Neil Moran Talk
With our gardens all planted and starting to come into their own, we thought a talk by local expert Neil Moran would be in order. You are invited to Bayliss Public Library on Thursday, July 18, at 7:00 p.m., for an event sponsored by the Chippewa County Historical Society. Horticulturalist and author Neil Moran will speak about “Heirloom Seeds and Native Plants.” He will delve into the past to take a look at the history of gardening and local food production and gathering in the EUP area. He will also talk about the increasingly popular heirloom seeds and share some of the interesting stories behind some of these cherished varieties.

Neil Moran will have his gardening books available for purchase and signing. There will be a brief meeting before the talk to tell everyone about our upcoming summer activities. The evening is free to the public and refreshments will be provided. Bayliss Library, now a member of Superior District Library, is located at 541 Library Drive in the Sault.

CCHS Now Owns the News Building
By Constance Baker
On April 29, CCHS President, Mary M. June, and Treasurer, Bernie Arbic, made the final payment on the mortgage of the organization’s building to Gary Sharp, President of Old Mission Bank. The Society purchased the News Building, at 115 Ashmun Street, from the Cardinal family in 2006.

Since 2006, the CCHS Board, local contractors, and volunteers have replaced the building’s third floor wall burned in 1981, completed a stairway and a firewall, replaced the roof, replaced a third floor beam, upgraded utilities, painted, and installed a kitchen, carpeting, a barrier-free entry, and signage. Mr. Sharp said, “We are proud to have been able to assist the Chippewa County Historical Society by providing low-cost funding for the original acquisition and improvements of their building located in downtown Sault Ste. Marie.”

The sandstone building was designed by Clarence J. Johnson and constructed in 1889 to house Chase S. Osborn’s newspaper. In 1893, Edison Sault Electric occupied some offices and in 1924 they purchased the building when the Evening News moved to Arlington Street. In 1969, Edison Sault moved to Portage Avenue and the Sault Alternative High School occupied the building from 1973 until 2003, when they moved to the Malcolm Building. In 1982, the Cardinal family purchased it.

During the past six years, volunteers have been accessioning, increasing, and organizing the CCHS collection now being entered into a new computer-based cataloging program. Mr. Sharp strongly endorses CCHS’s efforts to “preserve historical documents and artifacts because they are of great importance to educate future generations about the Sault area’s rich history.”

CCHS’s First Annual Fund Progressing
By Constance Baker
The CCHS launched its first Annual Fund on May 1 to increase the financial resources needed to support the organization’s yearly operations. Monies are needed to help pay for the various educational programs, continue cataloging our collections, compose and distribute our quarterly newsletter, River Soundings, and operate our building. Volunteers manage all of CCHS operations, but utilities need to be paid, equipment needs to be replaced, and supplies need to be replenished.
CCHS’s First Annual Fund Progressing
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Thus far, responses to the Annual Fund appeal have been gratifying. In addition to regular supporters, like CCHS Board and Life members, some new donors have contributed. Anyone interested in assisting with CCHS’s Annual Fund effort should contact Connie Baker, VP, Membership and Fundraising, at cbaker1@iupui.edu.

Informative Riverside Cemetery Tour Well Attended
By Constance Baker

On June 8, Pierre Barbeau (CCHS Board member Paul Sabourin) and Mary Ann Anthony (CCHS Board member Caroline Grabowski) led over 60 persons around the 123-year-old Riverside Cemetery to view 31 gravesites and listen to life stories of notable Protestants who helped establish Sault Ste. Marie. One highlight of the afternoon was River Lark (Mary Couling) singing a musical version of a poem written by William Schoolcraft’s mother, Jane Johnston Schoolcraft, after he died from croup in 1827 at age two. The Schoolcrafts’ family home built in 1826-27 can be visited on Water Street.

Visits were made to two Johnston gravesites: the Irish fur trader John Johnston, Esq. (1762-1828) and his son George Johnston (1797-1861). The 1823 addition to the John Johnston House is located on Water Street.

Specific attention was given to two businessmen both born in 1847 in the Sault: Jacob Vanderhook, who served as an undertaker and operated a furniture store, and George Kemp, who established a coal company, and whose 1904 office was given to the City of Sault Ste. Marie and reopened in 2007 as the Kemp Industrial Museum.

