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Our mission is to inspire curiosity and wonder about Muskegon County's natural and cultural history through our interactive exhibits and experiential programs.

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Board members enjoying some Speakeasy drinking and gambling fun!



Shhh, yours truly was pinched by the coppers! Annoesjka Soler



New STEM Center opening



Moxie the Mastodon love & the scavenger hunt for 20 minis.



Theatre makeup workshop



Enviroworks Camp "Comet" drop

Our Year of Play: Science and history made fun for everyone!

The best way to sum up the year's fun is with pictures. I hope you came to some of the MANY amazing programs and events our team put together for your enjoyment and learning. A LOT is on the horizon and my super staff and board are excited for the future and all the opportunities we will bring you! Enjoy the holidays with your loved ones and come see us, OFTEN, so you don't miss anything.

Annoesjka Soler

2019: A Year of Play

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How did you play at the Lakeshore Museum Center this year?

There was fun for everyone this year, no matter what your age or interest level!

Maybe you built a roller coaster with your kids in the new STEM Center, or raced cars down the Hot Wheels® track. Did you watch the water cycle in action in the Science Center?

Maybe you raced against the clock to Escape the Hackley Attic with your friends? Did you figure out whodunnit during Live Clue?

Or did you join a Collections Center tour and get a peek behind the door at our 3D object storage? Or maybe you experienced the Museum as an entire family for the first time during ASD Sensory Saturday programs?

Have you taken your photo with Moxie the Mastodon and found all 20 of the mini-mastodons around town?

Did you visit the USS Silversides Museum, Grand Rapids Children's Museum or the Grand Rapids Public Museum as a part of our membership exchange months?

What about becoming a flapper or gangster for a night at the Speakeasy Fundraiser?

Maybe you did none of these things, but instead helped fund Bus Grants to help teachers pay for buses to visit the Museum. Or did you fulfill a wish and fund a new standing height stainless steel work table for the Collections Center? Maybe you became a member of the Museum.

No matter how you played at the Lakeshore Museum Center this year, we are so glad you joined us in some way. Thank you for supporting the Lakeshore Museum Center, *your* Museum.

Urban Renewal - 50 Year Anniversary

Jeff Bessinger, Exhibits & Collections Director

Downtown Muskegon has seen many changes over its history. Have you ever wondered why it changed so radically during the 1960s and 1970s? The LMC is partnering with the City of Muskegon for an upcoming exhibit on their 50-year anniversary since urban renewal was approved by the voters. **The exhibit will open January 2020.** Thanks to an amazing loan of documents and photographs from the City, the exhibit will tell a fascinating story of why and how urban renewal was carried out in Downtown Muskegon in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In addition to highlighting the community's desire for urban renewal back then, the story will highlight the redesign, construction, and ongoing change of the city today.



New Kid on the Block

Kate Curto, Exhibits Designer

Hello! Previously from Philadelphia, PA, I come to the museum from a background in industrial design and museum exhibition planning and design. Stepping into this position, it also now has a new title—Exhibits Designer. Now, what does that mean? Moving forward with new exhibits, our plan is to prototype and test our ideas and designs. We are looking to create opportunities for you, our visitors, to give us feedback on your experience and interaction in the museum space to help us make more informed decisions for you in our future planning and designs. I'm excited for the work to come and I hope to see you around our galleries!



Cheers!

Kate Curto, Exhibits Designer

Brewing beer has had a long history in Muskegon County. Over the many years, changing times have forced local brewing to adapt. Armed with a knowledge of science and commerce, Muskegon brewers have worked hard to produce a beverage that reflects the community. These brewers' innovation, creativity, and shared efforts to reinvent along the way have all been in the pursuit of great tasting beer!

Cheers! A History of Brewing in Muskegon will share the story of how local beer got its start. Spanning from 1859 to present day, this exhibit will be partnering with local breweries and provide the history, as well as the science, of beer.



The opening reception for *Cheers! A History of Brewing in Muskegon* will be December 6 from 5:30–7:30p. The exhibit will run through late May 2020.



Hop on the Bus!

Jacquelyn Huss, Program Manager, Museum Center

Every school year the museum serves over 20,000 school children through outreaches to their schools, as well as through their visits to the museum and historic sites. Thanks to our county-wide millage, we are able to offer most of these programs free of charge to Muskegon County schools. Even with this opportunity, teachers still face a big hurdle: the cost of the school bus.

