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PLAY YEAR OF



Check out how we are celebrating all things play this year at the Lakeshore Museum Center.



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Executive Director

Playing and learning will keep you young!

The theme for 2019 here at the Museum is *PLAY!* to tie in with our new and newly-renovated hands-on science centers designed for learning—while playing. You will see many playful things to do this year at all of our sites, including at the special opening for our new

STEM Center in April. Funds to create these science centers come from gifts and grants by the Arconic Foundation, Consumer's Energy Foundation, and McKinley Fund. This generous funding got me thinking about where some of our special project funding comes from—endowment funds.

Just a few weeks ago, Gene Hathaway came to visit me and brought with him a covered bridge made of driftwood. Gene was the executor of the estate for Bob and Harriett Walsh. He regaled me with stories of the two, including Bob's hobby of collecting driftwood from Lake Michigan and Muskegon Lake shorelines to make driftwood cottages. Gene shed some light on the unassuming couple born and raised in Muskegon with a love of adventure and learning.

Bob served in the Army and worked at Shaw Box and Crane for 42 years. Harriett was secretary at First Congregational United Church of Christ for 35 years. Married for more than 60 years with no children, they filled their lives with community work, friends, travel, and learning. They helped with the Ruddiman Creek Task Force cleanup and Bob loved building sets for Muskegon Civic Theater.

Upon their deaths, just five months apart in 2014, Gene and the community learned the Walsh's assets totaled nearly a million dollars! The Walsh Endowment Fund was established at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County with half of the income earned annually from the Fund designated to be sent to the Lakeshore Museum Center.

The Museum will keep the driftwood covered bridge in its collection and share it as part of the 2019 *PLAY!* theme, and share how Bob and Harriett epitomized "live, work, play, and love Muskegon!" I believe they can serve as a great reminder that playing and learning at all ages will keep you young!



John Robert "Bob"
and Harriett Walsh



Every age benefits from the
Body Works exhibit

Lasting Legacies; Endowment Funds & Their Stories

The Museum has been very fortunate to have caring people leave lasting legacies through endowment funds. Each of the donors knew the Lakeshore Museum Center (previously known as Muskegon County Museum) was the place for life-long learning with fun and enriching programming and exhibits for all ages. Here is a little about each Fund we receive gifts and grants from:

- **Hackley Heritage Association Fund**—Original income was used to restore the iron fence around the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Hackley Park. The remainder was to help with preservation activities on the house of Charles Hackley and other historical properties and artifacts.
- **The Florence Kiskey Fund**—Established to support the Habitats gallery, which features Muskegon habitats and animals found in each. The income from this fund generally helps with taxidermy needs.
- **Heritage Park at Hilt's Landing Fund**—Established by George Hilt to support Michigan's Heritage Park, a living history museum, in Whitehall. Because the Park is now closed, the revenue from this Fund will be redirected once the future use of the Park is determined.

- **David Kingshott Memorial Fund**—Set up to support the Archival activities of the Museum.
- **Robert and Angie McKinley Fund**—Designed to support the Science Center they helped build so that families could stay and play. The Science Center has been hands-on since the beginning, unlike many exhibits here. The endowment fund was created to help replace or maintain the many items in the science center that get "loved" too much by its many youthful users.
- **Muskegon Medical Alliance Fund**—The Muskegon Medical Alliance worked with the Museum over 10 years ago to build the *Body Works* exhibit, another hands-on exhibit that teaches about health issues in Muskegon County. The Alliance helped with exhibit updates every several years. After the last large investment and renovation to the space in 2016, they established this Fund to outlive them and help maintain and replace the exhibit's many "consumable" parts.
- **Helen and Elizabeth Sherman Fund**—Helen and Elizabeth Sherman, descendants of Thomas Hume, regularly inquire about special projects and needs connected to the Thomas Hume house. They then make a gift to the Museum from their donor advised fund to support the chosen project(s).
- **Dan Yakes Museum Intern Fund**—Established in memory of Dan Yakes and his years of service to the Museum, this fund was designed to generate annual income to support intern stipends.

Each of these Funds is managed by the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. ANYONE can make a donation into these Funds to help grow the principal and therefore increase the annual interest income available to support the specific purpose outlined by each Fund. If you have questions about these funds or want to set up a separate fund to benefit the Museum, just give us a call. We and the Community Foundation can help you plan your lasting legacy to Muskegon.