Numerous deaths by drowning were evident in the stories of the shipwrecks C.F. Curtis, Selden E. Marvin, Annie M. Peterson, and the S.S. Cyprus. Childbirth cost several women their lives, communicable diseases killed children, and accidental deaths were prevalent.

Grabowski and Sabourin are planning a similar tour in 2014 of Riverside Cemetery’s Roman Catholic side, known as St. Mary’s. On Monday, August 5, at 7 p.m., they will offer a PowerPoint preview at St. Mary’s Church. They are planning a walking tour of Maple Ridge Cemetery on October 12.

Date Plaques Identify Historic Sites
By Constance Baker
Built around 1822, the Elijah B. Allen House at 126 Water Street is probably the second oldest house in Sault Ste. Marie after the Johnston House. Allen, an early independent fur trader, sold it to the American Fur Company in 1827. Part of the home was used as the fur company’s retail store during the 1830s and 1840s. Recently, the current owners purchased a Date Plaque from the CCHS to showcase this historic site and they plan to mount it after the house is painted.

Other historic homes in the Sault bearing CCHS’s Date Plaques include American Café’s Peter and Georgia Gianakura’s home built at 326 Carrie in 1870. Three houses built during the 1890s and bearing Date Plaques are located in the 300 block of Armory Place, 300 block of Maple, and 700 block of Cedar. Plaques mark two homes built in 1900, one in the 800 block of Spruce and the other at 1302 Park. Two homes built in 1901 and bearing Date Plaques can be found in the 300 block of Maple and at 1105 Parnell.

Several businesses occupying historic buildings are showcasing their prominence with Date Plaques. Island Books & Crafts occupies 101 East Portage Avenue with 1887 on their Date Plaque reflecting the year Sault Savings Bank moved into this new headquarters building. Another historic site on Portage Avenue marked with a Date Plaque is the former U.S. Weather Bureau Building built in 1899 on the grounds of Locks Park.

CCHS Board member, Caroline Grabowski, is leading the effort to identify and mark historic houses and buildings in Chippewa County. She welcomes your questions and assistance. A CCHS member can be engaged to help verify dates of existing homes and buildings. A brochure describing the Date Plaques and how to place an order is available from cchs@sault.com or by calling 635-7082.

Historic Churches 2013
The 13th season of the Historic Churches series is underway. Five churches are participating this year. The season began on June 24 with a program at the Salvation Army Citadel where Captain Dan Voss spoke about their mural by Royce Caron. The artist was a local member of the Salvation Army, who painted “The Compassionate One” (see photo on page 3) in 1934, on the 25th anniversary of the Citadel. He was paid in 200 pounds of dried peas. Caron was a commercial artist who painted billboards between the Sault and St. Ignace. Actually, assistants painted the billboards from his sketched designs using his paint-by-number scheme. He is one of the earliest inventors of paint-by-number sets, having created them to help returning veterans of war. The Salvation Army will be moving out of the 1907 Citadel and into the old Soo Co-op Grocery building by February 2015.
Royce Caron, “The Compassionate One” (detail)

The program schedule is below. The churches are open for viewing on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with the programs taking place at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided after the programs. Admission is free. Donations to the Historic Churches series are greatly appreciated; they fund the printing of the annual brochure. Schedules are available at the participating churches, CCHS, Bayliss Library, and at area businesses.

July 8
Central United Methodist Church
“History of Sault Ste. Marie”
Prof. James Moody

July 15
St. James Episcopal Church
“An Evening with the Phantom”
Karly McKee, vocalist
Bob Aldrich, organist

July 22
St. James Episcopal Church
“The Osborn Bells”
Bob Krupa

July 29
First United Presbyterian Church
John Kenn

August 5
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
“St. Mary’s Cemetery and Maple Ridge Cemetery’s Catholic Section”
Caroline Grabowski and Paul Sabourin

August 12
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
“The Life of Frederic Baraga—The Journey to Sainthood”
Len McKee, Bishop Baraga Association
Including “Music of Bishop Baraga”
Gary Guavara, music director
Featuring musicians from St. Mary’s Music Ministry

August 19
Central United Methodist Church
“A Musical Landscape”
The Wilkinson/LaRoue family

Snowshoe Pathway

The downtown Snowshoe Pathway, named for “The Snowshoe Priest” Frederic Baraga, is being revived this year. The original project undertaken in 1990, called Pathway to Historic Churches, included a walking tour identified by painted snowshoes on the sidewalks that led to five historic churches in the downtown area. One of the leading organizers was Leno Pianosi, a County Commissioner, who was always a strong supporter of the Sault’s local history and a leading proponent for the restoration of the Chippewa County Courthouse.

