BIHS Preserving and Sharing the Unique History of Beaver Island and the Archipelago

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Heritage Park Donegal Bay Rd

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Enjoy Summer with BIHS!

Summer 2021

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On Friday and Saturday, September 3 and 4, the Beaver Island Public Art Initiative will be presenting an Art Forum.

At 4pm on September 3rd, two new sculptures will be placed at the Little Sand Bay Preserve—one near the Gallagher house and one at the Dark Sky Park in Little Sand Bay.

On September 4th at noon, the Beaver Island Historical Society is holding a “Sculptors in Print” show and lecture featuring artist Brian Ferriby. Presented at the Print Shop Museum, this show features works of traditional and non-traditional printmaking techniques including 3D, monoprint, linocut, and silkscreen.

Later that day, at 4 pm at the Beaver Island District Library, there will be an Art Forum reception featuring the artists, musicians and media.

SAVE THE DATE!  Art Forum on Labor Day Weekend

This initiative is sponsored by the Little Traverse Conservancy, The Beaver Island Historical Society and the Sauve Art Foundation.

Print Shop Perspective

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

Vision Statement:
The Society will share the unique historical stories of the Archipelago through the renovated and expanded museum properties.

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Welcome to our museums! We are thrilled to share our expanded space with you. In 2018, we began our journey to renovate, update and expand the Print Shop Museum. In 2019, we completed Phase 1. This work entailed the reconstruction of the front facade and porch. The windows and battens were replaced with period appropriate selections. Phase 2 was the construction of the new addition and restoration of the Zoltan Sepeshy WPA mural completed last summer. Now, we are beginning Phase 3. The work underway includes renovating the historic core of this incredible building. Work to be completed includes restoring the floors, exposing the interior wall timbers, connecting our HVAC, updating the electrical service topped off with a coat of fresh paint.

To help us finish strong please consider purchasing a raffle ticket for $25 to WIN the Beaver Island Treasure Chest.

Best,
Lori Taylor-Blitz
Executive Director

Have you visited the updated Print Shop Museum?
This year the new portion of the Print Shop will be open and full of new exhibits. Phase 3 of the remodel begins this summer so the original Mormon Print shop will be closed to visitors. The entrance to the museum is off the side road, Forest Ave., across from the hardware store. Both the Print Shop and the Marine Museum open June 20. Our hours are Mon-Sat 11am to 5 pm and Sunday 1pm -4pm. Some of the exhibits at the Print Shop include the Northern Michigan University students’ display about the archaeological dig at Protar’s House, prominent women of Beaver Island, Helen Collar’s sketches of our Irish ancestors and, of course, our beautiful WPA mural. Some of these displays are rotating and will only be up for a short time. If you think you have seen our Museums it is time for you to take another look!
Family Histories: CEMETERY WALK & TALK 11am - Noon
Please contact us if you would like to feature your family!

Popular Cemetery Walks and Talks Will Happen Again This Summer

Last summer, in collaboration with the Beaver Island District Library, five cemetery talks were led by Island family historians who told stories and detailed the history of those who came to the Island before us. The community was enthusiastic about the talks and over 60 people attended each one. This year, the Society has agreed to continue the Cemetery Walks and Talks, again scheduling five with the first one occurring on the Saturday July 17 prior to Museum Week. Four of the events will be held in the Holy Cross Cemetery and one in the Townships Cemetery. We are always looking for new voices and new stories to tell. Please contact the Museum if you are interested in telling the history of your ancestors buried in the Island Cemeteries.

The tours may discuss the following Family Histories
• Betty • Bonner, Boyle • Cashman • Cole • Collar • Connaught
• Cull • Gallagher • Gatiff • Greene • Johnson • Kenwabakiss
• Landford, Larsen, Lewis • Malloy • Martin • McCafferty
• McCann • McDonogh • Mooney • O’Donnell • Palmer
• Peterman • Pischner • Runberg • Wasagesic

Our Partners
The purpose of the Beaver Island Historical Society is to preserve and share the unique history of Beaver Island and the Archipelago. We invite you to join the Historical Society, and explore our history, find out about the king, fishing, shipwrecks, island life, natural history, our Irish heritage, and much more.

Please consider becoming a member. Our members enjoy special discounts on museum merchandise, genealogy research and a one-year subscription to the BIHS newsletter.

A special thank you to our partners!
SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS — July • August • September

July
17-24 Museum Week
27 Women’s History Exhibit reveal 7pm At the Print Shop
   Costumes Welcomed! Pick any era to honor your favorite hero!

August
19 Annual Meeting – Print Shop Museum 7pm at the Print Shop
   Raffle drawing to the Beaver Island Treasure Chest at 8pm (Need not be present to win.)

September
3 Labor Day Art Forum – Art Installation at Little Sand Bay, Reception at Print Shop 7pm
4 Public Art Presentation at Print Shop at 12, Library at 4, Music at Heritage Park at 5pm
5 Museums return to Weekend Hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1-4pm

Events Held All Summer
- Marine Museum Mondays: June 28th through August 18th 12–1pm*  
- Picnic on the Patio Wednesdays: June 24th through August 28th 12-3pm
- Lighthouse Tours: Saturdays in July and August
- Proctor Home Tours: Wednesdays – June 24th through August 28th 1-3pm
- Cemetery Walks & Talks: See page 6 for dates and details

*Marine Museum Mondays & Picnic on the Patio are short informal chats about island history.
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EVEN MORE TO DO:
- Take a History Hike! Historical Walking Tour in town, or the new Driving Tour. Download the new Beaver Island App!
- The new Driving Tour and Beaver Island App were made possible from a Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development grant.

Be On The Lookout For Beaver Island Historical Driving Tour Signs

The Beaver Island Historical Society, in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, has been awarded a grant allowing us to create 24 historical driving tour signs. These signs will be placed around the island sometime this summer at various sites of historic interest. The Chamber and the Society worked together to identify significant sites of Beaver Island history. A few examples are the saga of logging the west side of the island, the origin of the Township Airport and the geologic stories told at Angeline’s Bluff.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) awarded the grant, better accessibility to the Blue Buffalo Trail and improvements at Heritage Park.

NEW THIS YEAR — Museum Week Kid’s Camp!

$10 per Day, per Child
Monday- Fairy Walk
Tuesday- Origami Art
Wednesday- Pet Show
Thursday- CMU Field Trip*
Friday- Pottery Workshop
   Meets daily 9am-noon at the Print Shop
   Except Thursday, meets at CMU Biological Station
   Bring a sack lunch.

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