

PRESQUE ISLE HARBOR ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENTS REPORT SPRING 2011

Are you Ready for Summer?

Do you have a list of things you are looking forward to doing this summer? I am not talking about the “to do list of chores” but the list of the fun things we like to do each summer with our family and friends. The bicycle rides, boat rides, walks in the woods, picnics and just relaxing in the lawn chairs are what we look forward to all year. The folks that visit our area think we spend a lot of time on our lawn chairs but I think most of us only relax like that when we have company! One of these days we will have that lovely summer weather to enjoy so maybe we should get that other list of chores done soon!

Your board of directors continues to face many challenges this year. Having three year terms for the board of directors helps to keep our board filled with experienced

members to guide our association. The ongoing budget issue in regards to unpaid dues continues to affect the level of services we can provide for our members. However, with careful management we have been able to continue to complete many of our maintenance projects and keep most services intact.

Our association is truly blessed with many generous people willing to share their time and talents to make this an even better place to live and vacation. If you have an interest in serving on a committee or helping with an event please let us know!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization!

Molly Benson

Board of Directors President

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Activities Committee

Activities Past and Future

Calling All Hobos and Hobo Helpers. This year we will again have a hobo dinner at Campers' Pavilion the third Saturday in September (the 17th). For the past three years Sherri and Ruthie have very capably run the event, but this year they have asked not to be in charge. This means I am looking for a Hobo-helper to help me run the event. The necessary information is all collected in a notebook, so there is no need to reinvent the wheel. I will be asking at Potlucks and all other events for volunteers. Please consider helping out with this fun event. Give me (Marilyn Kettler) a call 595 6362 if you are willing to help.

Annual Meeting Cookout. This year we will again do a cookout/potluck before the annual meeting. This is a great chance to socialize with the members of the association who are often not around for the regular Thursday Potlucks. Bring a dish to share that will go well with the hot dogs provided by the Activities Committee. We will also provide table service, lemonade and condiments. After the meeting, stick around for cookies and ice cream.

Summer is Coming! Summer is Coming! That means the kids will be coming up, There has been some discussion of possibly organizing some kind of theater experience for the kids and Grandkids. Watch at the clubhouse for sign up sheets.

And Then Winter Will Be Back! As my husband Jay and I watched many of our friends migrate to warmer climates for a few months in the winter we were bitten by the bug. We have promised ourselves to spend time in the sunny south in the winter of 2012. This means I need some volunteers to run the activities for those few months. This could be a group of people or a single individual. Please let me know 595-6362 if you can help.



We had our Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM. We had a great turn out with about 20 children. It took us about a half hour to hide the eggs in the clubhouse and they were all found in about 15 minutes. We gave away 22 prizes to the lucky ones that found the hidden eggs with the prize numbers. It appeared everyone young and old had a great time. So, if you missed this year try to make it in 2012. The committee and helpers again came through with donations for the prizes and candy, we appreciate their efforts.

We want everyone to know that the board has authorized money along with the money we have raised over the past couple of years for the playground equipment. We have decided on a fitness center which will have climbing components for 5 to 12 year olds. This will be installed at the Grand Lake Beach House facility. We hope it will be in

place this summer. We are continuing our fund raising for more equipment in the future. We hope you will join us in this effort.

We are planning on having another omelet breakfast during the Wooden Boat Show in June, so please mark your calendars. We hope to get volunteers to help us out and will probably be asking sometime in May, look for sign up sheets at the club house.

We are looking forward to summer and hope to see all our friends and neighbors.

Maintenance Team: BACK IN ACTION

The Association Maintenance Committee was organized early on to provide assistance throughout the summer months with various projects to take some pressure off the hired staff. This has involved many projects over the years.

One major project was the layout and development of the trail system throughout the community. Once established, the trails have required countless maintenance trimming and clearing to keep them suitable for hiking, skiing act.

We welcome any and all persons willing to contribute a few hours a week for the betterment of the community.

The committee meets each Thursday morning at 9:00am at the Clubhouse and working usually until approximately noon. We welcome any and all.

