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Moxie's Corner

By Moxie the Mastodon



What season is it best to jump on a trampoline? SPRING TIME!

That's right everyone, the weather is getting warmer, the snow is melting away, and soon the sun will be shining more often and more brightly than it has the past few wintery months.

My favorite part? More and more folks walking downtown! There is so much to do and see and after this crazy year we've had, it'll be so nice to see our neighbors enjoying the fresh air and sunshine.

Don't forget to pick up a Mini Mastodon Scavenger Hunt from the Museum to enjoy on your walks downtown and keep an eye out for more programs and events to enjoy outside (and inside) at the Museum and it's sites!



What do you call a rabbit with flees? BUGS BUNNY!

Director's Report

Melissa Horton, Interim Executive Director

Spring is my favorite season. You make it through the winter and one day the drab is gone and everything is that new bright green. All of a sudden you begin to notice the pops of color and how loud the birds are.

Renewal is upon us.



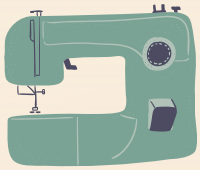
Spring is also a busy time at the museum. In March, the staff and board will go through the strategic planning process. This will renew our focus and assist us with planning for the next couple of years.

Some of the work being done presently is in response to the generosity of our members. The Raise the Roof, Shore the Floor annual appeal raised \$57,000. Work is almost done on the floor joist at the Heritage Museum. Next up are the roofs on the Archives building and the Museum Center.

Thank you to everyone who contributed including our Corporate Sponsors on the front cover.

Volunteers from the Muskegon Heritage Museum "spring clean." To learn more about what they're up to see page 8!





Exhibits

Meet the New Exhibits Designer!

Chani Collins, Exhibits Designer

After spending several years in Waco, Texas, where I worked in Collections and Exhibitions for the Martin Museum of Art at Baylor University, I have returned to my home state! Before the Martin Museum of Art, I received an M.A. in Historical Administration from Eastern Illinois University, and I hold bachelor's degrees in both Classics and Art History from Grand Valley State University.



I am very excited to join the Lakeshore Museum Center team and looking forward to designing and creating new experiences for our visitors.

Although I am still re-adjusting to all this snow and cold weather, I very much look forward to spending Michigan summers near the lakeshore!



LMC Programs

SPRING BACK INTO THE MUSEUM

Pat Horn, Program Manager

As the temperatures allow for us to move outside again for programs, the museum will be continuing our popular Friday Family Fun Nights, with the first event being on **March 26 from 5:30-7:30pm.**



girl scouts of michigan shore to shore

The theme of the night will be women's history, and we will be joined by the Girl Scouts who will present several activities, including making Girl Scout law bracelets and making posters.

The museum will also be showcasing famous Muskegon County women and looking at the role of different clothing styles in cultural attitudes and meaning.

While our Spring Break Mini STEM Camp will not be happening in person this year, we will be offering a way to keep your kids occupied for the break. The museum will be selling STEM Kits for pickup at the museum. These kits will cost \$18 for museum members and \$20 for non-members. The kits will include all the supplies needed to do several safe and at home STEM experiments and activities that will keep your kids engaged and occupied, including making wind turbines, and setting up circuits. **To reserve one of these kits call the museum at 231-722-0278.**



LMC Programs

VIRTUAL HAND QUILTING WORKSHOP

Jackie Huss, Museum Experiences Director

Always wanted to try your “hand” at quilting? Join us for a Hand Quilting 101 virtual workshop! **It will be held via Zoom on March 23rd at 6pm.** After registering, participants can pick up the supplies to create their own square to use as a quilted potholder or doily. **Supplies will be ready for pick up starting March 15th.**

This workshop will go over the process of hand quilting from start to finish. Participants will learn how to use a template, trace patterns, cut fabric, piece together blocks, quilt, and bind the final product. Everything will be done by hand and no machine is required.

The workshop will be led by Interim Executive Director, Melissa Horton. Melissa also happens to be an avid hand-quilter in her spare time, hand piecing more than 12 quilts over the last 16 years! She will be combining her quilting talents and her presentation talents as the former Education Curator to present this one-time only workshop. **The cost of this workshop is \$18 for museum members and \$20 for non-members.** You can register online at <https://handquilting101.eventbrite.com>, stop into the Museum Store or call 231-722-0278.