CCHS is directing the current project and partnering with Marianna Ripple’s 7th and 8th grade classes at St. Mary’s School. This Spring the students created a template based on the remnants of the painted snowshoes still visible in areas of Court Street and began painting the snowshoes. The route begins at the Baraga House on Water Street, follows Johnston, Portage, Maple, Court, and Dawson Streets, and returns on Bingham Avenue. The project will be completed within the next few months. Thank you to St. Mary’s students and teachers for all of their efforts! The City’s Osborn Trust funded the project—the paint and other materials.

Next year, a brochure will be created that will include a map of the trail and identify the churches and other historic church sites along the way.
Sault Summer History Camp 2013

This summer, the CCHS sponsored its 2nd Annual Sault Summer History Camp for elementary students. It was held the week of July 8th. This summer’s theme was individuals who have contributed to the Sault’s history. Ginny Cymbalist and Patty Olsen, both members of the CCHS Board and retired elementary teachers, ran the camp. A full report will appear in our October newsletter. Thank you to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Cloverland Electric Cooperative for their support this year.

Rendezvous in the Sault/History Fest 2013

By Ginny Cymbalist and Angela Patterson

2013 Rendezvous in the Sault: A History Fest Event is going to be a great weekend. From Friday, July 26, through Sunday, July 28, Historic Water Street is the place to be. As early as Thursday, July 25, over 100 re-enactors will begin to set up camp on the north lawn of City Hall. The event begins at 7:00 Friday evening with a concert in Locks Park by storyteller Genot Picor and La Compagnie. This exciting group specializes in music and dance from French Canada, the Maritimes, Celtic Europe, and Appalachia. Bring your chairs and enjoy this free concert.

Saturday (10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) and Sunday (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) will be filled with activity at City Hall and in front of the Water Street Historic Buildings. One can experience what life was like from the late 1600s through the early 1800s with activities and demonstrations such as candle wicking, puppet shows, fire arms displays, paddle dancing, fife and drum show, youth military muster, cooking, cannon firing, music, dancing, and more. Meet historic Sault Ste. Marie personalities, spin and weave wool, and tour the Water Street buildings. At the children’s tent, located in the street in front of the Kemp Industrial Museum, young people can play historic games and participate in activities of daily living—laundry, churning butter, etc. We’re creating a passbook for children which can be stamped at different locations and redeemed for a surprise at the end.

Admission to Rendezvous is: Adult: $3.00; Children (12 & under): $2.00; Family: $8.00. Admission is good for both days, so come and go as you please. Funds raised will support the restoration and maintenance of the Water Street Historic Buildings and provide starting funds for Rendezvous 2014.

Rendezvous is brought to you by the CCHS with generous support by the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau and the City of Sault Ste. Marie’s Osborn Trust. We’re fortunate to have the help of Harry and Rose Burgess of Port Huron, who have for the last 33 years organized the highly successful Feast of the Ste. Claire.

If this is to be a successful, on-going event, volunteers are needed! Young, able bodies are needed for setting-up and taking down, but there are also many less active jobs to be done. We need people to take admission, gather trash, cook, collect funds, write thank-you notes, etc. (see list in the next column for more details). If you can give an hour or two of your time, please contact co-chair, Ginny Cymbalist at 632-9523 (home), 630-2858 (cell), or ggcymbalist@yahoo.com. This is an excellent opportunity for young people and families to become involved in the celebration of our historic city, so please ask your children, grandchildren, and friends to help.

