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Summer 2021



Director's Corner

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.

Help us finish strong!

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!

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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SAVE THE DATE! Art Forum on Labor Day Weekend

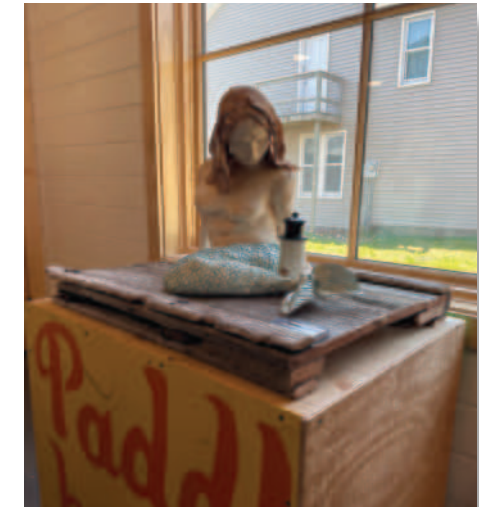
On Friday and Saturday, September 3 and 4, the Beaver Island Public Art Initiative will be presenting an Art Forum.

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.

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



On the Cover — Museum Properties

MARINE MUSEUM 38105 MICHIGAN AVE BEAVER ISLAND, MI 231.448.2479	PROTAR HOME 28315 SLOPTOWN RD BEAVER ISLAND, MI	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM 26275 MAIN ST BEAVER ISLAND, MI 231.448.2254	HERITAGE PARK DONEGAL BAY ROAD BEAVER ISLAND, MI
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Print Shop Perspective

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.

- **Saturday, July 17**
Holy Cross Cemetery
- **Sunday, July 25**
Holy Cross Cemetery
- **Sunday, August 1**
Township Cemetery
- **Sunday, August 8**
Holy Cross Cemetery
- **Sunday, August 15**
Holy Cross Cemetery



The tours may discuss the following Family Histories

- Belfy • Bonner, Boyle • Cashman • Cole • Collar • Connaghan
- Cull • Gallagher • Gatliff • Greene • Johnson • Kenwabakisse
- Landford, Larsen, Lewis • Malloy • Martin • McCafferty
- McCann • McDonough • Mooney • O'Donnell • Palmer
- Peternard • 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!



"Our activities are supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs."

Print Shop Perspective

Last Fall, the Beaver Island Historical Society decided to work on a series of journals featuring Island family history. Historians from many families were contacted about the project and all were greatly enthusiastic about participating. In fact, so many are interested that all cannot fit into the first journal which we hope to have published in November 2021, just in time for Christmas presents!

These family historians are busily gathering

information and writing their family story-- how they came to Beaver Island and how they contributed to the society of Beaver Island. Photos will be included and we are already sharing information and photos between families. Of course, many families overlap and there will be some of that in the books. We look forward to the first publication and sharing the lives of our ancestors with everyone.

Best-selling Author During Museum Week



The Two Sides of James J. Strang

Miles Harvey discusses his new book, *THE KING OF CONFIDENCE*, which sheds new light on the man who ruled Beaver Island as a quasi-independent kingdom in the mid-19th century. Was Strang a swindler or a social reformer? Harvey reveals previously unknown evidence about both sides of Strang's complex personality.

Anne Ryan

The King of Confidence is the winner of several awards including A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice and A Michigan Notable Book of 2020. Harvey is also the author of the international best-seller *The Island of Lost Maps*.

Miles Harvey will be speaking on July 23 from 7-830pm at the Mormon Print Shop Museum on Main Street. This is his first live event focusing on *The King of Confidence*. Admission is free, donations are welcome and all are invited!

New Women's History Exhibit At The Print Shop Museum

The Beaver Island Historical Society was established over 60 years ago and houses a great deal of our history, but has never focused exclusively on the important women of our Island. This summer the Print Shop Museum will launch an exhibit highlighting the women of Beaver Island. This exhibit will focus on the lives of four different women every year. This summer we are sharing the stories of these remarkable women; Ruth Ann Bedford, the Mormon who led the revolt against James Strang which ultimately resulted in his assassination, Elizabeth Whitney Williams who, in 1897, was one of four female lighthouse keepers in the Great Lakes, Betty Cull Lockton, the only Island woman to serve during WWII, and Antje Price, the 'Protar Lady' who unearthed so much of Fedor Protar's history.



Cookbook & Products Online

We have created an extensive catalog of products available on our website. If you were unable to make it to the island this year and are looking for that unique Island gift for someone, we encourage you to visit our webstore at beaverislandhistory.org



MUSEUM WEEK ~ JULY 17 - 24



- Saturday:** Walk & Talk at Holy Cross Cemetery 1:30 pm
- Sunday:** Arranmore Connections Part I, Arranmore Island Panel online & live, Print Shop 2 pm
- Monday:** Music on The Porch, Print Shop 7pm
- Tuesday:** Beads, Bones, Pipes and Seeds: Analysis of 250,000 artifacts from the Mormon Print Shop Site, with Dr. Scott Demel, Print Shop 7pm
- Wednesday:** Beaver Island: A Story of Place, Co-host: Amik Society, Print Shop 7pm
- Thursday:** Seeking the Lord: The Hunt for the Lord Jarvis Shipwreck with Ross Richardson, Print Shop 7pm
- Friday:** The Two Sides of James J. Strang with Miles Harvey, Print Shop 7pm
- Saturday:** Arranmore Connections Part II, Beaver Island Panel, Print Shop & Online 2pm
Currach Row at Gillespie Park -All Day Event
- Museum Week Art Show:** Wednesday through Friday, Gregg Fellowship Hall 11- 4pm

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.

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 for 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 1-4 pm

Events Held All Summer

- Marine Museum Mondays: June 28th through August 16th Noon – 1pm*
- Picnic on The Patio Wednesdays: June 24th through August 28th*
- Lighthouse Tours: Saturdays in July and August
- Protar 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. Pack a picnic lunch on Wednesdays and join us Mondays & Wednesdays this summer!

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 which included funds for a new Beaver Island app, better accessibility to the Blue Buffalo Trail and improvements at Heritage Park.

HISTORICAL DRIVING TOUR – GREENE'S LAKE AND GREENE'S BAY

Welcome to Greene's Lake, a location named for the Greene family who originally settled at nearby Greene's Bay. The Greenes were fishermen and shipbuilders on Arranmore Island, Ireland. They came to Beaver Island in the 1860s, and started a fishing village on what is now known as Greene's Bay. Twelve families lived in this village until 1876. At that point, the Greene families moved and settled on farms at Greentown, on King's Highway. Today, one of the Greentown farms remains in the Greene family.



Records show the family name spelled two ways: Greene and Green. Many immigrating Irish didn't know how to spell their names in English when recording arrivals, births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths. Also, the spelling of names were often recorded as they sounded by the record keepers. At that time, the spelling of names, birth dates, and ages of people didn't have the importance they do today. Thus, the Greene/Green family name has been used interchangeably over the years.

Greene's Lake is very shallow, and often freezes to the bottom during the winter. There are numerous large oak trees along the shoreline. Many turtles, frogs, and rare insects can be found in and around Greene's Lake. Thousands of water lilies bloom here each year.

Your tour is sponsored by the Beaver Island Historical Society with funding graciously provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Scan the QR Code or visit <https://www.bisociety.org> for more information about the Society and this location.