Historic Sites

BIZARRE NEWS AT THE HISTORIC SITES

Joe Bell, Program Assistant



As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our community, the Hackley and Hume Historic Sites team has begun to really focus on creating and producing new online content for our social media followers.

The newest addition to our online content is a video series titled Bizarre News. This series is currently a monthly installment in which there is a combination of current Lakeshore Museum Center news and a news story discovered during newspaper research.

These historical news stories are all bizarre and/or odd in nature and are presented in a lighthearted and humorous way. Some of the stories that will be covered included a man being blinded by the moon while he slept, a clairvoyant "knowing" what happened to the schooner Thomas Hume, and a reward being issued for a person scattering tacks across roads to pop bicycle tires. This new series will aim to be fun, humorous, lighthearted, and informative.



Historic Sites

WINTER ACTIVITIES AT THE HISTORIC SITES

Aaron Mace, Program Manager

While our 2020 season was full of the unexpected, our winter off-season is thankfully quite normal this year. We began by packing up all our holiday decorations and assisting our volunteer decorating groups in doing the same. We have already begun our annual deep cleaning of all five Historic Sites buildings, which includes a top-to-bottom cleaning of every room and over 5,000 artifacts. We will also be undertaking some special projects such as polishing the silver objects on exhibit.

Our 2021 season will include a number of new programs to help draw new and returning visitors to our Sites such as After Dark Tours, Lunch and Learn on the Lawn, the History of Movies, and a Holiday Tea. The closed time in the winter helped us research and plan for these new programs as well as our many returning ones.

All of this, in addition to hiring and training new staff, managing our social media accounts, and completing maintenance and restoration projects, means we will have a very busy few months ahead of us. While we have a lot to do before May, we are excited for our 2021 season and ready to welcome visitors once again!



Program Assistant Joe carefully cleans artifacts in the Hume house library.



Muskegon Heritage Museum

Keeping Busy for 2021

Kirk Bunke, MHM Site Manager

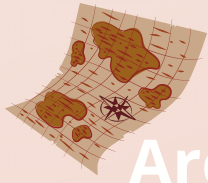
Big projects are in the works at the Muskegon Heritage Museum! A new exhibit titled "It Runs in the Family: 50+ Years of Black Owned Businesses in Muskegon & Muskegon Heights" was recently installed. A virtual unveiling happened as part of Muskegon Community College's Black History Month programs on February 24th. It can be viewed in person by appointment now, or drop in after we reopen for the season in May.

The Thursday volunteer crew has been busy on several fronts: archive reorganizing and indexing is underway, the annual collection inventory has begun, and our structural repair of the Machinery Hall floor has started. We worked with a structural engineer from Soils & Structures to design a footing, post and beam support system to beef up the 110-year-old floor framing.

The Thursday Crew volunteers and I cut rebar, assembled grids, built footing forms and installed them in the basement in January. In February, we poured the footings and installed four beams to carry the floor load. New joists will be sistered in over the next month to strengthen each of the spans.



The "Thursday Crew" takes a break from their hard work to pose for a photo.

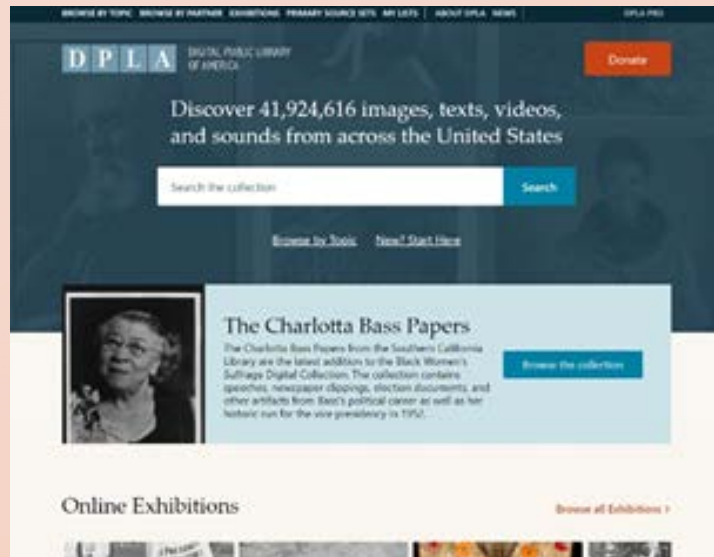


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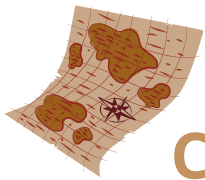
DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA

Jeff Bessinger, Archivist, Exhibits and Collections Director

We are excited to announce that our collection is now available on the Digital Public Library of America's (DPLA) webpage at www.dp.la. The DPLA is a 501(c)3 non-profit with over 41 million free images, documents, audio, and visual records provided by other museums, libraries and archives. This partnership is in conjunction with the Michigan Service Hub who provides the DPLA with our records metadata.