The Show Must Go On

Mike VerHulst, Exhibits Curator

In the Exhibits and Collections Department, we took the 2019 theme of *PLAY!* quite literally. Visitors will be able to stage their very own mini-plays during our next temporary exhibit, *The Show Must Go On*. We've partnered with Muskegon Civic Theatre to celebrate its 35th anniversary of entertaining Muskegon County, and what theater production is complete without a stage? Answer: none! This exhibit will feature a stage where kids (and enthusiastic adults) will have a chance to show off their acting chops. If you have been craving the spotlight, this is your chance to shine!

In addition to the stage, *The Show Must Go On* will feature elements such as costumes, signs, and props from some of Muskegon Civic Theatre's past shows and offer visitors a glimpse into all the hard work that makes each production possible. This exhibit will show how Muskegon Civic Theatre designs and makes custom sets, costumes, and props as well as how lighting and sound come together to make a great show.

***The Show Must Go On* will have an opening reception on May 10 from 5:30 to 7:30p and will be on display until November 3.**

In addition to a regular schedule of plays, Muskegon Civic Theatre also operates a theater school and offers youth programs.





The new space may be equipped with a space such as this.

Exploring Black and Blue

Jacquelyn Huss,
Program Manager-Museum Center

Join us as we bring the *Collection by Colors* exhibit to life! On **February 27 at 6p**, learn about black holes from an expert. We are honored to host Dr. Geoffrey Lenters, a physicist at Grand Valley State University and former national research fellow at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Black holes spark the imagination and are often represented in popular culture, but what do you really know about them? Dr. Lenters will cover their origins and new information discovered during his lecture, *Black Holes*. This program is geared for adults.

Then on **March 27 at 6p**, discover how the lakes are playing an important role in Muskegon's rebirth. During *Muskegon's Blue Economy*, experts will share how their varied economic sectors are tied to one of Muskegon's most valuable natural resources, water! We are pleased to welcome Dr. Al Steinman of Grand Valley State University, Bob Lukens of the Muskegon County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Dave Alexander of Downtown Muskegon Now and Chuck Canestraight of Sand Products Corp as our expert panel.

Please RSVP for either night by calling 231-722-0278 or e-mail jackielakeshoremuseumcenter.org. These programs are free of charge to Muskegon County residents and museum members.

Learning through Play

Pat Horn, STEM Coordinator

As we shared in November, we are thrilled to be updating our Science Center and creating a new STEM Center in the former Voices of Muskegon gallery space, thanks to a generous grant from the Arconic Foundation.



An example of a potential addition to the new space—a stream table.

Right now the Maintenance team is hard at work prepping the gallery, while the Programs and Exhibits Departments are working together to design and

equip the new STEM Center with cool hands-on exhibits. We are keeping the final design a secret for now, but get ready to explore science, technology, engineering and math through play. You will have so much fun you will not even realize that you are learning!

Kids ages eight to 13 will be the very first to try out the new STEM Center through our mini-STEM camp April 1 and 2. Camp registration opens to members on **February 25**, and to the general public on **March 1**. The grand opening is on **April 5** from 11a–3p, and will feature special science activities for all to enjoy. After the grand opening, the STEM Center will be open for all to explore and play in. If you need help with activities or have questions, one of our educators will be in the Center to assist you.

We can't wait for you to experience this interactive new gallery at the Lakeshore Museum Center! Join us **April 5** to come *PLAY!* in the STEM Center.

Historic Sites' Winter Programming

Aaron Mace, Assistant Program Manager, Historic Sites

While winters at the Historic Sites are usually very quiet, this year we have decided to incorporate some new programs to give you a chance to enjoy more access to them.



One of the new programs is our **Great Depression Lecture Series**. Taking place in the Scolnik House of the Depression Era, this **three part lecture series** will offer

a chance to learn about the Great Depression in a very immersive way. Not only will you learn about the factors that caused the Depression, its effects on America, and how it affected Muskegon, but the series also features snacks made from authentic 1930s recipes. The series kicks off **January 17**, with the next sessions scheduled on **February 21** and **March 21**. Ideal for adults, this series is **FREE** to museum members and \$3 per person for non-members.

