

# LEE MUSE



## Upcoming Events

### June 24 | New exhibit opens

Life on North Manitou Island:  
1895-1930

### August 12-13 | Port Oneida Fair

LHS staff Julie Rhodes will demonstrate rug hooking and needle arts at Olsen House.

### August 23

#### North Manitou Island Day Trip

LHS and Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear team up to provide an enjoyable experience visiting the island and viewing the restoration work on the Katie Shepard Hotel. Tickets available in June. See page 3.

### August TBA

#### 6th Annual Golfathon

Mark Nesbitt and Ross Satterwhite play 100 holes to benefit the LHS.

### September 17

#### 9th Annual Boats on the Wall

Live exhibit on the Leland River, featuring antique to modern wood boats from the region.

## From the President

We had a busy winter at the Leelanau Historical Society. Our new exhibit, *Life on North Manitou Island*, will open this summer. Staff, volunteers and board members have been hard at work pouring over photos, maps, documents and oral histories in order to present a picture of life on the island from 1895-1930. This new exhibit will complement the exhibit, *Shipwrecks of the Manitou Passage: Loss and Legacy*. The exhibit will take the viewer back to an era when North Manitou was not just a wilderness, but also a vibrant agricultural and logging community, as well as a summer resort!

We were fortunate to have partnered with some talented graphic design students from Northwestern Michigan College who produced the marketing pieces for the exhibit. Their input was invaluable. We were also pleased to host a group of students from the Historic Preservation program at Eastern Michigan University who were doing a research project on area sawmills. The digitization of the museum's archived materials has been of great assistance to students and others seeking information. All in all, LHS has facilitated over 90 research requests in the past year!

Assisting with research requests and creating new exhibits can be a lot of work, but it is exciting and educational as there is always something new to learn by delving into the past. Please come by and visit to see for yourself, join our team of volunteers or just spend some leisurely time on your own studying the history of Leelanau County. I promise you will not be disappointed!

*Francie*

Francie Gits, President



Members of the apple-packing crew on North Manitou, circa 1910.



Logs being loaded aboard a boat on North Manitou's east dock, circa 1910.

## New Exhibit Opens June 24

Through photographs of North Manitou and artifacts of the period, you will experience life on the island during 1895-1930. Meet the farmers, loggers, fishermen and their families. Become acquainted with the resorters who traveled from Chicago to spend idyllic summers on Cottage Row.

Did you know that North Manitou had a train from 1909-1915? What was the fate of the lighthouse? Who was the family who lived on the island the longest? Frank Lloyd Wright was rumored to have designed one of the Cottage Row houses? Who was the man who changed the course of island history? Did cows really roam the beaches? Visit the exhibit and discover for yourself *Life on North Manitou Island*.

Exhibit committee/contributors: Bob and Mary Brown, Rachael Carlson, Molly Crimmins, Francie Gits, Norb Gits, Maryellen Hadjisky, Mark Nesbitt, Susan Odom, Bob and Julie Rhodes, the Stormer family, Peter and Ilene Wolcott.



Farmers with teams and wagons on North Manitou, circa 1900.

## Michigan History Day

Michigan History Day, coordinated by the Historical Society of Michigan, is a state educational competition that is part of National History Day. On March 11, about 80 students from District 3 competed to advance to the state finals. This year's theme, "Debate and Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences" resulted in projects ranging from the Salem Witch Trials, Child Labor, Pearl Harbor, Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo to the Lincoln-Douglas Debates. Other projects covered today's issues such as Somali pirates, offshore oil drilling, electric cars and cloning.

LHS staff Julie Rhodes volunteered to judge group exhibits, two of which went on to the state finals. "It was a wonderful opportunity to meet young historians, and I was impressed by the effort put into the projects. I encourage teachers and family members to get students involved in this program."



Emily Asbenson, Michigan History Day State Coordinator and Brandi Reynolds, teacher and District 3 Coordinator

The Historical Society of Michigan is the state's oldest cultural organization, a non-profit supported by memberships and donations. For more information, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org).



NMC design students Elizabeth Clark, Paul Cecilio and Chad Schwan

## NMC Student Collaboration

LHS was the grateful recipient of a design project from Northwestern Michigan College's Visual Communications Studio. Working with LHS staff and volunteers, talented students Chad Schwan, Elizabeth Clark and Paul Cecilio designed advertising and promotional materials for LHS's new exhibit. This collaboration benefited the students in experience and portfolio and provided no-cost, effective design products for the museum.



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## North Manitou Island Day Trip on August 23 (rain date August 25)

Leelanau Historical Society and Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear are planning an enjoyable experience visiting the island, exploring the natural beauty, learning about the history and viewing the restoration work on the Katie Shepherd Hotel.

Ticket sales begin June 14. We sell out quickly, so please call, e-mail or stop in to make your reservation (cash, check or credit card). The trip includes continental breakfast, box lunch, beverages, guides and round-trip boat fare.

Members of LHS or Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear: \$60; Non-members: \$85



North Manitou Island. Photo courtesy of Meggen Watt, 2010



## Annual Valentine Workshop

LHS hosted a valentine-making workshop for children and their families on Saturday, February 5 at the Old Art Building. Staff and volunteers provided crafting supplies and refreshments for the more than 60 people enjoying the event.



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## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are always welcome and needed for research, data entry, docents, or for special events. Please call for more information 231 256 7475.



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Our mission is to inspire people to explore the past, understand the present, and envision the future of the diverse cultures of the Leelanau Peninsula and its islands. Be part of that mission!

With membership, you get a subscription to our newsletter, research assistance, a 10% discount at the Museum Store as well as member discounts for special events.

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