Historic Weather Events of the U.P.

Our fall general meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, at Bayliss Public Library. The presenters will be forecasters David Lawrence and Michael Boguth with the National Weather Service in Gaylord. They will speak about “Historic Weather Events of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.” The evening will begin with a brief business meeting at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Bayliss Public Library, an affiliate of Superior District Library, is located at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie. Please enter by the front door as the library is usually closed on Wednesday evenings.

Everyone knows the northern Great Lakes area is renowned for its extreme weather, ranging from violent winter storms to November gales, severe weather and flooding, and even occasional periods of summertime heat, drought, and wildfires. This presentation will focus on some of the most memorable weather events to impact the U.P. over the last 150 years.

David Lawrence has been a NWS Forecaster since 2002 and has worked at the Gaylord office since 2007. He holds a Meteorology Degree from Penn State University and is a huge fan of northern Michigan’s winter weather. Michael Boguth has worked for the National Weather Service since 2004 and has been a NWS Forecaster in Gaylord since 2006. He holds a Meteorology Degree from the University of Michigan.

For a good book on U.P. weather, you might want to take a look at So Cold a Sky: Upper Michigan Weather Stories by Karl Bohnak (2006). It is for sale in CCHS’s Gift Shop. There will be free Winter Weather Spotter Training at Bayliss Public Library on Thursday, October 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. Contact the library at bayref@baylisslibrary.org for more information.

St. Mary’s Cemetery Tour

CCHS’s next cemetery tour will be held on Saturday, October 11, at 1 p.m. It will be the first tour to take place at St. Mary’s Cemetery, the Catholic section of Riverside Cemetery. Caroline Grabowski will lead the tour with the assistance of Jim and Mary Couling. Caroline will assume the role of Maggie McDonald, who passed away in 1912 at age 64. Come and learn more about her and other residents of St. Mary’s Cemetery. Please dress for the weather and wear walking shoes. There will be seasonal refreshments. The event is a fundraiser; our suggested donation is $5 per person. A program prepared by Caroline and Paul Sabourin will be available for purchase, along with Caroline’s new book. Please watch for signs directing you to the designated parking areas.
2nd Annual Thanks Giving Celebration

The CCHS Board is holding its 2nd Annual “Thanks Giving Celebration” on Sunday, November 16, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the CCHS building. Our goal is to thank those who give their time, talent, and treasure to CCHS’s programs, committees, and special projects. This year’s host will be Chase S. Osborn, as portrayed by CCHS Vice President, Paul Sabourin. Guests will be able to tour the first floor to see exhibits, such as Chase Osborn’s canoe, the American Café, and Soo Line trains, speak with Board members, view the work rooms, and enjoy refreshments.

Holiday Open Houses

CCHS will be holding several Holiday Open Houses on Saturdays in December: December 6, 13, and possibly 20. The events will be held, from 1 to 3 p.m. Board member Dennis Hank and Gil Cymbalist are planning to have an operating O-gauge Soo Line Christmas train on display. Toy collector Richard Trautwein will display some of his toys and dolls from various time periods. If you have any dolls that you would be willing to lend to us for the month of December, please let us know at cchs@sault.com or leave a message at 635-7082. The toys and dolls will be displayed in secure cases. Join us for refreshments and holiday cheer for all ages!

Book Signing with Bernie Arbic

Bernie Arbic, author and CCHS Treasurer, will be offering his new book for sale and signing at the December 13 Holiday Open House. The humorous poetry book is a collaborative effort by Bernie and Carolyn Person, who is an artist and CCHS Board member. The book will make a great holiday gift.

More Cemetery News

Caroline Grabowski spoke about the Potters Field at St. Mary’s Cemetery this summer at a Historic Churches program at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus are undertaking the task of improving the Potters Field and creating a monument to those buried there. If you would like to provide a donation or assistance,

Sketch by Dave Bigelow

please contact the Knights of Columbus or Ray Bauer. Caroline’s list of the names of those buried at the Potters Field will be published in the October 2014 issue of the Chippewa County Genealogical Society newsletter. The newsletter is a benefit of membership in their organization. See rootsweb.ancestry.com/~michcgs for more information or you may pick up a membership brochure at Bayliss Library, where the group meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m.

Open House with Roger LeLievre

In July, Roger LeLievre, Editor/Publisher of Know Your Ships, presented a history of the book and demonstrated how he puts the book together each year. His well-attended talk was enjoyed by the crowd of over 100 people. On view was a display of all of the past 54 years of Know Your Ships volumes. Sault Historic Sites and Bayliss Public Library lent their books for the display. Refreshments included a cake commemorating the 125th anniversary of the News Building. The 2014 volume of Know Your Ships is available for purchase in CCHS’s Gift Shop. It makes a great gift for those boat nerds in your life.

