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Phase I Complete!



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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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Executive Director

Phase I is complete and the Michigan Maritime Museum is on the move..Full Steam Ahead!

What a difference a year makes! As we approach the new year let us all take time as we view this issue of our *Ship's Lamp* to see just how far the Museum has come over this very short period of time and how grateful we are for all of the people who have made it possible.

The Maritime Heritage Center beautifully graces our Maritime District, our community, and our state with multi flexible spaces and uses, however first and foremost being a first-class maritime history Museum! With the support of sponsors such as Tiara Yachts and Do It Corporation, we were able to design and build our newest exhibition *Full Steam Ahead* and our reviews have been amazing. This is by far the largest investment we have ever done excluding, of course, our on-water

exhibit *Friends Good Will*. If you have not visited us since our official grand opening September 30th, please do as several final additions were completed by our design and build team.

This is a monumental step for our growing museum and one that will forever change the days and years to come. It is truly a legacy of which so many people have taken part in and my wish to each of you is that you are filled with a deep sense of pride and recognize the difference you have made! Every single day as I enter this beautiful campus, I am in awe. It is such an honor to be a small part of this journey for the MMM.

The days to come are exciting for so many reasons. With a little luck and determination, Phase II should begin in 2023. I'm sure our spring issue of the *Ship's Lamp* will share our most current plans and financial status, but until then, let's soak it all in and give thanks for the many blessings we have and look forward to the endless opportunities that lie ahead.

Patti Montgomery Reinert

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The Annual Appeal is our yearly ask outside of your membership or restricted donation. Unlike donations to the capital campaign, which are restricted to one project, donations to our annual appeal go towards operations and help us accomplish our mission every day!



Programs & Exhibits

Whether it's welcoming K-12 field trips, putting on our annual lecture series, or curating new exhibits like **Full Steam Ahead** (our largest to date!) your donations help us share maritime heritage with the public!



Staffing & Support

A growing museum means more hands on deck! Through past support, we've been able to hire additional full-time and seasonal staff. Help our team keep growing to meet the need!






Maintenance & Utilities

Our waterfront campus is bigger than ever! With more spaces, inside and out, and a full fleet of historic vessels, let's keep our museum looking ship shape year-round!

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CONNECTING FRESHWATER WITH

This was one of our best years for educational programming yet! Even without a main building for most of the year, we still managed to provide maritime programs for around 500 students throughout the school year and summer season. We saw many returning schools and quite a few schools and organizations that were experiencing the Museum for the very first time. Students ranged from 4 years to 18 years and came from areas all over West Michigan. For some students, this was the first time they had ever seen the lake! We are proud to provide these place-based educational experiences that will impact students for a lifetime.



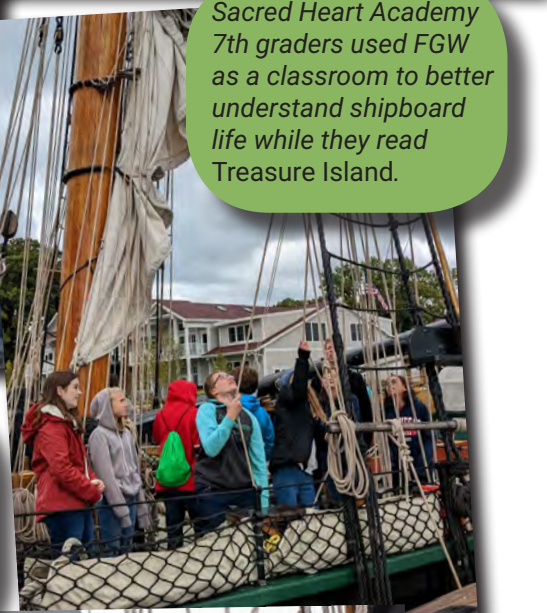
American Heritage Girls Troop visited for their first time and experienced our Immersive Sail that focuses on team building for all ages!

MAKE Education Happen Matching Grant elementary school 5th graders from Covert & Watervliet enjoyed Early Michigan History programs aboard Friends Good Will and on our campus. With the match from the Women Who Care, there was no cost to the schools for these experiences.



Sacred Heart Academy 7th graders used FGW as a classroom to better understand shipboard life while they read Treasure Island.

Roosevelt Elementary 4th graders learning the ropes in the Jerry Mason Learning Center this fall.



