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## Moxie the Mastodon

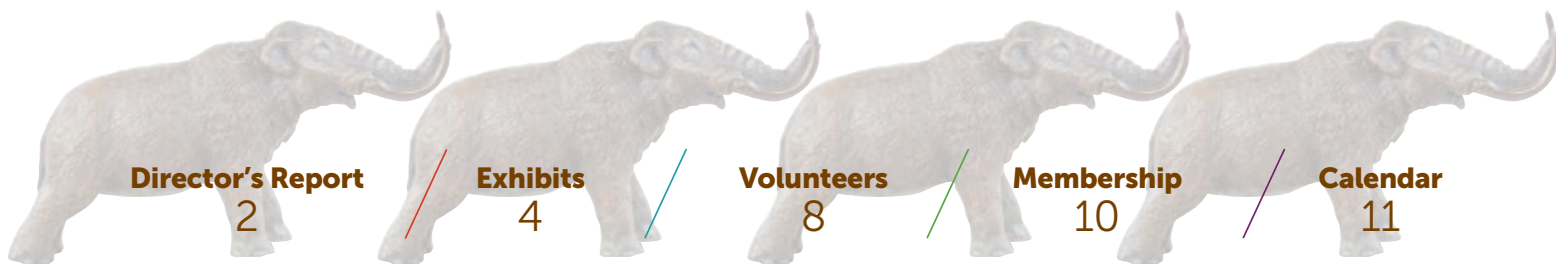
arrives this summer and will be on the hunt for all the mini-mastodons that have escaped the Museum.



The Mastodon will be an incredible life-size figure emerging from a manhole at the corner of our building and surprising our museum visitors!



Clay model of the future bronze Moxie and the minis. These bronze sculptures will add some real fun and play to downtown.





Annoesjka Soler  
Executive Director

## Patience, patience, patience...

In today's world, it seems we want everything fast. Am I right? We want our packages delivered the next day, our food fast, and our favorite TV shows streamed right now! And yet, slow pour coffee is worth the wait, great BBQ takes lots of time, and gourmet cakes don't come from a box mix.

When visioning the future of the Lakeshore Museum Center five years ago, I wanted things to happen RIGHT NOW! After two and half years of working on the concept of the Museum moving into the Hackley Administration Building, we now know it just wasn't the right fit for many reasons. All along, we had a "Plan B" in the wings, just in case. We began work on it late last year and the completion of an architectural concept of "Plan B" has us very excited!

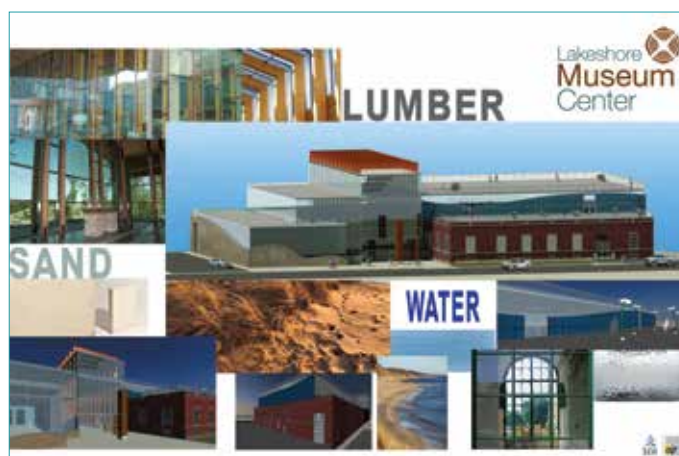
The concept shows the expansion to our existing building both "out," into the two adjacent lots we purchased, and "up," adding a new floor to our existing building. The look and feel truly embodies Muskegon's past, which capitalized on the natural resources of lumber, sand, and water. The space evokes the feel of our spectacular lakeshore with dune-colored and textured walls, water-colored and textured

Our past, present, and future  
all wrapped up in one space  
on the lakeshore.

glass, rolling waves of blue against the horizon, and a large, welcoming timber and glass entrance that connects the "old" space to the "new" space.

This "Lakeshore" building against the backdrop of an expanding downtown on Muskegon's lakeshore confirms the planning was so worth the patience it took to develop. And just wait until we share the details of the interior, which will include not only Muskegon's history but a new Children's Science Museum!

Now for the next phase of patience...polling the community to determine support for building this expansion. As our loyal friends and members, you already know our plans to maintain our mission rooted in history, while expanding our family-friendly hands-on exhibits. Please share your enthusiasm for the "Future of History" with your friends and family. Invite them to come play at one of our many events and encourage them to support us through membership and millage. Together, and with patience, we will build an amazing Lakeshore Museum Center for Muskegon County!







