

## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed for the following upcoming events. Please contact the office or e-mail us if you have a few hours available.

**August 4** - Sault Summer Arts Festival

**August 7 and 8** - Downtown Sidewalk Sales (Used Books Needed)

**August 14 and 15** - Sault History Fest

**Fall** - Gift Shop

## Gift Shop

Stop in and browse our gift shop on your next trip downtown. Summer hours are Monday through Friday, 1-4 p.m. Plans are underway to have Wednesday hours from 2-7 p.m. and Saturday hours from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., to coincide with the Farmers' Market at the Crossroads. The shop has a great selection of local and regional history books, music CDs, artwork, note cards, prints, and more. If you mention this newsletter article or bring in CCHS's rack card from the Soo Locks Visitors' Center, you will receive a 15% discount on any purchases in our Gift Shop, excluding some consignment items. The gift shop is being staffed by volunteers **Mike Bennett, Sharyn Faunt, Stephanie Garn, Nancy Steinhaus, Elizabeth Weir, Norajean Wilcox, Allison Youngs, and Mary Youngs**. When you check out the gift shop, you'll want to take time to view the exhibits and artwork on display, including a new exhibit showcasing Sault Ste. Marie souvenir plates donated by **Mark Kennedy**.

## Dinner with the Johnstons

Our annual Johnston Dinner Theatre, a major fundraiser for CCHS, was sold out again this year. Sunday's performance was reserved for the Upward Bound students and staff, with several staff helping out as servers and all joining in enthusiastically in the singing and dancing. Several new actors joined the cast this year, including **Regina Kemp** playing Jane Johnston opposite her real-life husband **Eric Kemp** as Henry Schoolcraft. Other new actors included **Katherine Jewell** as Susan Johnston; **David** and **James Drockton**, father and son, playing **Wayishka** and **Major Enos Cutler**, respectively; and **Logan Reed** as John Siveright. New servers were **Stephanie Garn, Mary Bowkus, and Shirley Stevens**. **Susan Askwith** provided musical entertainment. **Susan DeCourcy** directed the play as she has done for the past several years, with help from her husband, **Peter DeCourcy**, who also played John Johnston to perfection. We appreciate the additional assistance of **Sharon MacLaren, Arline Fitzmaurice**, and several CCHS Board members who pitched in. **Austin's Oak** lent some blankets, quilts, and other items for props. Our thanks to all of the participants for making this event a successful fundraiser for CCHS.

## April Annual Meeting

CCHS's Annual Meeting took place in April. **Tim Ellis** was elected to the CCHS Board to serve until 2012. Outgoing president **Nancy Steinhaus** summed up her eventful six years

in office, and **Mary June** honored her with a gift of a **Maureen Mousley** painting of the Harbor House donated by several board members. **Robert** and **Margaret Money** donated a cake from Soo Coop in honor of Nancy. **Tony Stackpoole** from Cup of the Day donated coffee and cookie bars and **Leanne Barnes Deuman** donated cookies. At the Annual Meeting, **John Fierst** from the Clarke Historical Library at CMU spoke about the life of John Tanner who was captured as a child and raised among the Anishnaabe of the Lake Superior region. Fierst is director of The John Tanner Project that is preparing an annotated edition of the book *A Narrative of the Captivity and Adventures of John Tanner during Thirty Years Residence Among the Indians*.



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## CCHS Board Members

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# Sault History Fest 2009

## Come Celebrate the History of the Sault

Fri., August 14, 5-8 p.m.  
Sat., August 15, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Water Street Historic Block**  
(Behind the Pullar Center)  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

**General Admission – FREE!**

### Featured Events:

**Fri., August 14: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

- Fish Boil (\$12.00 per person)\*
- Music & Entertainment
- Birch Bark Canoe Building\*\*
- Period Encampments Open

**Sat., August 15: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

- Continuous Music & Entertainment
- Continuous Historic Games, Crafts and Cultural Activities for Children
- Food Booths and Vendors of Native Crafts, Maple Sugar, Fish Decoys, Trapping and Furs
- Tour the Water Street Historic Buildings
- Enjoy Enactors Portraying Members of the John Johnston Family
- View Demonstrations of Birch Bark Canoe Building, Black-Smithing, Spinning, Weaving, Quilting, Rug Hooking, and Native Crafts
- Visit Native American and Voyageur Encampments and an Early 20th Century Fish Camp
- Learn About Historic Plants Used by Natives and Early Settlers (plants may be purchased)
- View Antique Buggies, Automobiles and Canoes

\*Fish Boil Tickets (Must be purchased in advance)

Tickets available at: Chippewa County Historical Society (115 Ashmun Street)  
Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Soo Theatre Center  
Sault Chamber of Commerce

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