Marbling with Heidi Finley

Sault Ste. Marie marbling artist, Heidi Finley demonstrated her art at CCHS on Engineer’s Day. Marbling is a traditional book arts craft practiced historically in many parts of the world. The event drew quite a crowd and she barely had a break all day. We estimate at least 90 people either observed or participated in marbling a sheet of paper.

Left to right, Mary June, Karen Sabatine, Carolyn Person, Ginny Cymbalist, Roger LeLievre, Paul Sabourin, Susan James, and Mike Bennett
for themselves. Heidi has been demonstrating at various events and festivals in the area, including at this year’s Rendezvous in the Sault at the Historic Water Street Homes. Her cards and papers are available for purchase in CCHS’s Gift Shop. Heidi generously donated them to CCHS, along with the opportunity for several CCHS volunteers to experience marbling. We hope to invite Heidi back to CCHS in the future.

Book Signing with Caroline Grabowski
Also on Engineer’s Day, Caroline Grabowski held a book signing at CCHS for her new book Headstones and Headlines from Sault Ste. Marie’s Historic Past. The book combines stories about our local history as derived from the Sault Evening News along with humor. Caroline is a retired educator, who is the organizer of CCHS’s tours of local cemeteries. Her book is available for $9.95 from CCHS’s Gift Shop. It will be available at the October 11 cemetery tour.

Summer History Camp 2015
By Patty Olsen
CCHS will sponsor its fourth annual History Camp on June 15 through 19, 2015. It will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. The East Dependency of the Henry Rowe Schoolcraft home will be the meeting place for each day’s activities. The focus will be to interweave the military and maritime history of this area, beginning with Fort Repentigny, built in 1750, to the present-day Coast Guard, National Guard, and Border Patrol. A special emphasis will be placed on the 100th anniversary of World War I and the Drum and Bugle Corps from this area. During World War II, Sault Ste. Marie was the most heavily guarded city in North America. Campers will learn about the military installations that were in place here to defend the Locks and the ships, and they will tour the campus of Lake Superior State University, as it was a military fort. In addition, there will be visits to the Coast Guard Station and the National Guard Armory.

Students who are 9 to 12 years old, or who have completed third through sixth grades are eligible to attend camp. Enrollment will be limited to 25 students. The camp fee is $75 per student. Scholarship assistance may be available. Retired elementary teachers, Ginny Cymbalist and Patty Olsen will be directing the camp. To have your name added to the mailing list to receive further information as it becomes available, please contact cchs@sault.com.

Historic Churches of the Sault
The 14th year of Historic Churches programming was held from mid-June to mid-August. All six of our historic churches participated this year with varied programs. A total of 383 people attended the 10 programs, which was slightly less than last year, but donations were higher. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all of the presenters, hosts, and refreshment providers. Join us again next summer. We are considering filming the programs next year. Please let us know if you would like to help with that new venture.

Summer History Camp 2014

Students at St. James Episcopal Church
In June, CCHS held its third annual History Camp at the Historic Water Street buildings. It was organized and taught by Patty Olsen
and Ginny Cymbalist, CCHS Board members and retired Sault area elementary teachers. They concentrated on the years from 1814 to 1905 with special emphasis on the mission or residential schools that were operated in Sault, Michigan, and Sault, Ontario. Another highlight was the chance to meet with Steve Jorgensen who grew up on the Kemp Coal Dock property, where his father was the manager. Grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs make it possible for us to give young people their start on a life-long interest in history.

Rendezvous in the Sault 2014
By Ginny Cymbalist

Water Street was a very busy place the last week in July as the Second Rendezvous in the Sault was in full swing. Nearly 100 re-enactors, musicians, demonstrators, and artisans welcomed hundreds of visitors to the north City Hall lawn and the Historic Water Street Buildings. The food booth was busy selling soup, brats, cornbread, and cookies and, at the Soo Brewery stand, the root beer flowed. For weeks before the event, the legends of Genot Picor (Winter Elk) ran in the Sunday Evening News and many people came just to listen to Genot and the musical group, LaCompagnie, perform. Because of rain, the Saturday evening performance was held inside the City Hall but there was a large crowd and everyone enjoyed themselves.

At the historic buildings, visitors enjoyed tours of the Johnston and Baraga homes and the Kemp Industrial Museum and, for a period of time, chatted with Henry Rowe Schoolcraft (Jim Couling). There was a wonderful demonstration of historic paper marbling by Heidi Finley and local spinners and weavers showed their craft. The kid’s tent was busy with butter churning, laundry, and historic games. For both days, children scurried about learning about historic life skills and getting their “voyageur log” stamped.