Visitors learn how to make homemade paper and how to use a nail gun.

## Heritage Museum Programming

The Lakeshore Museum Center (LMC) and the Muskegon Heritage Museum (MHM) have similar missions: to collect the history of Muskegon County and to share the unique stories of those many artifacts. Both have active education programs and are in close proximity to each other. Both are assets in the community and are popular destinations. MHM and LMC have collaborated for years and therefore are excited about blending their teams and collections to make both institutions stronger.

In 2016, the Muskegon Heritage Association, who owns and operates the Heritage Museum, developed a five-year plan (2016–2020). A key point in that plan was to provide for sustainability of the museum, including leadership succession. Allan and Anne Dake have provided 10 years of excellent volunteer leadership. The MHA Board recognizes that to meet the increasing demands of museum operations, a full-time paid site manager is necessary.



A small advisory group with members from both museum boards formed in late 2018 to explore building a stronger relationship through joint STEM programming. It quickly became clear that blending was an excellent move for both organizations. It provides for future growth and opportunity for both museums. We drafted a Letter of Intent for blending and both boards approved it in February 2019.

The blending process will be on-going. LMC will hire a Site Manager for the Heritage Museum. The Site Manager will work with both museums to learn the operations, artifacts, exhibits, and culture of each museum and begin blending the two. The key to the continuing operation of the MHM will be the awesome group of 80 active and dedicated volunteers, including the Dakes. All of the volunteers generously give their time and enthusiasm to make MHM successful.

### A Special Benefit in 2019 for members of both museums:

- LMC members will receive **two free passes** to visit the Heritage Museum.
- MHA members will receive **two free passes** to visit the LMC Sites.

The boards and leadership of both museums are excited about the future of history! This blending is an important way to provide expanded educational opportunities, experiential exhibits, and fun events for locals and tourists alike.

YOUR MUSEUMS! "Watch us Grow!"

## Show Time!

This month the Lakeshore Museum Center will open its brand new exhibit *The Show Must Go On: Celebrating 35 years of Muskegon Civic Theatre*. This exhibit invites visitors to go behind the scenes of the theatre to discover what goes into producing a show. It also highlights some of the shows that Muskegon Civic Theatre has produced throughout its history.

During the 2015–2016 season, the Theatre put on a production of the popular play *Into the Woods* by Stephen Sondheim. The musical blends the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairytales such as *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and *Rapunzel* and is very popular among audiences. Like all their shows, Muskegon Civic Theatre designed and made all costumes for their production of *Into the Woods*. One of the more impressive costumes from that show is the Wolf. Played by Kristopher Arnold, the costume for the Wolf was custom made to his body for a perfect fit.

The Wolf costume will be on display in our exhibit, alongside costumes from other shows such as *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat* and *The Music Man*. You'll get to see props built for various shows and "the wall" of the scene shop containing signage from 35 years of productions. For hands-on fun, try on costumes and act out scenes from plays on the reproduction Frauenthal stage. You don't want to miss this interactive exhibit!

**An opening reception for *The Show Must Go On* will take place on May 10 from 5:30–7:30p. Please join us to celebrate our newest temporary exhibit.**



Muskegon Civic Theatre invites you to any or all of their 2019-2020 season celebrating 35 years of theatre magic!

Little Red Riding Hood, played by Laurel Burgam, and Wolf, played by Kristopher Arnold, in Muskegon Civic Theatre's production of *Into the Woods*. 2016.







Kids enjoying past summer camps at the museum.



Examples of the types of *Disney's The Jungle Book Kids* backdrops and make-up techniques participants will learn at the June 25 and July 9 Theatre Workshops.

## Let's Put on a Show!

by Jacquelyn Huss, Program Manager, Museum Center

Are you curious about what it takes to produce a show? Do you know a creative child interested in the theatre but *doesn't* want to be in the spotlight? This summer all their theatre-related dreams can come true!

We have a great opportunity for children ages 6–13 to learn about the different behind-the-scenes jobs required to put on a show. Our *Backstage Theatre Workshops for Kids* will be led by Muskegon Civic Theatre's Administrator of Education here at the Lakeshore Museum Center from 1–4p on the dates below. Topics include:

- **June 25, 2019** – Set and Backdrop Painting
- **July 9, 2019** – Theatre Make-up Techniques
- **August 20, 2019** – Theatre Tech

The cost is \$12 for one workshop, or sign up for all three for \$30! Tickets will be available online through the museum's website calendar (<https://www.lakeshoremuseum.org/full-calendar/>) or by calling (231) 722-0278 starting May 10.