Our other new winter program focuses on *PLAY!* in a whole new way at the Historic Sites. **The Hackley Attic Escape Room** will launch at the end of January. The Escape Room program just may have set a new record at the Museum as all 12 sessions sold out in 48 hours! The lucky few who were able to register will be locked into the Hackley Attic and have one hour to try to solve the puzzles, riddles, and brain teasers to escape from Charles Hackley's attic. Due to the intense interest in this program, we are already planning to add more Escape Room dates in the spring and summer. Members will have first chance to register for the new dates so stay tuned for more details!

If you are interested in registering for the Great Depression Lecture Series, please contact me, Aaron, at 231-724-5534.

What to expect in 2019!

Erin Schmitz, Program Manager Historic Sites

2018 was a great year for the Historic Sites. We saw visitors from 17 countries and 38 different states, offered more programs than ever before, and ended the year with a bang during our Holiday Tours. We saw many of you at multiple programs in the last year, and are excited because we feel like we are getting to know our community and museum members in a deeper way through these programs and interactions.

2019 brings with it a set of ambitious goals for the Historic Sites, which includes expanding our programming to the winter months when we are normally closed, opening seven days a week during July and August to accommodate tourists and cruise ship passengers, and working on updates to the Fire Barn. Additionally, we plan to undertake restoration projects in two of the Hume upstairs bedrooms. All of this is to allow you, our community, to experience the gem that is the Hackley and Hume Historic Site in new and exciting ways.



Make sure to follow the Hackley and Hume Historic Site on Facebook to see all the fun and exciting new adventures at the Sites. We welcome you to join in on the conversation. We love to read your comments and hear your suggestions on what kind of programs we can offer in the future.





"Everything old is new again"

Working for a museum means old things, and in some cases the opportunity to make them like new again. These are just a couple of projects we have been working on to add "fun and play" to the 2019 season.

At the Hackley and Hume homes, the porch roofs are getting new copper. The old ones have broken moisture barriers and the tin roofing material is rusting. They are getting new ice and water shield and copper. The copper is a better replica of what the original porches were like. The porch railings are getting some TLC as well since much of the wood is rotten, also from years of moisture.

We are working on updating two galleries in the Main Museum into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Centers for hands-on learning. The old Voices Gallery has been gutted, new flooring installed, and a fresh coat of paint applied. New storage closets and work surfaces are being built and installed. We'll even get to build the racetrack for kids to learn about weight, speed, and time. The Maintenance Team specializes in behind the scenes work to make the programming space the best it can be for little learners to learn and play.

Volunteer Spotlight

Brenda Nemetz, Collections Manager

In our collections department, we depend on volunteers to help with everything from data entry to cleaning artifacts. This month, Pam Schaner and Nancy Wells completed two years of volunteering at the Collections Center. Thank you Pam and Nancy for your volunteer service so far.

After starting in 2017, they immediately took on the task of inventorying over 600 pieces of clothing. Their work is now part of our artifact database which helps staff to document objects and research for exhibits and programs. Since then, they have completed a variety of tasks. I asked Pam and Nancy to tell us in their own words about their work.

What projects do you work on at the Collections Center?

Nancy: We help with a variety of jobs—clean artifacts, catalog, gather items for exhibits, and rehouse according to proper archival methods.

Pam: We help inventory items in the collection. This includes taking detailed measurements and photos. Recently, we started to construct storage containers that are designed by the Collections Manager to preserve artifacts.

What part of volunteering surprises you?

Nancy: We're isolated at the Collections Center, but events like the volunteer recognition allow me to see other volunteers throughout all the sites.

Pam: It's interesting to see how artifacts are stored to better preserve them. There are so many things in storage that the public doesn't see.

What is your favorite artifact in storage?

Nancy: Julia Hackley's quilt.

Pam: A quilt made in 1893 by members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Wood Avenue Church.

It advertises businesses at the time in gold embroidery. It's interesting to see what types of businesses there were at that time in Muskegon, but also the different types of embroidery used.



Pam Schaner (left) and Nancy Wells (right)

All the collection volunteers share a passion for history, research, and organization that is essential to artifact care. Their behind-the-scenes projects are not always something the public sees, but is vital to the preservation of Muskegon history. If you are interested in volunteering in the collections department, contact Gwen at gwen@lakeshoremuseum.org.



Julia Hackley's quilt

1893 Ladies Aid Society quilt

Volunteer Ashley Day helps camp participants make cornhusk dolls at one of the Museum's many camps.



Youth Volunteers do outreach for the museum by helping out with area events like Country Dairy's annual Ice Cream Social.