Thanks to the dedicated volunteers, the City of Sault Ste. Marie Osborn Trust, the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Downtown Development Authority, and CCHS, Rendezvous 2014 was a great success. Without organizers Angie Patterson of the City Engineers office and event coordinators, Rose and Harry Burgess of Port Huron, this exciting weekend would never have happened. Thanks also to new Sault Ste. Marie City Manager, Oliver Turner, for volunteering at the entrance booth.

Docent Days
By Joseph P. Gallagher

Larry Johnston with the genealogical chart of the Johnston family

This summer I was one of several new Docents working at the Historic Water Street Buildings: the Kemp Industrial Museum, Baraga House, Elmwood, and the Johnston House. I did a lot of reading and research on the fur trade and early missionaries, Bishop Baraga, and John Johnston. Although the weather seemed to inhibit tourist traffic, there were a few memorable visitors. With time on my hands I was able to read more on local history, weed in the garden, and watch the big boats pass by. As I looked out over the marina and the river, I pondered thinking how inspirational a location this was for the Johnston family. But for them I am sure it was more hard work than inspiration.

On a Sunday in July, I saw a man and his mother looking at the Baraga sign, so I stopped to ask if they wanted information. I turned out the family was from Slovenia and had come to the Soo to see the Baraga House. The father explained to the family all about the house and Bishop Baraga, so I didn’t have to do anything but step back and smile. After a stay of about 20 minutes, I took a picture of them by the Baraga land poster and on the front steps. I should have taken a

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picture with my camera, but I was so excited to have them here that I just reveled in the moment. They were headed to L’Anse to see the Bishop Baraga Memorial and on to Marquette to attend Mass. They were not interested in any other tourist destinations but only came to see Baraga sites. Now that is a pilgrimage. What faith I thought, that sent them across the ocean to the U.P. to follow in Bishop Baraga’s footsteps.

On a slow, rainy day in August, another son walked in with his mother. Larry Johnston was from Colorado and his mother, Mary Lou, was from Manistique. They were on a pilgrimage as well. They are descendants of John McDougall Johnston. I guided them to CCHS for more detailed genealogical information. They returned with information that two of John’s descendants had gone “rogue” and not much information was known of them. One of them made their way to Kansas and that is where Larry and Mary Lou came from. They were both so excited to be in the house and spent hours taking it all in. Larry seemed quite proud of the fact that he was one of the outlaw Johnstons.

There were many other interesting visitors including Rendezvous actors armed with a lot of information on that era of history. Travelers from Minnesota, Ohio, and Texas came there specifically to see the history they had studied. One little girl asked what the typewriter at the Kemp Museum was; her mother had a hard time explaining it so I compared it to today’s computer and put a piece of paper in the carriage saying that was the screen and keyboard. That made her smile and she began to rationalize the thought of then & now. A lot of visitors commented on the neat handwriting in the ledger books. We discussed how eight hours of work could go fast if you were writing it all out, taking your time with no distractions like a radio or a computer. Then and now…the ties of history still bind.

Although the buildings are closed for the season, they will reopen bigger and better next summer. I recommend you go for a visit and learn more about your town. Tell your friends and relatives to visit the Johnston House. They will go back in time and enjoy an afternoon along the waterfront. All in all, a good way to spend the day and for me it was a magical summer being a docent.

**Façade Project**

The project that Paul Sabourin, VP for Membership and Fundraising, wrote about in our last newsletter will soon begin, with the bulk of the work on CCHS’s façade taking place next year. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), in partnership with the City of Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will be embarking on façade restorations on five historical buildings located along Ashmuin Street. More than $600,000 has been earmarked for CCHS, Island Books & Crafts, Lewinski & Brewster PC, U.P. Engineers and Architects, and A Cut Above the Rest Salon and Spa. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) financial assistance is awarded to the State of Michigan by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the MEDC, through the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF). Funding from the State represents 75% of eligible costs. CCHS has secured its share of the funding through a loan from a local financial institution. The occasion will soon be marked by a photo opportunity with City officials and others.
New CCHS Honor Roll Recipient

Bill Gerrish, our long-standing volunteer and newsletter graphic designer, was honored for his service by the CCHS Board. His name was added to the CCHS Honor Roll plaque in September. Bill Gerrish has recently moved to Texas. We wish him well.

Pullar Stadium History
By Bernie Arbic

This photo was taken on October 2, 1939, when the refrigeration pipes to be embedded in the floor were being installed. There are over nine miles of pipes in the floor, used to create the legendary ice of Pullar Stadium.