## Summer Camps at the Museum

by Patrick Horn, STEM Coordinator

Are you wondering what your children will be doing this summer? We have a suggestion for you: summer daycamp at the Museum. We have two great options for your kids to be engaged, entertained, and—dare we say it—educated this summer. Don't worry, they will be having so much fun they won't realize they are learning!

In June, our STEM Camp returns to inspire children ages 8–15, especially those who have an interest in the sciences. During our week-long STEM Camp, **June 17–21**, children will engage in activities based in geology, biology, structural architecture, and more. Registration for this camp will begin on May 1. For Museum members the cost is \$40 per child, non-members \$50.

The second camp of summer will be our ever-popular Enviroworks Camp. This camp will run **July 22–26**, and is for children ages 6–11. Enviroworks campers will learn about wool dyeing, meteorites, Muskegon Civic Theatre, and how to make ice cream the old-fashioned way. The cost for Enviroworks is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. Thanks to a generous donor, students who attend Muskegon or Muskegon Heights Public Schools may apply for a scholarship to cover the cost of camp. To apply, contact Jackie Huss at [jackie@lakeshoremuseum.org](mailto:jackie@lakeshoremuseum.org) for more information. Registration for Enviroworks begins on May 20 for museum members, with general registration beginning May 24.

For both camps, parents or guardians may register their children online through the museum's website calendar (<https://www.lakeshoremuseum.org/full-calendar/>) or by calling (231) 722-0278 starting on the dates listed above.

Thank you to our camp lead sponsor, **The MART DOCK**

## New Additions at the Historic Sites

by Erin Schmitz, Program Manager, Historic Sites

The 2019 touring season is quickly approaching and we are excited to hit the ground running! We worked all winter at the Hackley and Hume Historic Site to deep clean, reset, and plan fun and interesting program experiences for you. We did hours of research at the archives, searching through pictures, journals, and documents to find evidence to aid restoration details for two upstairs bedrooms in the Hume House. The restoration begins this spring. If you are curious about restoration work in a house museum, this is a chance to witness it first-hand. We will keep the rooms open for viewing so visitors can watch the work in action.

Also in the works is adding more hands-on activities in the Fire Barn Museum. This year we will create a new kid's corner on the first floor, behind the LaFrance fire truck. The area will include lockers, turnout gear, and additional hands-on components. Families will be able to dress up as firefighters and get their photo taken on the fire truck!

At the Scolnik House of the Depression Era, we have added a functional Chase Hackley player piano. This will be a new experience for visitors of all ages.

We look forward to sharing all the new changes with you this season! See you on tour.

## Opening May 2

Thursday–Monday 10a–4p

Sunday 1–4p

## NEW this year, in July and August

Open seven days a week

Monday–Saturday 10a–4p

Sunday 1–4p



Enjoy learning historical games on the lawn.

## Spring Programs at the Historic Sites

by Aaron Mace, Assistant Program Manager, Historic Sites

This year we will be featuring more programs than we ever have before. We are excited to introduce our new **History Buffs program starting May 4**. This one-hour family-oriented program aims to provide engaging experiences for children and their parents. Adults will have a chance to attend a lecture or take a tour, while kids can make crafts and play historic games. This recurring program will take place four times throughout this season with the hope that it will allow more Muskegon parents to explore our sites.

Another great program will be our **Hackley Day Celebration on May 25**. This event is free for all Muskegon County residents and will offer tours of all the Historic Sites, along with live music and beer available for purchase from Pigeon Hill Brewing. Come by and check out all the new and exciting updates to the Historic Sites!

We are also offering many familiar programs such as our **All Access Tours** (offered monthly), and our **Victorian Tea on June 15**, which will feature a historic fashion show and is sure to be a unique experience! Check the Museum's website calendar for a list of all our events, <https://www.lakeshoremuseum.org/full-calendar>. We'll see you soon!

Our new History Buffs program will include activities for both kids and adults







## Recent Acquisitions to the Collection

- The Muskegon Chronicle honor carrier award, ca. 1999
- Autographed Beach Boys concert program May 17, 2001 at L.C. Walker Arena sponsored by American Red Cross
- Hackley Union Bank money bag, blue canvas with zipper closure
- Scrapbooks, programs, meeting minutes from the Muskegon County Garden Club
- Muskegon Civic Theater promotional buttons



- Driftwood covered bridge model made by John Walsh (see above)
- Getty Food Market calendar, 1954
- Photographs of 1693 Jefferson St., Muskegon
- Materials from the Aquarama
- Muskegon Heights High School Class of 1944 Class Reunion materials, 2009
- Mercy General Health Partners luggage tag and pencil
- Twin Lake Elementary School pencil
- Huntington Bank coffee mug
- Muskegon Community College Overbrook Theater 2011 Commemorative Pin



## The Collection

by Jeff Bessinger, Archivist, and Brenda Nemetz, Collections Manager

The last few months have been a whirlwind of activity in the archives. Between fulfilling public and institutional research requests, cataloging new donations, updating old records, and scanning images, there is never a dull day. There is nothing better than learning new things about Muskegon history and sharing that history.