Calvary Bible School K-12 students participated in an Immersive Sail aboard FGW and did a scavenger hunt throughout the exhibits and campus at the MMM.



Our local 5th graders at North Shore Elementary learned about the fur trade and life aboard a Great Lakes ship on their visit. North Shore brought close to 200 students on board and to our campus for educational programming this year.



PEOPLE - PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE



We had visits from some wonderful groups from the YMCA of Great Michiana and our local STEM Club. Both groups explored our Full Steam Ahead exhibit full of hands-on learning!

Our STEAM Summer Camp was a wonderful success again this year filled with some incredibly bright students. We had so much fun sharing maritime heritage through engaging games, activities, and lessons. Great job, Campers!



We love it when we can see parents engaging with their kids through learning. Our Rain Gutter Regatta was the perfect place for a little healthy competition between family members in both design and speed. The parents did not hold back!



Our Steamship Lecture Series has been the best attended in Museum history, partly due to the fantastic quality of our presenters as well as the comfortable new space to hold them. We look forward to continuing this lecture series through the spring. Our lecture series is sponsored in part by the Neils & Wells Grant Fund.

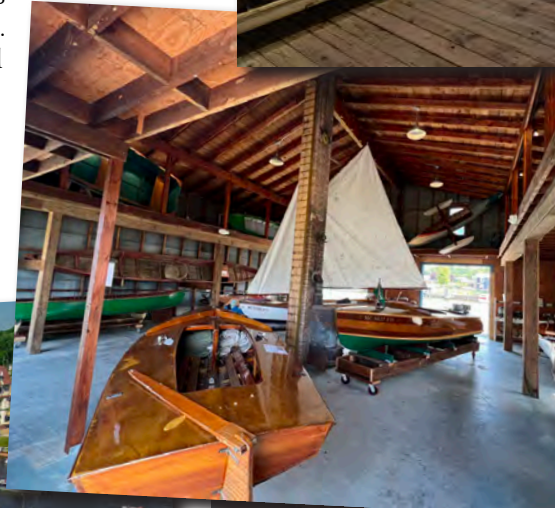


Education doesn't start and end with K-12 at the MMM. We offer a variety of Life-Long Learning opportunities such as group tours and lectures. We also have ongoing education projects like the oral history recordings shown here between interviewer Dick Brunvand and retired Coastie Dave Richards.

A MUSEUM FIRST

It's hard to overstate the role of maritime heritage in Michigan's past, present and future. Our state has been defined by its relationship with lakes and waterways, and by the people who have made their living among the waves and along the shore. Protecting this important heritage through the collection, preservation and interpretation of objects, photographs and other artifacts is the heart of the Michigan Maritime Museum's mission. As a history museum, we have a responsibility to use artifacts to tell a complete story of maritime history, while also making sure we can uphold our obligations to care for those artifacts appropriately.

This year has seen us make enormous strides in our ability to effectively carry out our mission. We've installed new exhibits, showcased existing collections, and selectively acquired exciting and significant artifacts. These exhibits and artifacts provide a firm foundation for the implementation of new educational programming. With your help, we can ensure that our facilities and exhibits remain the right place for future donations.



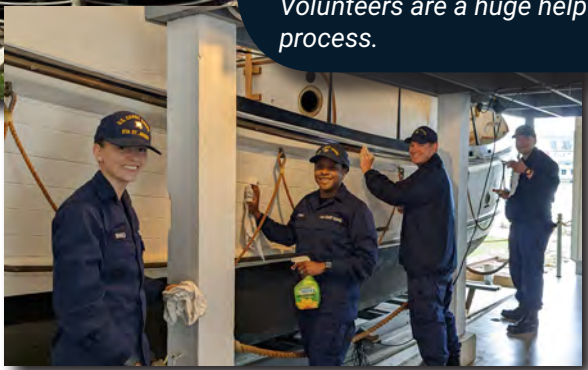
This year we unveiled two new exhibits, Full Steam Ahead: The Golden Age of Great Lakes Passenger Steamships and the McClendon Small Craft Barn. Many pieces from our own collection as well as other museums are showcased in Full Steam Ahead, while most of our small craft and outboard motors finally have a permanent home!



We take a lot of pride in maintaining our exhibits both on the water and off. Our fleet of exhibit vessels need care throughout the season as well as routine maintenance once the season is done. This year, the mast of FGW was pulled as part of a 5-year maintenance plan.