Muskegon Public Schools teachers pay \$122 per bus to come to the museum, and that's for no more than seven miles round trip! Communities further from downtown Muskegon, like Holton Public Schools, pay \$190 per bus! With larger class sizes, grade levels often need two buses to get all the kids to the museum, causing the price the climb even higher.

This is where our Museum Bus Grants come in. Through generous donations from our community members, we are able to grant \$100 toward the cost of buses to Muskegon County teachers who apply for these funds. Last school year, we awarded 24 grants. That money served 49 classes and over 1,100 students!

This year at our Lumber Baron's Ball "Speakeasy" Fundraiser, we were able to raise \$1,975 through individual donations and a matching donation from Andrews, Scheuerle + Huss. Do you want to help students visit the Museum? Contact the Development Director, Katie VanDoeselaar, at 231-724-5524 or katie@lakeshoremuseum.org to learn how to contribute to our bus fund. Donors of \$25 or more will receive a fun blinking bus pin while supplies last!

Foundry Family Fun at the Museum

Patrick Horn, STEM Coordinator

Have you ever wanted to play with melted metal and make your own cast? On November 22 you can! Join the American Foundry Society at our Family Fun Night to learn how to make molds and casts, and take your cast home with you. You will also learn about this important industry in Muskegon.

This year's Family Fun Night will be the second year we are partnering with the American Foundry Society. In 2018 the Museum formed a partnership with the American Foundry Society to create a Foundry in a Box kit, and reconstructing a foundry model in the Museum's possession. This partnership culminated in a great Friday Family Fun Night at the museum in which over 150 people came to the museum to learn more about foundries and their impact in Muskegon. **We hope you can join us for this very special Family Fun Night November 22.**

Happy Holidays from the Hackley & Hume Houses!

Wendy VanWoerkom

We are at the start of a magical time of year filled with family, fun, traditions, and cheer. This year we will be celebrating the 47th year of holiday tours at the Hackley and Hume houses. Over the years, the houses and decorations may have changed, but the spirit of holiday fun and welcoming our community to see the beauty of these homes has not.



This year we have 10 groups decorating the houses. Although all the groups are essential in presenting this event, we thought it would be fun to highlight both the oldest and newest groups. The Minerva Dill Chapter of the Questers has been decorating a room the longest, and has actually been helping bring the holidays to life since the very beginning

of this event. In their first year of decorating, our newest group to help deck the halls is our very own Junior Museum Professionals here at the Lakeshore Museum Center. In addition to those volunteers who help to decorate the houses, we also have volunteers who help to work the tour dates. Without all these groups and individuals, we could not bring this lovely tradition to you.

Holiday tours will kick off on Saturday, November 30 from 4–8p. This same evening the City of Muskegon also will light its Christmas tree in Hackley Park and the Hackley Public Library will be hosting its annual Reindeer Super Saturday. Be prepared to spend the day shopping in Muskegon for Small Business Saturday and join in the fun of tours, reindeer, and lights in the evening. Below are all the dates and times for this season's Holiday Tours. We look forward to seeing you, your friends, and families soon and wishing you a happy holiday season!

HOLIDAY TOUR DATES & TIMES

November 30, Holiday Tours & Kickoff Event 4–8p

December 1 and 28, 1–4p

December 7, 14, 21, 27, 4–8p



Live Clue!

Aaron Mace, Assistant Program Manager, Historic Sites

This season we added a great new program at the Historic Sites: Live Clue. This program was a big success and another chance to engage with our community through unique programming.

Much like the classic board game, the objective of the game was to find out who committed a murder using process of elimination. In our version however, the suspects themselves have the clue cards. Each team of four moves through different rooms of the Hackley House in order to question the suspects and gain clues to crack the case. While the murder and storyline were fictionalized, we incorporated real people who were related to the Hackley family to infuse Muskegon's history into the game. Costumed characters and even a fake body rounded out this fun evening program. Our visitors enjoyed the challenge of the mystery as well as the experience of exploring the Hackley House in the evening.

Plan to join us next year!

We plan to create an even bigger and better Live Clue experience!





Henry Cort model

YFCA Plaque



We've Gone Digital!