New Year, New Opportunities to Get Involved!

Gwen Miller, Volunteer and Safety Manager

Non-profits, museum or not, thrive with community involvement. Organizations like the Lakeshore Museum Center simply cannot function without the visitors, members, donors, and volunteers from our community. Through those gifts of time, treasure and talent, we can grow and continue to provide for the needs of Muskegon County and West Michigan.

This year, consider setting a goal to volunteer, and let the Museum be the place to meet that goal! Our volunteers are an enthusiastic corps of adults, teens, and children with various interests and skill levels. Volunteers can participate in Family Fun Nights, Saturday crafts and activities, work in the Science Center STEM Lab, conduct research, assist with collections, interpret for visitors and much more! There is something for everyone at the Museum and many benefits to volunteering.

Youth especially should consider volunteering for the museum. Volunteering as a child or young adult not only benefits the organization, it also benefits the youth volunteer. Volunteering provides real world work experience, with flexibility, while also still requiring the youth volunteer to meet responsibilities and expectations to be successful. Plus it provides an avenue to meet new friends with similar interests

in a safe and positive environment. It is also a great way to meet graduation requirements.

There are many reasons for youth and adults alike to volunteer for the Lakeshore Museum Center and Historic Sites! Interested in learning more about opportunities at the Museum? Join us on **Friday, March 1** for a special informational meeting complete with snacks! To RSVP or for more information contact Gwen at gwen@lakeshoremuseum.org.

Recent Acquisitions to the Collection



- Leather goods manufactured at C.W. Marsh Company
- The Muskegon Baseball Co., Inc. Ledger, 1916-1917
- Silver Fox Co. Fiscal Reports, 1921-1942

- Howmet Letter Opener



- Esther Society of the Fifth Reform Church Cookbook, 1941 Volunteer Spotlight
- Milwaukee Clipper water glass
- Football program, Muskegon High School vs. Flint Central High School, September 27, 1946
- Muskegon Chronicle newspaper box owned by publisher, Gary Ostrom.
- Shaw-Walker Employee Handbook, 1989
- Muskegon's Woman's Club Yearbook, 1953-1954
- Bottle opener, Liquidating Sales Co., Inc.
- Pickle fork, GTE Phone Mart



- Photographs: Bunker School Basketball Team, 1930-31; Muskegon Heights Aeire, 1928; Muskegon High School Conservation Club, May 1947; Muskegon High School Band, 1947; Interior of Madison Mfg. Co. 1931

Members-Only Collection Center Tours

Katie VanDoeselaar, Development Director

Did you know that the objects on display at all of the museum sites represent just a fraction of the total number of objects that the Lakeshore Museum Center collects and preserves for future generations? The majority of our objects are stored in a secure facility offsite, called our Collection Center. **This year, you will have four chances to sign up to see behind-the-scenes at our Collection Center.** Glimpse the past as you see where and how our objects are safely stored while not on display to the public.

Tours are scheduled once a quarter, and this year we are playing with different days of the week and times of day. We hope that one of the times will work for you! This tour is free, but does require an RSVP. To save your spot in one of the four tours, please email Katie at katie@lakeshoremuseum.org or call 231-724-5524.

The tours are one hour long, and are scheduled for:

March 9 at 11a

May 23 at 6p

August 7 at 12p

November 2 at 1p

2019: The year of *PLAY!*

Perhaps you've noticed how excited we are to share a year of *PLAY!* with you.

Let us inspire your imagination. Chances to interact with your Museum in a whole new way abound—from programs such as the Hackley Attic Escape Room to a brand new STEM Center at the Main Museum building.

