winner of the raffle prize at the Arts Festival. It was a print of “Forget Me Not” (Soo Line train) by Jeanne Tubman—thank you Jeanne for the donation and congratulations to Mary Lou!
Bruce Township Historical Society
By Carolyn Person
The Bruce Township Historical Society continues to collect histories of the first families of the Township. Many people have contributed family tree information and pictures. Each family or topic has its own folder or notebook. There is a collection of books published by residents recounting memories of earlier times. All the gathered information is available to any interested person, especially those doing family research. Call Shirley Patrick at 748-0952, for an appointment.

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Jan. 18, 7 p.m., Keith Taylor, The Poetry of Jane Johnston Schoolcraft
June 22-24, Historical Society of Michigan’s U.P. History Conference will be in the Sault
June 30, 6 p.m., Dinner with the John Johnstons
Aug. 2-5, Sault History Fest

Bayliss Public Library Events (see www.baylisslibrary.org)
Every Sat., at 1 p.m., Storytellers Group meets
Oct. 25, 7 p.m., Jim and Mary Couling, storytellers
Nov. 22, 7 p.m., Pauline Andrews, storyteller
Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Ellen Airgood, author of South of Superior

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