Jeff Bessinger, Exhibits & Collections Director, Archivist

Have you ever wondered what is hidden inside of the archives building? Did you or a family member donate an object and you're curious to see a photo of it? Are you a teacher working on a lesson plan about Muskegon's history?

Now you can search Lakeshore Museum Center's database from the comfort of your own home.

Thanks to a generous Capital Improvement grant from the Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs, we've spent this year transitioning to a brand new database that allows you to interact with our collection from your computer. Search based on keywords, type of object, or just browse through the records.

Go to:
lakeshoremuseum.org
click on "Search our Collection Database"

and explore today!

Recent Acquisitions to the Collection

- Portraits of Charles Hackley's parents originally displayed in the Hackley Library
- Model of the ship Henry Cort made by Thomas "Spud" Hume
- Muskegon Mall banner
- Archival material related to the Grand Trunk Railroad
- Greater Muskegon Music Teachers Association scrapbooks
- Hackley Hospital School of Nursing yearbooks, 1958–1960
- Collection of letters sent to Harm Freye, 1927–1929

- Muskegon Lassies Schedule of Games, 1948



- Hackley Manual Training School commemorative plate
- Scrapbook of teaching career made by Maxine Leone Deyman, 1941–1946
- YFCA Builder's wall plaque, 1976
- Materials related to World War II, Civil Defense and Citizens Civilian War Services owned by Luella Marsh Bradbury
- Brick collected from 4th Street during recent construction
- West Shore Symphony kite
- The Drug Shoppe Poison Kit

The LMC Volunteers Are NON-STOP

Gwen Adams, Volunteer and Safety Manager

Every organization that utilizes volunteers says this, but ours are TRULY the BEST. The amount of work they do each month never ceases to amaze me. This past August we congratulated their success by giving our volunteers a much deserved dinner at the Lake House in Muskegon.

At the dinner, our staff touched on many of the projects and activities the volunteers worked on this past year. Three individuals made outstanding efforts in their work to create an exceptional Museum experience for our guests. Jim Gerhart received the John Hilt Award, Joanne Greenert received the Margaret Hume Award, and Marty Greene received the Dorothy Hammer Award.

In addition, our busy season for the Junior Museum Professionals came to a close. They spent the summer assisting in the STEM Center, demonstrating the hands-on activities and interpreting toys and games at the Hackley and Hume Historic Sites. Plus, the JMPs participated with special events and programs like making ice cream and butter at the Country Dairy Ice Cream Social, digging for fossils at the Maranda Park Party, and much more!

Are you interested in volunteering for the Lakeshore Museum Center or interested in learning more about the Junior Museum Professionals Program? Contact Gwen Adams, the Volunteer Manager, at gwen@lakeshoremuseum.org or 231-724-1033.



Volunteer Josh lending a hand at the recent Lumber Barons' Ball "Speakeasy" event

Outstanding volunteers Jim, Joanne, and Marty pose with Annoesjka at the Volunteer Dinner



MPs Addie, Ava, and Amelie demonstrating hands-on activities this summer



Reinforced and brightly colored fence ready again

It isn't always easy to reach where we need to paint

Ensuring Moxie is safely lowered onto the cement pad

Changing Seasons, Changing Projects

As the highly anticipated summer months come to a close, the Maintenance Department is switching gears and preparing for the colder months ahead.

There was certainly no shortage of projects this year. We spent a great deal of time preparing for and installing Moxie the Mastodon and the 20 minis. From working with the city to pour a cement pad, to yanking out several bushes to have the landscape just right upon her arrival, Moxie was a huge success we are all very proud of.



As Mother Nature continually takes her toll on the Historic Sites, we spent the summer working up high and down low on the never-ending task of restoring, repainting, and repairing the Hackley and Hume Houses. Other projects included strengthening the

picket fence along the alley behind the Scolnik house to withstand weekly vehicular damage from cars leaving the neighboring bar parking lot. We also replaced shingles that blew off the roof of the house, repaired and painted the front porch, and even gave the flagpole and fire hydrant at the Fire Barn a fresh coat of paint.

With the weather getting colder, we will begin to focus more on our indoor projects, including building new offices for our ever growing staff, helping to build the upcoming *Cheers!* exhibit, and finishing the final details of the Mad Scientist Lab escape room.