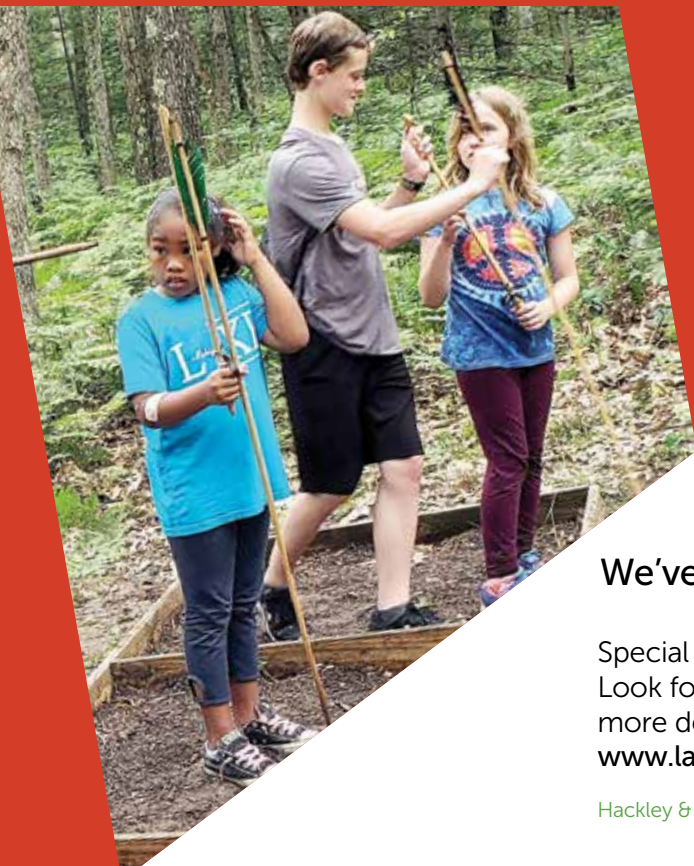
Another great way to *PLAY!* this year is to become a volunteer. We've increased volunteer opportunities and access to our archival and physical objects collection.

Your Museum encourages you to plan a visit this year to see all of these changes.

See what I did there? In all seriousness though, 2019 promises to be a great year with old favorites returning, such as the Holiday Tours at the Historic Site and what will become new favorite programs like the Hackley Attic Escape Room, the Amazing Museum Race, and the STEM Center opening in April. We hope you check it out and let us know what you think!



Glimpse the past as you tour behind-the-scenes of our Collection Center



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

Hackley & Hume Historic Site **H** Lakeshore Museum Center **L**

February 6

3:30p — STEAM Play and Learn: Rocks and Minerals (FREE) **L**

February 15

5:30–7:30p — Friday Family Fun Night: A Museum of Ice and Fire (FREE) **L**

February 18

Museum Closed in Observance of President's Day **ALL**

February 20

3:30p — STEAM Play and Learn: Rocks and Minerals (FREE) **L**

February 21

6:30p -8:30p — Lecture Series: Great Depression (Fee) **H**

February 27

6p — Collection by Color Speaker Series: Black Holes (FREE) **L**

March 1

4p — Volunteer Informational Meeting (FREE) **L**

March 6

3:30p — STEAM Play and Learn: Weather (FREE) **L**

March 15

5:30–7:30p — Friday Family Fun Night (FREE) **L**

March 20

3:30p — STEAM Play and Learn: Weather (FREE) **L**

March 21

6:30p -8:30p — Lecture Series: Great Depression (Fee) **H**

March 27

6p — Collection by Color Speaker Series: Muskegon's Blue Economy (FREE) **L**

April 1 & 2

9a–12p — STEM Mini Day Camp (Fee) **L**

April 3

3:30p — STEAM Play and Learn: Weather (FREE) **L**

April 5

11a–3p — STEM Center Opening Event (FREE) **L**

April 17

3:30p — STEAM Play and Learn: Weather (FREE) **L**

April 19

5:30–7:30p — Friday Family Fun Night: STEM Night (FREE) **L**

May 2

6–8p — The Amazing Museum Race: The Journey Continues (Fee) **L**

Drop-in Science and History Programs Every Saturday from 1–3p **L**

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Mozart: Piano Concerto no. 24,

featuring Alessio Bax, piano

Beethoven: Choral Fantasy,

featuring Alessio Bax, piano

and GR Chamber Choir



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Winter cleaning

I dread it in the spring, in the summer, in the fall and...yes! You guessed it! I dread it in the winter too! Nevertheless it has to get done. But what does winter cleaning mean for our Museum's gift shops?

With the end of the holiday season and closing of our gift shop at Michigan's Heritage Park, we find ourselves with overstock merchandise that we are currently clearing out, which translates into great shopping opportunities and lower prices!

We are actively researching new products and more Muskegon-made and exhibit-related items to offer our visitors. We are excited for the future of the smaller-but-better gift shops at the Main Museum and Historic Sites.

Make some time this winter to stop by our gift shop on your next trip to YOUR Lakeshore Museum Center, and don't be surprised if you catch us playing with our brooms! The gift shop is open the same hours as the Museum.