The Michigan Service Hub will also be adding our records to their website www.michmemories.org soon. By having our collection shared on both websites we will be making our collection more accessible to a wider audience. Now, anyone with internet access anywhere in the world can view our amazing collection. When a guest clicks on one of our records they will be brought to our online portal where they will be able to view items in our collection that are not available on www.dp.la or www.michmemories.org yet. We will continue to add new records to the DPLA and www.michmemories.org every quarter. So visit these websites and share the news that we are continuing to make our collection more accessible.



Collections

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Brenda Nemetz, Collections Manager

- Baseball cap and glove from the Sanitary Dairy baseball team, ca. 1933 **photo 1**
- Checker set manufacture by George Morrell Company
- Photograph of Muskegon High School 1930 second basketball team
- Sewing table hand carved by Alfred Hollway
- Instructions and Parts Price List from the Henry Motor Car Company
- Diary of Dr. I. M. J. Hotvedt, ca. 1907
- Muskegon High School Said and Done Annual, June 1933
- Muskegon High School Commencement Exercises program, 1933
- Program for the Annual Senior Banquet for Muskegon High School held at the Muskegon Country Club, June 19, 1933
- Floral medallion applique kit quilt mad by Sara Marie Jensen Hornung in the 1920s for her daughter
- Signs, brochures, and newsletters from Muskegon Save Our Shoreline
- Muskegon Air Fair poster, 1989
- Book, The Nurses of Unit R by Molly Daniel
- Postcard of St. Mary's Church, 1915
- Postcard of Hackley Art Institute and Library, 1917
- Electric table lamp owned by Dora Anderson, wife of John S. Anderson of Anderson Packing Co. **photo 2**
- Stub from a coupon for Mona Lake Ice Co., circa 1930
- Wooden nickels for Moran's Bike & Cycle, D & B Sports Center, Hoagie Heaven, Northern Lighting & Electric Supply Co. **photo 3**
- Michigan High School Athletic Association medals won by Whitehall High School student, 1940-1942 **photo 4**
- Books and photographs of Muskegon and ad artwork from Studio 5 Advertising and Moline & Associates
- Theater program for "Pigs" performed by
- The Studio Plays at the Centra Methodist Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 1935 **photo 5**



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

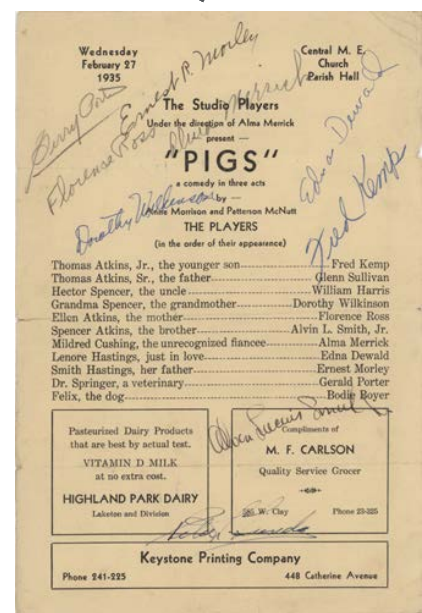


Photo 5

Summer Fun and Funds

Gwen Adams, Volunteer and Safety Manager



Hard to believe it has been about year since we had our first COVID-19 case in Michigan. Through that time we have met many challenges including the loss of loved ones, but somehow found ourselves growing as an organization.

We couldn't continue that growth without the support of our members, donors, volunteers, and guests that have visited us at the Museum or participated in online events and videos. Despite the difficult year, we still managed to have fun and look forward to more.