Exhibit care is always ongoing when you are a museum. Whether it's sanding blocks in the Padnos, a fresh coat of paint or varnish on a boat, or polishing the brass, we are constantly caring for each exhibit and artifact in our collection. Volunteers are a huge help in this process.



COLLECTIONS ON DISPLAY

Alabama Model

This season, the Museum retrieved our collection of 29 ship models that were on loan to the Milwaukee Clipper Museum in Muskegon, Michigan. After many years on display there, the models are now back at the MMM, many of which can be seen throughout the new Maritime Heritage Center, including this large model of the passenger steamship the Alabama.



Peterson Collection

In preparation for our new exhibit on the golden age of passenger steamships, we received a large amount of historical steamship materials from the Peterson Family. The Peterson family operated the steamship Keewatin as a museum ship in Douglas, MI for many years. Among the items we received is this complete set of dishes from the Keewatin, currently on display in the new exhibit.

Padnos Collection

The Museum has been very fortunate to receive several significant items from the collection of Seymour Padnos, donated by the Padnos Family. The artifacts include historical navigation instruments (pictured) as well as other maritime objects now on display in our Maritime Heritage Center. We are currently working on an exhibit in the Padnos Boat Shed to include a new display, honoring Seymour and featuring some of his collection.



Earls Collection

We have also received a very large donation from Steve Earls of a collection of Great Lakes steamship items that once belonged to avid traveler and collector, John Fraser Roos. Included in this collection are hundreds of steamship brochures, tickets, passes, time tables, and other items, many of which are from the late 1800s and early 1900s, as well as photographs and postcards of many Great Lakes vessels. These are all great additions to the Museum's archives and tie in with our current exhibit.

James Collection

Currently on display in the Smith Grand Atrium is this beautiful antique boat from the collection of Frank James, local boatbuilder and longtime friend of the Museum. This 1955, 13.5 foot Lyman runabout, complete with period accurate outboard motor and boat trailer, was lovingly restored by Frank. Frank passed away earlier this year. Pictured is his family who now carry on his legacy. We are proud to have one of his boats on display in the Museum to honor his memory.



Phase I Complete!

If we've learned one lesson this year, it's this: never underestimate what we can accomplish when we dream together. Take a look at how many of our dreams have already become a reality with the support of our generous donors!

The new Maritime Heritage Center is an incredible multi-use space designed with the future of our Museum in mind. Each of the building's spaces - upstairs and down, from the R. B. Annis Gallery & Exhibit Hall to the Smith Grand Atrium- can be used flexibly and with plans for growth. The building is well integrated into the rest of campus, connected by a beautiful patio adjoining the Jerry Mason Learning Center, an attractive waterfront boardwalk, and balconies with the best harbor views in South Haven!

Already, museum programs and private events alike have taken advantage of these spaces that provide an immersive maritime experience unlike any other. As we continue dreaming together for our future, we hope you take a moment to appreciate what you have already made happen on our campus.



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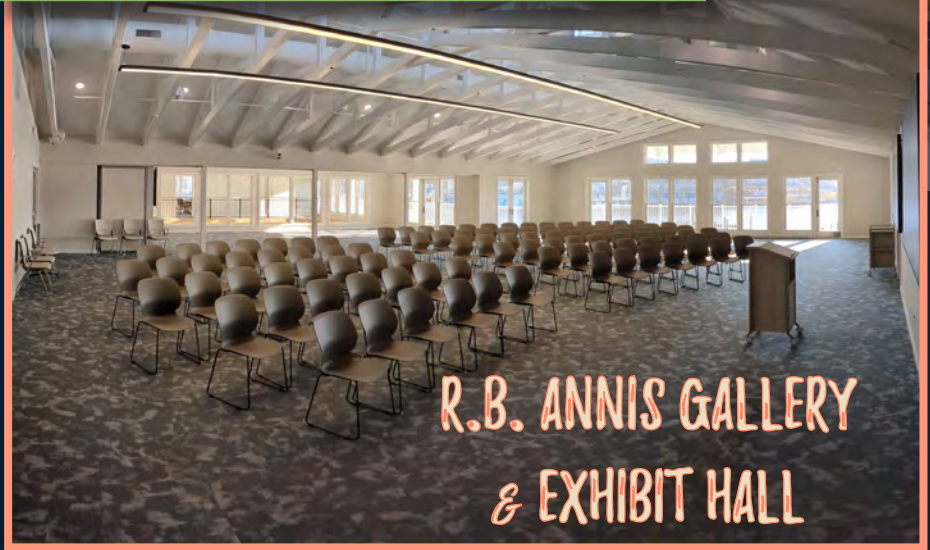
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GROWING INTO OUR SPACES