We are assisting with research for the City of Muskegon's 150th Anniversary. Muskegon was incorporated as a city in 1869, only 10 years after Muskegon County was organized. In the January/February 2019 issue of *Michigan History* magazine, you can read a fascinating article that examines what those 10 years were like in Muskegon.

Also, you will want to keep an eye on our Facebook page. We have a year-long series titled *150 Years, 150 Artifacts*, all about Muskegon's history. See what artifacts make our top 150.

## Making the Museum Accessible For All

by Gwen Miller, Volunteer and Safety Manager

There is something for everyone here at the Museum: temporary exhibits with interactive activities like *The Show Must Go On*, galleries of science and history, plus the hands-on Science Center and Body Works exhibits. There truly is something for all ages and interests. For some families with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or other sensory needs, the Museum's many activities and exhibits can be a little overwhelming, especially when the Museum is packed with many people. It was important for us to create a welcoming, friendly, and fun space where these families could have the opportunity to come experience the Museum.



Our augmented reality sandbox

To help create that space, the Museum added a special ASD Sensory Saturday every other month, thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. The

Museum is not open to the public during the Sensory Saturday program so it can cater to the needs of families who experience ASD or other Sensory Disorders. The Museum dims lights, turns off any sounds that may act as an unwanted surprise, offers a special craft, and provides a "chill" area for anyone who needs a break during their visit. A Social Story is included on the Museum's website that is downloadable ahead of time for the ASD visit to the Museum.

### **The next Sensory Saturday is May 18 from 9–11a.**

For more information and to register your family, please contact Jackie at [jackie@lakeshoremuseum.org](mailto:jackie@lakeshoremuseum.org) or by calling the museum at (231) 722-0278.

Sensory bags are also available to check out at the admissions desk at the Main Museum Center daily to assist families visiting during regular hours.

## Season Starts for JMPs

The Junior Museum Professionals (formerly Youth Volunteers) start their season this May! Although many will still be in school, our JMPs, who are all 10–15 years old, will participate in an orientation and gear up for the Museum's busy summer season.

The program aims to not only spread a love of history, but help JMPs develop a sense of importance in volunteering, build pride and confidence by working with the public, develop new skills, and have fun all while making long-lasting memories. In March, the JMPs got a sneak peek of a new STEM activity they may help lead. JMPs also will participate in running history activities, events, and special projects. Participants will see first-hand what a career at the Museum could be like while helping as JMPs.

To learn more about the Junior Museum Professionals, visit the Lakeshore Museum Center website or contact Gwen at [gwen@lakeshoremuseum.org](mailto:gwen@lakeshoremuseum.org).

A couple of Junior Museum Professionals try their hand at a new STEM activity.







The sand table base prior to installation.



Prior to applying the actual plaster, the walls are prepped and repaired.

## Spring is in the air, finally!

Winter included many indoor projects such as new flooring in the downstairs Science Center, both carpet and vinyl tile in anticipation of new features being installed this summer. We helped with building some components for the new upstairs STEM Center, including bases for the stream table and Hot Wheels® track. At the Historic Sites, we spent time on window repair, plaster work, and assisted with *Escape the Hackley Attic* as needed.

Winter left its mark on our Fire Barn roof, where many shingles came off during high winds and leaks were found inside. Roof work was completed right away and we are still touching up the interior damage.

We are thrilled with the arrival of spring to get back outside and get things ready for the upcoming season of school field trips and summer tourism.

## Membership Exchange Season

by Katie VanDoeselaar, Development and Guest Relations Director

This year is flying by already and the season is upon us! We have two membership exchange months coming up that we are excited about.



May is our inaugural membership exchange with the USS Silversides Museum. Bring your Lakeshore Museum Center membership card with you for free general admission for the museum building and both vessels.

During the May exchange month, **the number of people admitted for free will correspond to each membership level:**

- Single = 1 free member
- Senior = 1 free member + a guest
- Grandparent = 2 grandparents + grandchildren under the age of 17
- Family = 2 adults + children under the age of 17
- Family & Friends = 6 guests of any age.