Along with all the fun we expect this summer, there are still ways to help us keep those funds going. **In June we will hold our first ever virtual “Fund Run” called Stomp with Moxie!** Participants can walk, jog, or run downtown in support of the Lakeshore Museum Center all while following along to a podcast about local downtown buildings and history. Fans of the Hackley and Hume Historic Site will also have an opportunity to support the Lakeshore Museum Center through an **intimate fundraiser hosted at the Historic Site in September.** Stay tuned for more details in the next Future of History Newsletter!

**Run, walk, or explore with
our Stomp with Moxie Fund
Run. Watch for event
details soon!**



The Volunteers Are Back In Town!

Gwen Adams, Volunteer and Safety Manager

This has been a hard year for our volunteers. Many couldn't perform their usual work due to COVID-19 limitations or if they could work it was often virtual or very different than what they're used to.

We are so fortunate to have a corps of volunteers who above all else, love the Museum. Sure, there are a lot of other factors that influence someone to volunteer for any organization, but at the heart is a love for the work they're doing for an organization they care about. We are beyond grateful for the support the volunteers have given us through the pandemic from afar.

But, now that we've adapted and there is a possible light at the end of the tunnel, we are excited to return to some normalcy. We can't wait to see many more of our adult volunteers return and to see our youngest volunteers (the Junior Museum Professionals) back as well.

New Junior Museum Professionals candidates can apply for the program this April and all Junior Museum Professionals can return for their first day in May!

Visit the Lakeshore Museum Center's Volunteer page to learn how to apply to be a Junior Museum Professional AND/OR an Adult Volunteer position.

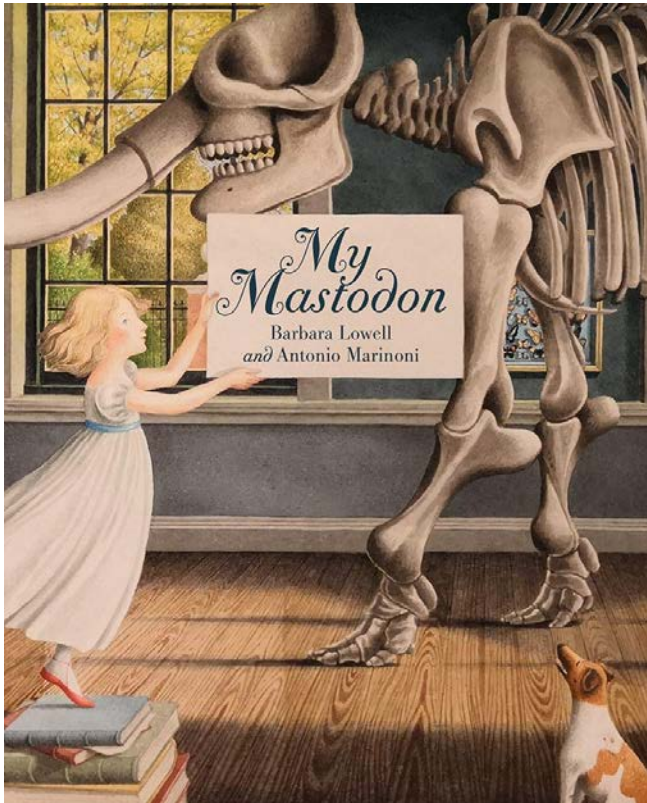
Two of our Junior Museum Professionals man a craft station at the 2019 Hackley Day Celebration.



WHAT'S NEW?

A SNEAK PEEK AT SOME OF OUR STORE ADDITIONS

WE ALL LOVE MOXIE! BUT HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE GIANTS THAT INSPIRED OUR BLUE-TUSKED FRIEND? MASTODON BOOKS FOR EVERYONE!



"MY MASTODON":
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19TH CENTURY LIVES
OF ARTIST AND
SCIENTIST CHARLES
WILLSON PEALE'S
FAMILY, THIS IS A
TALE OF A GIRL AND
HER FAVORITE
COMPANION—A
FOSSILIZED
MASTODON.

A Fossil Journey: The Story of the Pacific Mastodon.