Even though a large portion of our campus was under construction for half of the year, we used every inch of our expanded campus and didn't lose a minute! Once the Maritime Heritage Center was complete, we took full advantage of our new spaces and are growing into them well. Our new indoor and outdoor spaces have provided us with the incredible opportunity to grow and flourish now and into the future. We can't wait to see what next year will bring!



Maintaining traditions is more important than ever as we grow. Our Fish Boil is an event that is not only a wonderful fundraiser for the Museum, but promotes our mission to preserve maritime heritage and practices.



With half of our campus under construction, we still forged ahead with the Blessing of the Fleet & Summer Fish Fry in annual tradition. A trio of pastors blessed our fleet, along with City and State harbor vessels in a traditional ceremony in front of over 100 attendees. The Blessing was followed by a delicious perch fish fry catered by Captain Lou's. Another great start to our season!



We had an incredible visit to Holland for the Tulip Time Festival. We had over 2500 visitors for dockside tours aboard FGW. The weather could not have been more perfect! We look forward to another great festival next year!

The quality and variety of exhibitors at our Antique & Classic Boat Show made it one of the best shows we've had. We welcomed back some long-time exhibitors and also saw many new faces. We look forward to expanding the show next year at our new docks planned for Phase II of our campaign.



We had a Donor Preview of the new Maritime Heritage Center for all of the supporters who helped make it happen. Around 250 donors attended the event for a sneak peak before our official open date.



Our Grand Opening Celebration was a smash hit! We were honored by all who came out to celebrate with us. The Maritime Heritage Center was hopping from the Smith Grand Atrium to the R.B. Annis Gallery & Exhibit Hall. We even had education going on all day in the Jerry Mason Learning Center. We are proud of all we have accomplished so far.



Thanks to our beautiful new indoor space, we have been able to host two small weddings so far this year. We look forward to sharing this special day with many more happy couples.



Since the Maritime Heritage Center opened, we have hosted a number of corporate functions for local and regional businesses and organizations such as the Rotary and Fleming Oil. Many see the Museum for the first time and go on to become members and donors!



We feel it is so important to meet the needs of our community. Hosting community events like the Annual Chamber Dinner (above) gives our supporters and community leaders a chance to engage with us in a different way. We were able to host over 200 people for this event in the R.B. Annis Gallery & Exhibit Hall.



Close to 250 children and family members attended our free Halloween Spooktacular event in October. The event featured trick-or-treating through the exhibit and games in the Learning Center. This event was generously sponsored by Sturgis Bank.

A great collaboration with the South Haven Center for the Arts that combines Great Lakes stewardship and art, Make a Splash with Trash is so much fun every year. The beach clean up followed by creating found art is always a hit with families in a beautiful location.



We will rock you! And we did at the first Rock the Boat concert at the MMM. Over 300 people rocked out to The 1985 Band on a gorgeous night on our campus. The 80's cover band had everyone dancing and spirits were high! We were THE place to be that night. The event raised over \$18K for the Museum and we are already planning for next year. Let's get ready to rock!

A LEGACY OF COMMITMENT



134

of 2022 Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are an incredible bunch of people! They are involved in nearly every aspect of the Museum in a variety of ways. Their commitment and dedication is humbling, collective hours staggering, and enthusiasm inspiring.

Thank You!

4429.5

Total Volunteer Hours

BOARD &
COMMITTEES

One special area of volunteering is that of our Board of Trustees and committees. Overlapping in many instances, these volunteers are working very hard behind the scenes for the Museum.

256.75

Logged Board &
Committee Hours



CAPACITY BUILDING

The Michigan Maritime Museum is honored to announce that we have been selected to participate in a nationally recognized arts and innovation management program for area nonprofits called, 'Capacity Building: Michigan Lakeshore.' This two-year strategic planning program is facilitated by national leaders from the DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the University of Maryland with the goal of helping nonprofits achieve long-term sustainability and growth. In addition to the Michigan Maritime Museum, fourteen other West Michigan non-profits have been selected, including museums, art centers, theaters, and symphony orchestras. The participation of all fifteen organizations is made possible through the generosity of the Dick and Betsy DeVos Family Foundation.