Thank you,
Attila Paltalky
Morley Kellogg
Pete Hunkele

PRESQUE ISLE COMMUNITY *Men's Club*

The PICMC continues to meet at the Presque Isle Harbor Association clubhouse on Kauffman Rd., just South of Highway 638 about ¾ mile West of Lake Huron. Meetings are at 9:00 A.M. on the first Thursday of the month. Our April meeting will feature Sheriff Bob Paschke as speaker. Our May meeting will be held at The Portage restaurant at the Presque Isle Harbor. A great buffet breakfast will be provided. All men in the area are invited to attend our meetings and enjoy our fellowship.

- Dennis Fay, President, Presque Isle Community Men's Club



Presque Isle

Women's Club

The mission of the Presque Isle Women's Club is to enhance the quality of life in our community by sharing of time, talents, efforts, and resources. All women are invited to join with us the 3rd Tuesday of every other month at the Presque Isle Harbor Association clubhouse at 12:30 p.m. You will learn something new and interesting, meet new friends, enjoy a delicious dessert and learn how to assist your community.

The officers for this year are:

President - Sharon Jacobs

Vice President - Sharon Paltelky

Treasurer - Nancy Courtright

Secretary - Linda Seyfferth

We would really like for you to connect with us. It has been a busy winter. The first weekend of last December the Olde Fashioned Christmas was held. The Women's Club coordinated the event which involved the entire community. A lot of hard work by Chair Sharon Jacobs and her committee went into making sure that children and adults enjoyed themselves. Dec. 14th the Women's Club met for their Christmas Luncheon at the Grand Lake Community Chapel with the Chapel Guild. Regular meetings were held in January and March. We are ready for Spring! We have been planning some time for our May 17th meeting. It will be a Luncheon and Fashion Show held at the Presque Isle Lodge at 12:30. Lori Cook is the chair for the luncheon. Music

Presque Isle Township Museum Society

This year is going to be very exciting and challenging one for the Museum Society, for not only are we going to be running the 1905 House but we are adding the 1840 and 1870 lighthouses to our responsibilities. As you might imagine making this decision took a lot of thought and analysis, but in the end we came to the conclusion that it made perfect sense from both a museum society and community perspective. As a non-profit organization our single goal will be to return any earnings from the lighthouse operations back into the lighthouses and 1905 House. Of course this new challenge brings with it a number of responsibilities that we have to prepare for: things like hiring paid staff to run the two gift shops and tower climb activity, setting up pay-roll, bank accounts, insurance and purchasing inventory, just to name a few. Both lighthouse interiors are being restored to their original colors and then refurnished. We are planning to open the lighthouses for business in early May, with an "Open House" for our members and volunteers prior to that time.

In addition to the new mission we also have a lot of other plans for this year. We have an intern coming to work with us this summer who is a Historic Preservation Major at the Harrington College of Design in Chicago. She will be working with Judy Kimball to help us catalog our artifacts on "Past Perfect". We recently installed a new computer to help

accomplish this. Our intern will also be working with Chuck Winters to pull together the "old" plans and redesign and draw up new plans for the Coast Guard building that used to reside on the property between the 1905 House and 1870 Light. The goal will be to get projects like this to the point where we can begin seeking grant money to turn them from a dream into a reality. On the topic of grants, the Museum Society was recently awarded a \$1000 grant from the IBM Corporation to help with the design and construction of maritime displays that can be used in the lighthouses or the new informational kiosk that the Museum Society is having built this summer. Last but not least, Judy Kimball was able to acquire a "Sitz" bathtub which she has searched long and hard for, which is now on display in the kitchen of the 1905 House.

As usual we are planning two picnics, one on the 2nd of July and one on September 3rd, so workers are needed. The need for greeters in the 1905 House is greater than ever, so if you can help please contact Nancy Boerger at 989-657-3600. Last year we had over 5,600 visitors come through the House from 13 countries (Armenia, Australia, Canada, China, England, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, and Taiwan) and 44 states, and being a greeter is a fun and fulfilling way to volunteer some time.