We have the following specific needs for volunteers:

- Thursday evening 4:00 p.m. or later: install temporary fencing around the north grounds of City Hall.
- Friday anytime during the day: finish up the fence, erect larger tents, and help set up tables, chairs, set out trash barrels, etc.
- Friday-Sunday: man the gate (sell tickets, distribute schedules). Half day or full day.
- Saturday: Bernie Arbic will be doing a presentation in City Hall, 3rd floor, early afternoon. Help man the back door of City Hall, greet people, and make sure they know where they are going to see the presentation. Also, need someone to assist on the 3rd floor.
- Help with coordination the days of the event: pick up money at the gates, stock the schedules, keep in touch with what’s going on at the gates, and make sure people have what they need.
- Saturday and Sunday: Work at the Food Booth (help prepare or sell Bean Soup and Sausage Sandwiches). Half Day or Full Day (Full Day preferred).

Historic Water Street

By Ginny Cymbalist and Mary M. June

There are some changes taking place on Water Street this year. New signs for each house and a central sign for the grounds are coming later in the summer. Also new is the Admission Charge to tour the set of buildings—$3.00 for Adults, $2.00 for Children ages 6-12, $8.00 for a Family. It is free for Children ages 5 and under. The funds raised will be used to renovate the buildings. Another option is to purchase discounted Historic Passport Tickets for four Sault historic sites: the Historic Water Street Homes, Museum Ship Valley Camp, the Tower of History, and the River of History Museum at a cost of $26.00 for Adults and $13.50 for Children. They can be purchased at the Museum Ship Valley Camp, the Tower of History, and the River of History Museum and are good until all of the sites are visited over a two-day period.

The main portion of the Schoolcraft House has been cleaned and, although it still contains lots of wood for the Baraga House, it looks much better. During Rendezvous in the Sault, visitors will be able to walk through the front portion and see the possibilities for restoration of this building.

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Historic Water Street (continued from page 4)

Programming for the Historic Water Street buildings is undergoing some changes this year. There will, once again, be programming from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. On Mondays “Jane Johnston Schoolcraft” will be there to welcome people, discuss her life, read her poetry, and show them “Elmwood,” her home next door to her childhood home. Susan Askwith and David Stanaway will be entertaining us with their wonderful music on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays, “Susan Johnston” will greet people and talk about her home and her life first as the daughter of a chief and later as the wife of John Johnston and mother of eight children. Wednesdays will feature a different program each week and will sometimes feature buildings other than the Johnston House. There will be spinning, weaving, and rug hooking demonstrations, geology discussions (Henry Rowe Schoolcraft first came to our area as a geologist), memories of the Kemp building, and much more. Please see our website or drop in to the Johnston House for a schedule of specific events.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop at the front of the building is open on weekdays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Thank you to this year’s volunteers: Karen Sabatine, Pauline and George Davidson, Jennifer Walker, Mike Bennett, Gail Ulrich, Ginny and Gil Cymbalist, Mary M. June, and Susan James for their assistance. We are always in need of people to work in the shop, especially to fill in on short notice. If you would like to help us this year, please email cchs@sault.com, call 635-7082, or speak to one of our Board members.

CCHS Collection Update

By Carolyn Person

Cataloging the collection at CCHS is progressing with the help of committed and enthusiastic volunteers. Dee Stevens is identifying and cataloging all the photographs in the collection, which means giving each photo appropriate numbers, dates, and search words. Kathy Newcomb is organizing the vertical file that has expanded into four file cabinets. Gail Ulrich has taken on the task of cataloging the research book collection. Shirley Patrick, Stephanie Williams, intern Heather Mead and her sister who visited us one day, Jennifer Walker, and Elizabeth Weir have gone through boxes and files and organized their contents. In addition to recording donor information and a description of each item, a photo is taken that will be entered into the database.

Over the many years the Society has been in existence, the collection has been housed in various locations and much of the donor paperwork has not survived. Newspaper articles and pictures often help with the mystery of item identification. The team works Mondays and Fridays at CCHS and if anyone has an interest in recording, organizing, and contributing, there is a place for you! Thank you to the great volunteers. We do have fun.

Across the Border Exhibit

CCHS helped coordinate the loan of the exhibit “Across the Border: Canadians in the Upper Peninsula” for display at Bayliss Public Library during its Michigan Notable Author Tour by Richard Ford. The display was organized in 2011 by the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. It focuses primarily on the immigration of Canadians to the U.P. during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Also included are the Anishinaabe people who have lived on both sides of the border for centuries. Several families in the EUP are also featured. The exhibit is currently on view at Bayliss Library; two views of the display are included here.

