

Capital Campaign

Our capital campaign has raised about \$4,200 since our July newsletter. Please consider an end-of-the-year donation to the campaign to help restore our 1889 building. Contributions can be sent to CCHS, P.O. Box 342, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, with checks made out to CCHS. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

The Chase S. Osborn Trust Fund

The Chase S. Osborn Trust Fund was instituted in 2002, with the first round of funds distributed in 2003. Since then, over \$160,000 has been awarded "for the benefit of the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie in the preservation of the City's history and historical heritage." At least ten different groups have been awarded grants for such purposes as painting conservation, photo digitization, displays, display cases, murals, microfilm, historic manuscripts, roofs and improvements to the Water Street Historic Block, cemetery fencing and gate, barrier-free ramp, historic costumes, programming, marquee repair to a historic theatre, natural resources park, and historical publications including *Then and Now*. A detailed list is available from CCHS. Shown here is the new logo for the trust fund that features a portrait of Chase S. Osborn while he was governor of Michigan.



Status of MCACA

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs serves to encourage, develop, and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative, and cultural activity in Michigan. From 1998 to the present, CCHS has been awarded over \$25,000 in 13 mini-grants from MCACA through their local re-granting agency, EUP Regional Planning and Development (<http://www.eup-planning.org>). CCHS has been awarded grants for such projects as a historical coloring book with drawings by area residents, two murals, six portraits, DVDs of historical programs, the Johnston dinner theatre, three photo exhibits, music in the schools, and canoe building at this year's History Fest. At this writing, due to the state of the economy, any future MCACA grant opportunities are on hold. That is a severe blow to organizations such as ours who apply for and often receive grants of up to \$4,000 once or twice a year. Contact your state representatives to express your opinion on these and other budget-cutting matters. You may also want to check <http://www.artservemichigan.org>.



Building Work

CCHS has signed an agreement with the City's Downtown Development Authority to receive \$15,000 towards the reconstruction of a stairwell and installation of a firewall and fire door leading to the second floor of our building. The project has been bid and will be awarded this month. The stairwell and related work is expected to be completed by the end of December. A second project that is in the works is the construction of a kitchenette on the main floor of the building.

Historic Churches of Sault Ste. Marie

This summer's Historic Churches program, held each Monday evening from July 6 to August 24, was well attended, with over 375 residents and summer visitors enjoying a variety of multi-media lectures, singing, and musical instrumentation at the five historic churches. We thank **Bob & Dawn Aldrich, Peter & Georgia Gianakura, Jackie Willey, Janet Coffing, Jennifer Parker, Captains Scott & Shanais Strissel, Pastor Steve Miller, and Father Sebastian Kavumkal** for hosting the programs at their respective churches. We also thank the performers, **Professor James Moody, Susan Askwith, Sharon MacLaren, Dave Stanaway, Josh Scott, Sam Scott, Jim Stobie, Andrew Miller, Bob Krupa, Patricia McLean, and Arbutus Whitworth**, who shared their time and talents.

Summer Activities

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped us out this summer. The names are numerous (see the History Fest article and the Gift Shop article). At the Arts Festival and the Downtown Sidewalk Sales in August, we had help from **Cathy & Roland Akre, Mike Bennett, Roger Blanchard, Don Cooper, Larry Cooper, Ginny & Gil Cymbalist, Jack DeWeese, Mike DeWeese, Emily Gadzinski, Stephanie Garn, Nancy Gillotte, Tony Haller, Susan James, Gary Johnson, Bob Money, Patty Olsen, Nancy & Dallas Steinhaus, Shirley Stevens, and Alex Strobehn.**

We made almost \$450 on the sale of new and used books.

Thank you to the donors of the used books.

EUPHC Fall Meeting

The Eastern Upper Peninsula History Consortium fall meeting took place in Brimley on Saturday, October 10, and was hosted by the **Bay Mills-Brimley Historical Society**. The meeting was held at the township hall near the Wheels of History Museum with 16 individuals attending, including **Mary M. June, Nancy Steinhaus, and Janet Russell** for the CCHS Board. The theme was storage, and the group discussed proper methods for storing textiles, regulating natural and artificial lighting, preventing and alleviating mustiness, correctly handling photographs, and more. Recommendations for shelving and storage containers were provided. A list of resources available at Lake Superior State University through a Caring for Collections grant was given to the Consortium members by **Mary M. June**. The spring 2010 meeting of the Consortium will be held on May 1, hosted by the **Rudyard Historical Society**.

Gifts to the Society

Missing from our recent newsletters has been the list of donors to our collection. That doesn't mean that there haven't been any gifts. In fact, there have been many; so many, that we haven't been able to keep up with the accessioning and thank yous. Please know we appreciate all of your donations and mean to thank you and will do so eventually. We could use some help with accessioning and organizing, and we are planning to work on that this next six months. If you are considering a donation of items, please let us know in advance by phone 635-7082 or e-mail cchs@sault.com and we will let you know if we can accommodate the item(s) now or later. Paper items and photographs may be donated at any time. We do not want to discourage gifts and thereby possibly endanger them. Please be patient while we work on the items we already have. Thank you.

Membership Renewals

The end of another year is approaching and it's time to renew your membership. Thank you for your continued support of our organization. If you can this year, why not 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.

River Soundings Newsletter

Did you know that it costs \$175 to print our quarterly newsletter, and almost \$50 in bulk postage? We may try e-mailing the newsletter to many of you in the future; if you are interested in receiving the newsletter through this alternative means, please provide your e-mail address on your membership renewal form or by sending us an e-mail at cchs@sault.com. Or let us know if you would like to sponsor a newsletter! Thanks for your help.

Lake Superior Magazine

Watch for the December/January issue of *Lake Superior Magazine* that will include a story on regional historical societies. CCHS contributed to the story through a questionnaire and e-mails.

Steve Lehto Talk



Steve Lehto, Jay Leno, and Jay's Chrysler Turbine car

Steve Lehto, author of the new book *Michigan's Columbus, The Life of Douglass Houghton*, spoke to a full house at the Chippewa County Historical Society in July. He spoke in depth about Douglass Houghton's career and his explorations in remote areas of Michigan. Both Steve's new book and his 2006 book, *Death's Door: The Truth Behind Michigan's Largest Mass Murder*, are available for purchase from CCHS's gift shop. Steve returned to his downstate home after his talk so that he could visit Jay Leno in California. Jay recently purchased a Chrysler Turbine car. Steve has just written a book on Chrysler Turbine cars, and he wanted to share the photo with us to prove that he had indeed done as he said.

New Rudyard Area Schools Book

The Rudyard Historical Society has a new book available, entitled *Rudyard Area Schools: Welcome to Rudyard Bulldog Pride, 1883-2008*, by **Jan Mende Reed**. The book has information about the history of Rudyard Area Schools, including Kinross, Trout Lake, and part of Dafer. It includes many class photos, biographies of teachers, stories, and memories. You may obtain the 297 page book by sending \$20.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling (check made out to Rudyard Historical Society) to Elaine Sprague, 19962 S. Tromblay Rd., Rudyard, MI 49780.

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