The Sault Ste. Marie Elks Club sponsored a Flag Day celebration on June 14, 1946. Being the first Flag Day after the end of World War II, it was undoubtedly a very special day. Ceremonies were held at Pullar Stadium, and here the Sault High School Choir is shown. The Choir Director was Earl Thomas.

The Pullar Community Building is 75 years old this year. To mark the anniversary, plans are underway to complete major renovations that will keep this historic landmark a vital part of this community for years to come. For more information about the effort, contact Dan Wyers, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks, at City Hall.

Gift Shop News
The shop and displays will remain open until late December. Hours may be reduced based on the availability of our volunteers. We are pleased to welcome Thursday volunteers, Rowan Mauldin and his mother Shawna Mauldin. Rowan is a 2014 History Camp graduate and history enthusiast.

Date Plaques in the Gift Shop
Why not order a date plaque for your home or business? They are available for $75 (or $100 for the larger version). Order forms may be found at CCHS and Bayliss Library, and on the Gift Shop page of our website www.cchsmi.com. Our fundraiser has ended, but we will continue to fill orders through our Gift Shop. There will be an additional charge of $10 per plaque for shipping. Orders will be filled more promptly too, since we will not be waiting for a group order to save on postage. They make great gifts!

Soon to be Available in the Gift Shop
We will soon have copies of filmmaker Bill Blanchard’s DVD “A Difference of Rights” about the controversy in this area over tribal fishing rights in the late 1970s. The film consists of footage and interviews with area residents. It was shown at the Soo Film Festival this summer at the Soo Theatre. Bayliss Library has audiotapes of the full interviews done for the film. They are being transferred to CDs and mp3s and will become available to researchers for use in the library’s Judge Joseph H. Steere Room. The DVDs will sell for $15 each and can be mailed for an additional $4 each.

Michigan’s Historical Views of Munising & Grand Island
CCHS member, Paul Petosky, from Munising, provided this information on his new book. Munising is a Chippewa name meaning “Place of the Great Island.” In 1820, a Chippewa village sat at the Anna River, and in 1850, the first white settlement sprang up in Au Train—30 homes, one blacksmith shop, the bay furnace, a sawmill, and a government lighthouse. Timothy Nestor, lumber baron, took a trip to Munising Bay in 1894, and in 1895, he hired men and work started on the city now known as Munising. The village was incorporated in 1896 and a post office established; the population was 500. The com-
munity grew rapidly; within a year, the population multiplied to 2,500. Docks, sawmills, and a tannery were built, and a newspaper was printed. The courthouse moved from Au Train to Munising in 1901. For more information, visit www.americastarbooks.com.

Sault Summer Arts Festival Raffle
The winner of our raffle at the 2014 Sault Summer Arts Festival was Zelma Cohoon. Thank you to everyone who entered the raffle and to artist Jeanne Tubman, who donated her print of “U.S. Brig Niagara, H.M.S. Bounty, Pride of Baltimore II.”

EUP History Consortium
The EUPHC fall meeting was held on October 4, in Cedarville. The spring meeting will be held in May. Contact CCHS for more information closer to that time.

Newsletter
We welcome Connie Thompson, our new newsletter designer, who is the author of the book A Fascination for Feathers that is available for sale in our Gift Shop. She has been designing various books, newsletters, newspapers, and logos for over 25 years, including Bruce Township’s quarterly newsletter. Connie also writes and produces a free e-mail monthly newsletter about bird-watching called Birds in Our Backyards. She and her husband Pat have been designing, building, and selling bird feeders for over 20 years and have been featured on the cover of Birds & Blooms magazine.

WANT AD:
Loans of old dolls for inclusion in our December Holiday Open Houses. Dolls will be displayed in secure cases.

Thank you to the following:
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Heidi Finley—marbleized cards & papers
Bill Gerrish—stanchion bases
Jeanne Tubman—print of “U.S. Brig Niagara, H.M.S. Bounty, Pride of Baltimore II”

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Nov. 16, 2-4 p.m., Thanks Giving Celebration
Dec. 6, 13, & possibly 20, 1-3 p.m., Holiday Open Houses with a train layout, antique toys, and dolls
Dec. 13, Book Signing by Bernie Arbic and Carolyn Person, of their new book of humorous rhymes titled Have you heard the one about the Yuppie, the Yooper*, and the...?

Bayliss Public Library Events (see www.baylisslibrary.org)
Nov. 4, 7 p.m., Author Mikel Classen, Au Sable Point Lighthouse
Dec. 2, 7 p.m., Superior Poetry Café with featured poet Bernie Arbic
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