



Northern Waters News

Land O' Lakes Historical Society's Newsletter

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AN ENERGETIC YEAR FOR LAND O LAKES NORTHERNWATERS MUSEUM

We Work Hard, We Have Fun We Celebrate Land O Lakes Area's History

LOCAL GUIDES: PAST AND PRESENT

After three years of the "Guides" exhibit in the NorthernWaters Museum in Land O' Lakes, the Historical Society will be publishing a book honoring the men who guided the guests and tourists that have frequented the area. The book is to be available at the opening of the museum in late June.

The exhibit began with a display of fishing guides, then grew by adding

hunting guides and taxidermists as well. Many people from across the country have been interviewed for this project and their stories are being told through writer Barbara Wilkinson, editor Faith Caskey and publisher Dianne Parling.



The subjects of our guides exhibit brought their families to see the museum's many attractive displays. Many families were given private tours. Dennis Fisk and his mother at Guide's Exhibit 2014



Fred Caskey with his eldest son Blane visiting the museum



Sally Schlack brought John and Mary Ellen Ault and Jane O'Reilly to the museum for a special October tour upon their request. All are supporters of the Museum and the Historical Society

We are still looking for additional information on guides of the area, so please contact Barb at drwilks@alphacomm.net if you can help.

OPEN HOUSE

Last August Historical Society volunteers held an open house in the Society's workroom which is located in the basement of the Land O' Lakes Town Hall. Thirteen people attended and picked up a goodie bag containing a copy of Gaylord's "Guide to Collections Care", two catalogs and a newsletter article from the Chicago Genealogical Society about preservation of documents and photographs. Samples of archival supplies were on display and Janet Geronime, assisted by Gloria Andersen and Diane Bradley, explained how the Society uses various archival supplies to protect and preserve items that have been donated to the Historical Society.



Sudy Ferry Watson, Mary Bybee and Chris Tews mailing the President's Letter on December 8, 2015



Gloria Andersen, Shirley Battin, Jan Geronime and Diane Bradley at HS Open House 2015.jpg

Our Mission The Land O' Lakes NorthernWaters Museum will present aesthetically appealing, interactive and educational exhibits which honor, interpret and preserve the unique stories of the Land O' Lakes area for visitors of all ages.

OPENING PARTY

The 2014 Land O' Lakes Historical Society annual NorthernWaters Museum opening party drew a legion of enthusiastic guests who marveled at the enhanced guides' exhibit while reconnecting with their many friends at the sumptuous buffet which Lisa and Paul Stemen put together for all comers.



Barb Hook, ? Agney, Paul Stemen, Cully Rohlen, Barb Wilkinson and Sandie Pauly



John and Leslie Pearson

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Dr. John Clarke has been our Uncle Sam in the parade for many years. His family has marched hot or cold, rain or shine.



100 DAYS OF ART

Historical Society participation in the "100 Days of Art" summer-long celebration of arts and artists in the Land O' Lakes area.



? Gaetano holding Mia Gaetano, and Tony Gaetano holding Matt Pachmayer



Al and Mary Bybee and Bud and Sally Shlack

SOAR VISITS GUIDES: PAST & PRESENT EXHIBIT

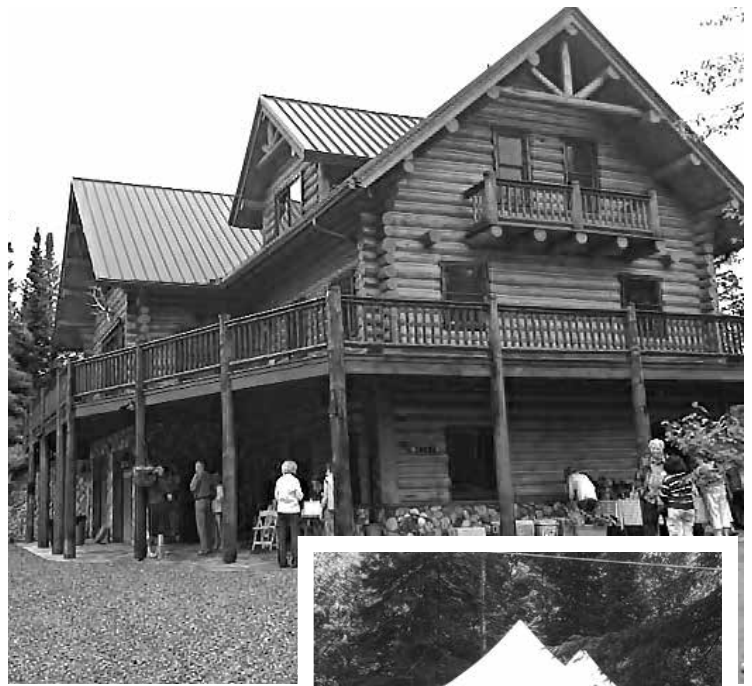
Sixty Land O' Lakes SOAR (School of Options & Applied Learning - Project Based Learning) students (grades 5-8) visit GUIDES: Past & Present exhibit at The Northern Waters Museum

Students selected a guide and wrote a synopsis about the guide they researched to share with the rest of the class. They enjoyed reading about how the guides were such interesting characters. One of the boys is now nicknamed "Hambone," like one of the guides!



WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Our major fundraiser was held in July. WALK ON THE WILD SIDE was the perfect wrap up of the Guides exhibit. John Pearson, a lifelong outdoorsman and wildlife conservationist, opened his log home and property near Watersmeet, MI for an afternoon of fun including Polaris Ranger tours, pontoon boat rides on two pristine lakes, viewing North American wildlife mounts, refreshments and a lovely dinner "under tent."



Walk on the Wildside at the Pearson Home



Sandy Bates, Walt Bates, Judy Challed and statue Jeremiah Johnson at Walk on the Wild Side



Steve Wilkinson, man, bear, Chuck Agney at Walk on the Wild Side



Wayne Diestler, Karen Sadler, Bonnie Clarke, John Aulg, Leslie Pearson, at Walk on the Wild Side



Judy Challed, Sandi Bates, Margaret Mars, and Leslie Pearson at the 50-50 table

DUCK LAKE BOOK

Leslie Pearson, Cheryl Pytlarz, and Jan Geronime accepting a copy of the Duck Lake History, which Cheryl and her husband donated to the LOL Historical Society. It is chocked full of wonderful details and stories. Thanks Cheryl and Jeff.



Leslie Pearson, Cheryl Pytlarz, and Jan Geronime

BENT'S CAMP FISH FRY

The Annual Bent's Camp Fish Fry drew enthusiastic participants last September

Enthusiastic Historical Society members, their guests, and assorted visitors met at Bent's Camp in September, 2014, for one of the resorts's patented, and always delicious, fish frys. Funds raised at the event were used to help support the many activities which the organization sponsors and organizes. Some of the attendees came as fishing/hunting guides who were featured in the 2014 summer's exhibits. As one guest put it, "It was a lively bunch helping to support a long-standing civic treasure while having themselves a gustatorily good time!"



"Celebrity" historical society volunteer Dr. Laura Schindelholz waitressing at a Bent's table with Jim Thomas, Mary Thomas, and Sandi Bates eagerly awaiting their dinners.



Mary Ellen and Sam Otterpohl and Bill McNicolas at the Bent's Camp Historical Society Fish Fry



Chris Tews, Mary Ellen Otterpohl and Leslie Pearson at Bent's Camp Fish Fry September, 2014



Dude Dodge (Barb Nehring) takes an order from Chris Tews and Cheryl Mitchell



Mary Thomas and Gordy Falk, with Gordy's Pumpkin Carving Kit September 2014