Over the next two years, our team will spend approximately 70 hours consulting with our advisors and fellow participants, learning how further integration of arts and culture organizations can boost the whole lakeshore region's plan for economic development. By the end of the program, we will have completed a new five-year strategic plan for programming, board development, fundraising and marketing.

This opportunity comes at the perfect time for our organization as we settle into the new Maritime Heritage Center and expanded campus. Our Launching a Legacy campaign had us dreaming big dreams of all that might be possible in our new space. Now, the process of strategic planning and the guidance we receive from the DeVos Institute will help us realize many of those dreams practically, with plans to expand our programs and staff at a pace that is right-sized and sustainable for our organization in the long term. We are excited and grateful for this opportunity to plan for our future!



MMM staff and Board attending the first seminar



Photos Courtesy of Junebug Photography

Phase II

The Journey Continues With You!



With Phase I now complete, we are throwing our energy into completing our entire vision for the MMM campus. Plans are in place to move forward in 2023 with Phase II of our Launching a Legacy capital campaign. In this second phase, we will secure the remainder of our shoreline as well as complete the boardwalk that wraps our waterfront. In addition, we plan to extend the Orley Dock and construct two additional docks. There will be a new two-story structure on the point for exhibits, classes, and events, a seasonal event tent, and we will convert the remaining historic Jensen shed into an exhibit about commercial fishing. The entire area will feature beautiful landscaping that seamlessly ties it in to the rest of our campus. Help us reach our Phase II goals and complete the project!

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THANK YOU
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THE SHIP'S STORE

From its inception in 2010, The Ship's Store has gone from a small gift shop to an enlarged store that is now nestled in the walls of our magnificent new Maritime Heritage Center. It is bright with wonderful natural light, roomy for relaxed viewing and shopping, and giving way to a friendly, comfortable atmosphere.

The Ship's Store is stocked with nautical classics mixed with unique and fun maritime items and natty nautical clothing that are so popular each season with Museum guests. It is very easy to find souvenirs from your South Haven outing and Museum visit. Nautical is fully expressed in The Ship's Store! Our Book Nook features current maritime titles, as well as historic tales and a wonderful selection of children's books. Come peruse and uncover your own piece of history. It's all here!



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Upcoming EVENTS

2022

2023

DECEMBER 14

The Christmas Ship Concert
Lee Murdock holiday maritime music

DECEMBER 17

Christmas Tree Ship Book Reading
Children's book readings with Capt. Bob

JANUARY 18

Steamship Lecture Series
A History of the Graham & Morton Transportation Company - Chuck Jager

FEBRUARY 15

Steamship Lecture Series
Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tail Film Screening

MARCH 15

Steamship Lecture Series
The Lightship Huron - Andrew Kercher

APRIL 3 - 7

Spring Break @ the MMM
Activities all week for students

APRIL 19

Steamship Lecture Series
The Growth & Development of the Southwest Michigan Fruit Belt - Ken Pott

MAY 6 - 13

Tulip Time Festival
Friends Good Will in Holland, MI

MAY 26

Blessing of the Fleet
Annual Blessing of the Fleet & Fish Fry

JUNE 17

Classic Boat Show
Antique & Classic boats displayed throughout the MMM Campus

JULY 15

Fish Boil
Traditional maritime event and fundraiser

JULY 24 - 28

STEAM Summer Camp
Week-long kids maritime day camp

AUGUST 25

Rock the Boat Concert
Featuring *The 1985 Band*

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CUSTOM WOODEN CANOE RAFFLE

Get your tickets today for this one-of-a-kind custom built canoe! This cedar strip boat with stunning hummingbird inlay was built by Michigan craftsman Allen Deming of Mackinaw Watercraft and donated to the Museum by Bonny Marx & John Laing. The Hummingbird is a Pere Marquette model solo canoe, 12' in length and 28" wide, weighing only 32 pounds. This is art that is truly meant to be used!

Ticket Price: \$25

Drawing Date: Friday, May 26, 2023 @ the Blessing of the Fleet

Time: 6:00 PM

Tickets can be purchased online, over the phone, or in our Ship's Store.



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