

River of History Museum to Move to Old Woolworth's Building



The River of History Museum has completed negotiations with the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Sault Tribe to move the museum to the first floor of the old Woolworth's Building on Ashmun Street, which is owned by the tribe. The City has committed \$325,000 for moving and reinstalling the RHM at the new location. CCHS Board members are helping the RHM Board, the Sault Tribe, and City officials prepare the displays, gift store, and office for the upcoming move. We look forward to the museum's anticipated reopening early this summer in its new location.

Icon Painting Workshop

This year's Icon Workshop will take place from **July 6 to 11**, in the St. George Greek Orthodox Church. The project will be to write the icon of Christ, which along with the icon of John the Baptist, completed two summers ago, and this past year's icon of Theotokos (Mother of God), will form a triptych. You may contact **Paul Raappana** at 635-4702 for more information.

DDA Plaque Project

CCHS is helping the Downtown Development Authority with its Historic Plaque Project, which many downtown businesses are participating in. Upon completion, the plaques are mounted on the exterior of the buildings. For each plaque, the CCHS will research the property and business, write text, and provide pictures for final approval by the business. Work on the Palace Saloon's plaque has just been completed, and research for the Ramada Ojibway Hotel is beginning.

Volunteer Opportunities

We continue to need volunteer help in our gift shop, as well as at our summer events, including **Downtown Sidewalk Sales**, the **Sault Summer Arts Festival**, and the **Sault Area History Fest**. We are also collecting used books for our sidewalk sales table. If you are interested in baking or providing other refreshments for one of our events, please let us know.

EUP History Consortium

The spring meeting of the Eastern Upper Peninsula History Consortium will take place in Pickford on **May 2**. **Jan Reed** will present information on publishing. On **October 10**, the fall meeting will take place in Brimley. The consortium of area history groups, with assistance from area sponsors, publishes the brochure listing detailed information on area museums, historical societies, historic homes, and historic buildings open to the public. Let us know if you are interested in attending these meetings and shared rides can be arranged.

The Bruce Township Historical Society

The Bruce Township Historical Society continues to receive great cooperation from the families of the township. Family histories are being shared, along with photographs and scrapbooks filled with information. The group is interested in photographs of the old farm houses and outbuildings and any of the stores that served the area. People have shared memories of summers at fishing resorts and winter ice fishing. Any information is welcomed. Please contact **Shirley Patrick** at 632-4708 or **Carolyn Person** at 632-4146.

Maple Ridge Cemetery

This spring you will see a fence and gate installed at the cemetery on Ashmun Street. Funding is coming from the **Chase S. Osborn Historic Trust** and the City of Sault Ste. Marie's general fund.

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