July's exchange partner is the Grand Rapids Children's Museum. During July bring your membership card with you for free admission for up to two adults and up to four children. In addition to free general admission, LMC members are also invited to attend GRCM's members-only playtime on July 14 from 9a–12p at the Grand Rapids Children's Museum.

If you need a replacement membership card, please contact Katie at [katie@lakeshoremuseum.org](mailto:katie@lakeshoremuseum.org) or 231-724-5524.

## Wish List Highlight

Are you looking for an easy way to give back? Consider supporting your museum through helping fund a wish! Contact Katie, Development and Guest Relations Director for more details at [katie@lakeshoremuseum.org](mailto:katie@lakeshoremuseum.org)



### Programming Department Highlight: Craft Supplies

\$50 covers a full month of craft supplies for the weekly hands-on programs at the Museum.



### Archives and Collections Highlight: Textile Rolling and Storage Tubes

\$22 buys one tube to help with the long-term storage of quilts and textiles. Many are needed during our Collections Manager's ongoing rehousing project.





## We've Got Plans for You!

Special events for all ages are planned at our sites in the weeks ahead. Look for the events you're interested in on our website calendar for more details, registration, and pricing information.  
[www.lakeshoremuseum.org](http://www.lakeshoremuseum.org)

**May's entire month membership exchange with USS Silversides Museum (Free for members)**

### May 1

3:30p STEAM Play and Learn: Plants (Free) **L**  
 STEM Camp registration begins (FEE) **L**

### May 2

Historic Sites open for the season (FEE) **L**  
 6–8p The Amazing Museum Race: The Journey Continues (FEE), cash bar **L**

### May 4

12–1p History Buffs family program (FEE) **H**

### May 10

Backstage Theatre Workshop for Kids registration begins (FEE) **L**  
 5:30–7:30p *The Show Must Go On* exhibit opening (Free), cash bar **L**

### May 12

Mother's Day free tours for moms of Muskegon County at the Historic Sites (Free) **H**

### May 15

3:30p STEAM Play and Learn: Plants (Free) **L**

### May 17

7–8:30p All-access tour (FEE) **H**

### May 18

9–11a ASD Sensory Saturday (Free) **L**

### May 20

Enviroworks Member registration begins (FEE) **L**

### May 22

5:30–6:30p Muskegon Civic Theater history presentation (Free) **L**

### May 23

6–7p Members-only Collection Center tour (Free)

### May 24

Enviroworks general registration begins (FEE) **L**

### May 25

10a–4p, Hackley Day free tours for Muskegon County residents (Free) **H**

### May 27

All sites closed

### May 30

5:30–7:30p A Bite of History walking tour (FEE) **L**

### June 1

12–1p History Buffs family program (FEE) **H**

### June 5

3:30p STEAM Play and Learn: Plants (Free) **L**

### June 15

1–4p Victorian Tea (FEE) **H**

### June 17–21

STEM Camp (FEE) **L**

### June 19

3:30p STEAM Play and Learn: Plants (Free) **L**

### June 21

7–8:30p All-access tour (FEE) **H**

### June 26

1–4p Backstage Theatre Workshop for Kids—Set and backdrop painting (FEE) **L**



**July's entire month membership exchange with Grand Rapids Children's Museum (Free)**

### July 4

All sites closed

### July 9

1–4p Backstage Theatre Workshop for Kids—Make-up techniques (FEE) **L**

### July 13

9a–1p Window repair workshop (FEE) **H**

### OFF SITE July 14

9a–12p GRMC Members-only playtime (Free)

### July 22–26

Enviroworks Day Camp (FEE) **L**

### July 19

7–8:30p All-access tour (FEE) **H**



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430 W. Clay Ave. Muskegon  
231-722-0278

Hackley & Hume Historic Site  
484 W. Webster Ave. Muskegon

Fire Barn Museum  
510 W. Clay Ave. Muskegon

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Depression Era  
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### The secret is out!

In the 18th century, hand fans were a popular fashion statement. However, it was not until the end of the century that a more formalized method of hand fan communication was developed. More than a practical means of cooling a person down, certain gestures and hand movements using fans constituted a secret language.

What is not a secret is that you can find examples of these beautiful hand fans in the City Barn Gift Shop this upcoming season, together with a "cheat sheet" so you can learn a little bit more about this not-so-secret language. Pair them with a lace parasol, hat and a necklace or a delicate pouch to complete the look!

The City Barn at the Hackley and Hume Historic Site  
will be open for the season May 2.