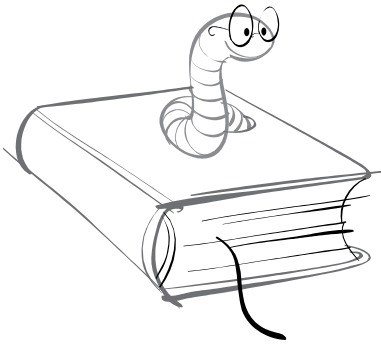
Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 6th, at 2:00 PM in Garraty Hall. We will be electing three board members, so if you are interested in serving on the Board please let us know. If you don't wish to serve as a Director but would like to get involved on one of our committees, please don't hesitate to let us know what you are interested in and we will get you involved.

As we embark on the adventure of taking on the lighthouse responsibility we are hoping that the entire community of Presque Isle will band together in support. Together we have the opportunity to do so much to reserve and improve our wonderful lighthouses for generations to come. Thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to your continued support as together we make this new endeavor a success.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!



FRIENDS OF THE GRAND LAKE LIBRARY NEWS



The Sixth Annual Geranium Sale will be held at Garraty Hall on May 27 (pick-up of prepaid orders only) and May 28 (general sale). This year cosmos will also be available. Order forms are available at the library until May 4. This is the Friends' main fund-raiser, and all proceeds benefit our library.

The Used Book Sale will be held at the library on July 29 and 30; there will also be a booth at the Arts & Craft Show on August 13.

These activities allow us to purchase furniture and equipment for the library, send books to the military in the Middle East, contribute toward the irrigation system to be installed this spring, support the Children's Summer Reading Program and fill other needs that arise.

The Salad Luncheon and Annual Meeting will be held at noon on June 13 in the Banner Room at the Library. Guests are welcome. If you are interested in learning more about the Friends group or would like an application to join, please contact Elaine Graham, Membership Chairman, at 595-6117.



PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT LIBRARY GRAND LAKE NEWS

Further landscaping has been postponed until sprinkling system can be installed this year. We are still looking for someone in the area to care for our plants and keep the brush cut between the Library and Grand Lake Highway. If you are interested in contracting with the library for this service, or know someone who may be interested, please let Jan know at the contact number below.

How exciting it has been to watch everyone having such an awesome time at our LECECI classes this year where they are discovering and learning the old traditional arts like Jewelry beading, making their own traditional snowshoes, and crafting a traditional willow baker's rack/potting bench. On May 13 and 14, they will be creating an authentic Black Ash pack basket. There's still time to sign up and learn this technique of working with Black Ash and Spruce roots to make a durable and useful pack basket. We will publish new programming in the near future but if you have any questions, please call our Pro-gram Director, Anne Belanger, at 734-2477. Also remember all current programming and special events can be found on our website at www.pidl.org. Be sure to go under

your individual Branch to find events specific to your location. If you have questions, need information, or just have a great idea or suggestion for the Grand Lake location or the District in general, please feel free to contact Jan at 734-2477, extension 222 or call Liz at 595-5051 in Grand Lake.

By: Jan Stevenson: Presque Isle District Library Director



Presque Isle District Library's Annual Summer Reading Program - 2011

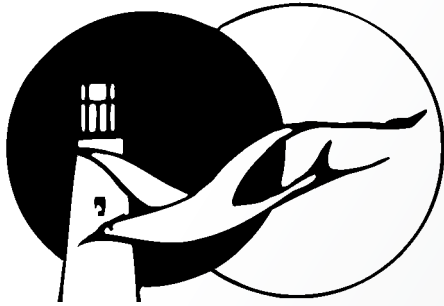
Presque Isle District Library invites your children to participate in our annual Summer Reading Program, starting July, 5th thru July 29th. This year's theme, "One World, Many Stories" offers a unique way to keep your children interested in reading by using water as the focus. While your child enjoys books and other library materials all summer long, they can build valuable lifelong interests! This program offers a series of activities, books and special events for children 3 yrs. to 13 year olds. As an incentive, prizes will be distributed to all who read and participate in the program.

