



BIHS PERFORMANCE REPORT

**Activities of the Beaver Island
Historical Society
www.beaverislandhistory.org**

June 1, 2022

**The purpose of the Society is to preserve and share the
unique history of Beaver Island and the Archipelago.**

2022 Historical Society Activities

Museum Operations

The Marine Museum, Print Shop, and Protar's Home will be open Memorial Day Weekend through Father's Day on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, (based on Docent availabilities). Normal summer hours begin Father's Day, operating 7 days a week and ending on Labor Day. Hours of operation are: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Protar's home will be open on Wednesday and Saturdays during the same period as the museums, with a 11:00 am to 1:00 pm schedule.

Museum Week

Events are planned for the 42nd Annual Museum Week, scheduled to occur July 16 through July 24, 2022. Programming this year include Natives American themed events, Graveyard talk, Kids Camp, Island music, Art Show, Pet Show, and a Currach row.

Historical Driving and Walking Tours

The society has completed the installation of 40 signs marking cultural assets throughout the Harbor District and Island. Brochures for both tours are available at the Museum and other locations in town.

Special Events

The Society is collaborating with the Irish Festival and will offer special hours and events at the Print Shop Museum during the festival. Other events are planning a Women's History event to reveal the 2022 selection of Beaver Island Women. In April, we hosted the Black History 101 Mobile Museum and offered a unique opportunity for to visit the exhibit and engage with the museum curator with age-appropriate presentations.

Lunch at the Museums

Our signature lunch time chats will resume Mid-June and continue through Mid-August. Join us on Mondays for Picnic on the Patio at the Print Shop and Marine Museum Mondays from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm. The public is encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch and each session is a history/community-based presentation.

Beaver Island App

Download the free Beaver Island App! This is the product of a collaborative project between BIHS and the Chamber of Commerce. The app is available for Apple and Android. The platform has all the trails, restaurants, museums, lodging and other pertinent community information.

The Beaver Island Historical Society, a 501(c)3 organization, operates the Print Shop, Marine Museum, Protar's Home, and Heritage Park with the assistance of a volunteer Board of Trustees and incredible docents who volunteered more than 1200 hours of work in 2021.

Over 7,000 people visited the museums and attended Society events in 2021. The museums resumed normal summer operations.

Currently, there are 140 active memberships of the Society who:

- Receive semi-annual Newsletters
- Receive a complimentary book
- Receive 10% off gift shop purchases
- Receive 10% off genealogy research

Membership dues, donations, grants, sales, local taxes, special events, and genealogy research fund the operations of the Society.

The Whiskey Point Lighthouse tours were canceled in 2020 and will likely resume in 2021.

Print Shop Activities

The Print Shop renovations are now complete. An open house will be celebrated on June 18, 2022. Museum renovations began in 2018. The final phase of work included updating the floors, ceiling, electrical and HVAC in the historic core of the museum.



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Beaver Head Lighthouse

The Historical Society is collaborating with Charlevoix County and Networks Northwest and hosting Eastern Michigan University's Historic Preservation Field School at the Beaver Head Lighthouse in 2022. This season the graduate class will be examining the structure and presenting suggestions for future adaptive uses at the site and focusing on minor repairs. The University has committed to return to Beaver Island over the next 4 years and will work toward completing an approved preservation plan. This year the group worked at the lighthouse May 21-29.

Historical Society Funding

2022 Revenues and Expenses

Funding Sources for Operations and Capital Improvements

Giftshop sales, donations, events, tax revenue, and grants were key sources.

Revenues

The budget revenues for FY2022 (Nov. 1, 2021 – Oct. 31, 2022) amount to \$288,800. St. James Township taxpayers fund approximately \$12,500 through a mileage and Peaine Township matches this amount. Revenues from donors and sponsors are projected to be \$80,000 for the Fiscal Year.

Key FY2021 grants supporting operations include:

- \$19,030 - from the Michigan Council Arts and Cultural Affairs
- \$4,328 – Charlevoix County Community Foundation Endowment
- \$982 – Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Hellen Collar Fund

A \$63,000 Small Business Administration 30-year loan was provided to BIHS in June 2020. It has a 2.75% interest rate with pay-back beginning December 2022. The board has yet to decide if any portion of these monies will be used or returned to the SBA. The funds (an amount determined by the SBA) are in their own Money Market Account for management and accountability purposes.

A "Beaver Island Treasure Chest" was raffled in the fall, to help fund the remaining work at the Print Shop. This year we have partnered with the Chamber of Commerce for a "Pot of Gold" raffle.

Expenses

Operating Budget: The Budget Expenses for FY2022 amount to \$190,380. The net revenue amounts to \$98,420.

Other Funds

Capital Funds: The Capital Budget funds are in a separate bank account and began the FY with \$86,000. At the end of April, the account contained \$86,045.

Exhibit Funds: The Exhibit Budget funds are also in a separate bank account and started the FY with \$20,770. At the end of April, this account contained \$24,320.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Funds: The BIHS C3F endowment fund started at January 1, 2022, with \$115,062. At the end of March, this account contained \$103,462.