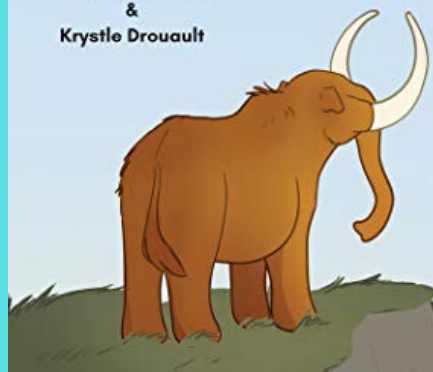
The first in a series of illustrated adventures for young readers, taking them through the ins and outs of real scientific papers! The Story of the Pacific Mastodon chronicles the discovery of Max the Mastodon in Hemet, CA, and how scientists used this amazing fossil to eventually name an entirely new species.

A FOSSIL JOURNEY:

The Story of the Pacific Mastodon

Written By
Dr. Brett S. Dooley
&
Krystle Drouault

Illustrated By
Charlotte J. H. Hohman



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Oh, the places you'll go!

Graciela Alberino-Stidham, Guest Relations Manager

I am very aware of the phrase "*The best laid schemes of mice and men go often askew*", especially after 2020. We had such a lovely lineup of organizations for reciprocal months last year! We were fortunate to have been able to keep two of them -Holland Museum and John Ball Zoo-, but still sad to have missed the rest.

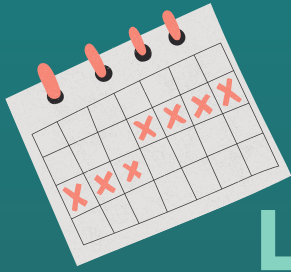
With that in mind and staying carefully optimistic, I set out to plan for this year's season. I am happy to share with you the 2021 LMC Reciprocal Membership Calendar. I am looking forward to visiting these wonderful West Michigan Organizations with my family, and I hope you get to visit them as well!

If you have any questions or comments about your membership, or to request a new membership card, please contact me at 231-722-0278 or email me at graciela@lakeshoremuseum.org.

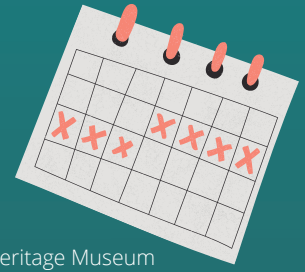
LMC RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP MONTHS

2021

MAY 2021	JUNE 2021	JULY 2021	AUGUST 2021
Grand Rapids Public Museum Free Admission to the museum. www.grpm.org	Sable Point Lighthouse Keepers Association Free Admission to all 4 lighthouses and museums. www.splka.org	Grand Rapids Art Museum Free Admission to the museum. www.artmuseumgr.org	John Ball Zoo Free Admission to the zoo. www.jbzoo.org
SEPTEMBER 2021	OCTOBER 2021	NOTES 2021	NOTES 2021
Holland Museum Free Admission to the museum. www.hollandmuseum.org	Blandford Nature Center Free admission to the nature center. www.blandfordnaturecenter.org	Please remember to check with each organization before planning your visit, as hours of operation and capacity limits may change due to restrictions from COVID-19.	Check for participating ROAM and NARM organizations at www.lakeshoremuseum.org/become-a-member-at-the-lakeshore-museum-center



Mark Your Calendars



Lakeshore Museum Center

Historic Sites

Muskegon Heritage Museum

March

- 23rd** Quilt Making 101 Workshop \$ L
- 25th** Play and Learn-Volcanos and Earth Science L
- 26th** Friday Family Fun Night L

April

- 5-9th** STEM Camp in a Box \$ L
- 8th** Virtual Play and Learn-Volcanos and Earth Science L
- 10th** Second Saturdays L
- 22nd** Play and Learn-Volcanos and Earth Science L
- 23rd** Friday Family Fun Night L

May

- 1st** Historic Sites Open for the season H
- 1st** Muskegon Heritage Museum opens for the season M
- 1st** Open Every Saturday L
- 6th** Virtual Play and Learn: Turtles L
- 7th** After Dark Tour \$ H
- 9th** Mother's Day Free Tours H
- 14th & 28th** Hackley Attic Escape Room \$ H
- 15th** Free Community Day M
- 20th** Play and Learn: Turtles L
- 21st** All Access Tour \$ H
- 21st** Friday Family Fun Night & Turtle Travels Exhibit Opening L
- 22nd** Hackley Day Celebration H
- 22nd** Historic Bicycle Tour \$ L

Special Dates



31st Memorial Day All Sites Closed

For all programs and events visit
www.lakeshoremuseum.org

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