Prizes will be awarded to the top reader of each branch along with reading rewards granted to participants who read a certain amount of minutes per week. The top reader at each location each week will receive a book of their choice from a collection of books.

Special Programs to be offered are as follows:

Marimba mania: David Hall enjoys sharing his passion for the marimba with audiences both young and old! He performs on four unique mallet instruments. Musical selection from South America, Mexico, Africa, Japan, Germany, and the USA are performed on authentic marimbas and vintage xylophones. Marimba mania will be held on Friday, July 8th at the Grambau Center in Rogers City and starts at 11:00 am.

The Storytellers will feature stories/folktales and music from Northern Australia, Western Africa, Japan, North America, the Caribbean and other lands. Their humorous stories are told with Ms. Audrey's uncanny multi-voiced, animated style. Live accompaniment will be music and sounds for each folktale, like the didgeridoo for the Australian Folktale, steel drums accompanying Caribbean Folktales, balafone with West African stories, etc. The performances will include lots of hands-on participation. The Storytellers pro-gram will be held on Friday, July 15th at the Grand Lake Library, Starting time is 11:00 am.



PIHA Activities Calendar 2011

- May 15 Theater Dinner 2:00 PM**
- May 19 Potluck 5:00 PM**
- June 16 Potluck 5:00 PM**
- June 18 Omelet Breakfast 8:00 AM**
- June 25 Annual Meeting 11:30 AM**
- July 2 Bake Sale 9:00 AM**
- July 21 Potluck 5:00 PM**
- Aug 18 Potluck 5:00 PM**
- Sept 17 Hobo Dinner 5:00 PM**
- Oct 20 Potluck 5:00 PM**
- Oct 29 Halloween Party 5:00 PM**

If you are interested in helping with any of these activities or have suggestions for additional activities, call Marilyn Kettler at 595-6362. All workers are welcome!!

Dave Herzog Marionettes: Dave Herzog has been involved in the art of puppetry since receiving a toy marionette from his father when he was four years old. The program is set in merry Olde England as the royal court of King Percy the Pompous celebrates his majesty's birthday. Dave has been delighting audiences around the country for thirty seven years with his musical marionette variety shows, and is a regular guest in over one hundred Chicago area libraries. Dave Herzog Marionettes program will be held on Friday, July 22nd at the Onaway Court House in Onaway. Starting time is 10:30 am.

Kevin Kammeraad: Poetry, Puppetry, and Music are what Kevin likes to do. Join this innovative family performer in high energy, all ages, interactive celebration of great music, facts, and fun from around the planet. Kevin will entertain us all with feature songs and poems. This program will be held on Friday, July 22nd at the Millersburg library. Starting time is 1:30 pm.

Project Lakewell: Lynn Johnson will take us on a journey into the French Fur Trade time period with "Mukwa La Femme, the Bear Woman" This interpretive presentation offers the opportunity to experience the life, ways, and traditional skills of Michigan's first inhabitants, the Anishinabeg. The Project Lakewell program will be held on Friday, July 29th at St. Casimir Gym in Posen. Starting time is 11:00 am

Registration will start in May. Programs will be held at

Presque Isle District Library at each Location.

- Grand Lake – Tuesday from 10:00am to 11:00am
- Posen – Tuesday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
- Rogers City – Wednesday from 11:00am to 12:00pm
- Millersburg – Thursday from 10:30am to 11:30am
- Onaway – Thursday from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

If you have any questions, please call Don Dimick at 734-2477, Teen and Children Services, or check out our website at www.pidl.org.

just a **R E M I N D E R**

Don't forget about the senior dinners that are held at the Clubhouse once a month on Sunday. There are sign up sheets with dates and time posted at the Clubhouse and at the Grand Lake Chapel. They do need to know how many plan on attending so they bring the right amount of food. The cost is \$3.00 for senior over 65 and \$5.00 for everyone else. This is put on by Presque Isle Counsel for the Aging you can contact Barb Nagi at 766-8191 for more information.

Be sure to check out the association web site at presqueisleharbor.org. There is even a new video of the association showing some the wonderful things we have.