The outdoor work doesn't end at the change of seasons though. We are prepared for the leaves to start falling and armed with freshly tuned-up snowthrowers and snow shovels for the first snowflakes of the year.

Moxie Mania!

Katie VanDoeselaar, Development Director, Guest Relations

Have you met Moxie yet? Moxie was installed on the corner of 4th and Clay and dedicated on August 21, and has been delighting people ever since. You can't miss the mastodon with the blue tusks! Drivers certainly notice. The first day Moxie was installed, I noticed a truck driving by on 4th Street stop in the middle of the street. The driver hopped out, took a photo, and then hopped back in and went on his way.

Since then, over 100 people have claimed the prize for finding all of the 20 mini-mastodons hidden around downtown Muskegon. Have you found all 20 minis? Stop by the Lakeshore Museum Center to grab your scavenger hunt brochure and test your problem solving skills on this fun adventure.



Mastodons on the Loose is the first project of the Muskegon City Public Art Initiative. THANK YOU to everyone who made this project possible!

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Lumber Baron's Ball "Speakeasy" Fundraiser 2019

It all began with a crazy idea: let's turn the Museum into a speakeasy! What could be more fun than flappers and gangsters hanging out at the Museum for a night of fun and fundraising? Well let me tell you...nothing is! The juice joint was hopping September 21st as guests joined us for an evening of prohibition fun.

Please join me in thanking those who helped make this event possible: the event committee, volunteers, those who donated wine, silent auction donors, and our sponsors.

Event Committee: Gwen Adams, Graciela Alberino-Stidham, Melissa Horton, Jackie Huss, Amy Kendall, Nora McKee, Mat Moore, Eric Ringelberg, Kayla Slager, Annoesjka Soler, and Jonathan Venlet

Volunteers: Justin Adams, Kellie Bessinger, Ashley Day, Josh Phipps, and Brandon Turnbull

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We've Got Plans for You!

Special events for all ages are planned at our sites in the months 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 **M**



November 6

3:30p Play and Learn:
Construction **M** Free

November 13

5:30–7:30p Hats with History
at Muskegon Heights Library Free

November 15 & 16

Mad Scientist's Lab
Escape Room FEE

November 20

3:30p Play and Learn:
Construction **M** Free

November 22

5:30–7:30p Friday Family Fun
Night: Foundries **M** Free

November 28 & 29

Museum CLOSED

November 30

4–8p Holiday Tours
& Kickoff Event **H** FEE

December 1

1–4p Holiday Tours **H** FEE

December 4

3:30p Play and Learn:
Construction **M** Free

December 6

5:30–7:30p *Cheers! A History
of Brewing in Muskegon*
Exhibit Opening **M** Free

December 7

4–8p Holiday Tours **H** FEE

December 14

4–8p Holiday Tours **H** FEE

December 18

3:30p Play and Learn:
Construction **M** Free

December 20 & 21

Mad Scientist's Lab
Escape Room **M** FEE

December 21

4–8p Holiday Tours **H** FEE

December 24, 25, 26

Museum CLOSED

December 27

4–8p Holiday Tours **H** FEE

December 28

1–4p Holiday Tours **H** FEE

December 31

Museum CLOSED

January 1

Museum CLOSED

January 3

10a–1p Winter
Open House **M** Free

January 8 & 9

Minecraft at the Museum **M** FEE

January 15

3:30p Play and Learn **M** Free

January 17

5:30–7:30p Friday Family
Fun Night: "Do you want
to build a snowman?" **M** Free

January 23

*Cheers! A History of
Brewing in Muskegon*
Guided Exhibit Tour **M**
Members Free
Non-members FEE

The museum offers
free open house style
programs every Saturday
from 12–3p!

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Attention memorabilia collectors!

The 2019 Holiday Ornament is here! This year, we are featuring Muskegon's own Big Reds football field.

The first game played at Hackley Stadium was on September 21, 1907, with Muskegon High School defeating Holland 102-0. In 1927, new grandstands were built; in 1935, a loudspeaker system was installed; and in 1940, a new lighting system was added. Hackley Field is home to five Muskegon Big Red State football championship teams.

This limited-edition porcelain ornament is 25th in a series, and it will be available during the Holiday Tours at the City Barn store in the Hackley & Hume Historic Site, and in the Lakeshore Museum Center gift shop starting in November while supplies last.