Lost and Found: Historic Structures of the U.P.

A new exhibit at the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center at Northern Michigan University includes two Sault buildings: the Chippewa County Courthouse and the Rudell Drug Store. The contents of the Courthouse’s original time capsule and CCHS’s photos of the drugstore are included in the exhibit. The latter building was torn down in the 1970s. Each county’s historical organization was asked to submit three choices of historic buildings that have been preserved and that have been destroyed. Of the three, one was selected for display from each category. The exhibit, curated by Dan Truckey, runs through September and is well worth a visit.
EUP History Consortium Meeting
The May EUPHC meeting was held in Rudyard at the Rudyard Community Center. Astrid Flanders spoke about her childhood on the island of Borkum in the North Sea during World War II, and about her experiences coming to the United States from Germany as an immigrant in the 1960s. Members toured Rudyard's miniature school house and the new historical storage building, which has recently been completed. The next meeting will take place in Pickford on Saturday, October 5. Please contact CCHS closer to the date to find out about the topic and speaker.

SAVE THESE DATES:
CCHS Events (see www.cchsmi.com)
June 24-Aug. 19, Historic Churches programs
July 18, 7 p.m., Neil Moran, “Heirloom Seeds and Native Plants” at Bayliss Library
July 26-28, Rendezvous in the Sault/History Fest
Aug. 6, Booth at Sault Summer Arts Festival
Oct. 12, 1 p.m., Maple Ridge Cemetery Tour

Bayliss Public Library Events (see www.baylisslibrary.org)
July 11, 7 p.m., Superior Poetry Café, featured poet Jonathan Johnson
July 16, 7 p.m., CCGS, Charles W. Meiser, “Genealogy for Kids”
July 25, 7 p.m., Author Loreen Niewenhuis, A 1,000-Mile Great Lakes Walk
July 30, 6:30 p.m., Author Deborah Frontiera, Living on Sisu: The 1913 Union Copper Strike Tragedy
Aug. 3, 11 a.m., Author Steve Hamilton, Let It Burn
Aug. 7, 4-7 p.m., 2014 MCACA Application Workshop
Aug. 8, 7 p.m., Dr. James Walker, “The Beginnings of Religion”

Chippewa County Businesses Become Corporate Members
By Constance Baker
During Spring 2013, over 200 Chippewa County businesses were invited to become CCHS corporate members and thus far 31 have responded (see list on page 9). Although CCHS is a nonprofit organization, experienced business people contribute important ideas to increase efficiency and effectiveness. At the same time, CCHS offers historical information and photographs to business leaders curious about their own beginnings.

CCHS corporate members range from small organizations like Side Street Salon to midsize businesses like Soo Builders Supply to large corporations like Cloverland Electric Cooperative.

The common commitment is a devotion to researching, preserving, and communicating the history of Chippewa County and surrounding areas. One corporate member, the Palace Saloon, has researched the history of their building and displays photos in the lobby of the restaurant. Another corporate member, the Grand Traverse Ophthalmology Clinic, purchased copies of CCHS's photos of historic Ashmun Street to hang in the patient waiting room.

Members are the lifeline of a vibrant organization because they bring new ideas, attend and participate in activities, help develop and volunteer in programs, ask relevant questions, and represent the organization in other groups and venues. Efforts are in place to continue reaching out to local businesses throughout Chippewa County. Persons interested in assisting with CCHS's membership drive should contact Connie Baker, VP, Membership and Fundraising, at cbaker1@iupui.edu.

Membership Renewal Time
Please check your address label. If you are not a Lifetime or Honorary member, it may be time to renew! Please continue your support of CCHS and, if possible, add something extra for our Annual Fund. Thank you!
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Assist with the collections
Bake refreshments
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Coordinate other volunteers
Distribute flyers
Enter data into computer
Help staff the office
Help with Historic Churches programs
Help with Rendezvous/History Fest
Help with Summer Arts Festival
Serve as hostess at events
Vacuum and clean
Membership Rates
- Individual: $20
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Office Hours:
- Monday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- and by appointment at back door

Gift Shop Hours:
- Mon.-Fri., 1-4 p.m.
- when volunteers are available at front door

Upcoming Event
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Yes! I want to be a CCHS Member!