

# THE FUTURE OF HISTORY

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Our mission is to tell the story of Muskegon County by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of its people and natural environment.



**LAKESHORE  
MUSEUM CENTER**





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### WHY DOES MUSKEGON NEED THE LAKE SHORE MUSEUM CENTER?

At the end my second year as Director, I am reflecting on our mission and all the wonderful things we have been able to accomplish. I frequently ask myself, “WHY?”

Why do we need to tell the story of Muskegon County by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of its people and natural environment? I always end up smiling to myself.

Here at the museum, we get satisfaction from reminding this community of its amazing past. From the first native peoples all the way through the industrial age, Muskegon stories are something to be proud of.

Looking forward to the growth and change of our businesses and neighborhoods today, I can't wait to be able to collect information from them so they can join in this legacy.

**smiling to myself.**

**I always end up**



**Melissa Horton**  
Executive Director

A great example is this photo of a 1970s celery farm in the White River Valley.

# COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

Fun Never Ends

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## 2022 Acquisitions in Review

The Lakeshore Museum Center actively collects objects and archival material relevant to Muskegon County's natural and cultural history. In 2022, 664 objects were offered to the museum as a donation. These items are reviewed by the Acquisitions Committee and the Board of Trustees for their relevance to Muskegon County, condition, and the ability for the LMC to care for the objects.

Through that process, **202** objects were selected to join the collection in 2022. Once an object becomes part of the collection, it does not always stay in storage. Objects and archival material are used in exhibits and programs, researched by community members, and available digitally on the public portal.

**57**

Research  
Requests

**9,423**

Objects Exhibited  
in 7 Museums

**11,184**

Objects Viewable  
on the Public Portal

Brenda Nemetz, Collections Manager and Registrar

## Collections Word Search

Enjoy a break with this word search of collections terms!  
The words are across, diagonal, forwards, and backwards.  
Can you find them all?

A F S T C U D N A A W N S K H H S C I V  
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Y D C U O S N O I T C E L L O C A Y C E  
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accession

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archives

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collections

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loan

museum

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object

photography

polyethylene

provenance

research

storage

temperature

# WHAT'S ON VIEW?

Learn Something New

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## *Attack of the Bloodsuckers* has Arrived!



*The Dangerous Things* have been safely tucked away and the Temporary Exhibits Gallery has been restored to its original footprint to make way for *Attack of the Bloodsuckers!* Come and immerse yourself in the world of creatures who want and need to drink your blood. You can try on mosquito super-senses in the interactive Mosquito Cockpit, visit our mosquito nursery, or check out the live Leech Lagoon.



You may even see the leeches latch onto a delicious museum-made blood sausage for dinner.

From fleas and ticks to a vampire bat, *Bloodsuckers* has it all.

Work is already underway in the various shops around the Lakeshore Museum Center, as staff and volunteers work together to prepare a fitting follow-up to *Bloodsuckers* — a deep dive into the heart of the City of Muskegon.

This summer, the Temporary Exhibit Gallery will be reconfigured with new modular walls to take on the guise of Western Avenue as it appeared historically and then how it became the Muskegon Mall.



*Urban Renewal* will feature artifacts and images from bygone eras in an engaging exhibit that is being produced entirely in-house.



Be on the lookout for little-known lore and perhaps a familiar face when *Urban Renewal* debuts in June.

John Wilkinson,  
Exhibit Technician





# HELPING PRESERVE HISTORY

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Welcome to the Historic Sites

## Here to Stay



Hello! My name is Hannah and I am the new Program Assistant at the Historic Sites. I started here in September after coming back to Michigan from a year teaching in Japan through the Jet Programme. Being a Muskegon County native, it has been so exciting

getting to know more about Muskegon's history and sharing it with visitors.

My background is in technical theatre and theatre management. I've worked for local theatres like the Playhouse at White Lake and Muskegon Civic Theatre. As for hobbies, I enjoy spending time at Lake Michigan and roller skating.

Currently, I am helping out with the deep clean of all of our historic sites that happens every year during the off season. I am also learning how to clean silver, which has been a new experience for me!



My favorite programs I've assisted with so far are "Clue: Live" and Hackley Attic Escape Room. We tend to see visitors who have

never been to the Hackley and Hume Historic Site in these programs, and it's great to be able to see the reach into our community. I am so thrilled for what our 2023 programming has in store for everyone!

Hannah Erdman, Program Assistant

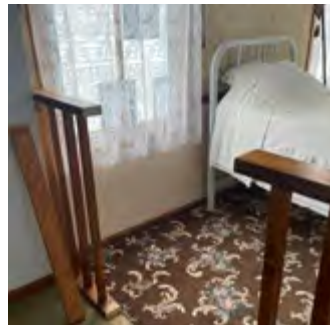


## Winter Excitement

While on the outside it may seem quiet at the Historic Sites this time of year, on the inside, the Sites are buzzing with lots of activity, and our team has taken on a number of exciting projects.

In addition to our regular deep cleaning, our team is polishing all of the silver in the Hackley and Hume Houses. We also made a number of woodwork and furniture repairs using hide glue, which tightly

bonds to a number of surfaces while being water-soluble.



Additionally, the back staircase of the Fire Barn was refinished after years of heavy traffic.

Some larger projects were completed on the exteriors of our buildings as well. Sheriff Goslin Roofing repaired a number of the Hackley and Hume roofs to address leaks, replace shingles, and seal them from future damage. A new roof was installed on the Scolnik House.



We also plan to hang new picture rails in the Hackley Second Parlor, seal the Hackley House from bat intrusions, and install an exhibit railing gate upstairs in the Fire Barn. Here's to 2023!

Aaron Mace, Historic Sites Manager

### Human Bloodsuckers

Several years ago, museum staff began talking about how the auditorium would be a great space for a blood drive. While planning programs for *Attack of the Bloodsuckers*, the idea of a blood drive returned. We contacted the American Red Cross and discovered that they also thought the museum auditorium would make a great place for a blood drive!



On Monday May 1st, we are hosting a blood drive during open hours. You can sign up ahead of time through the Red Cross or just walk in on the day to donate. We'll even have a craft station to keep kiddos busy while grown-ups give blood!

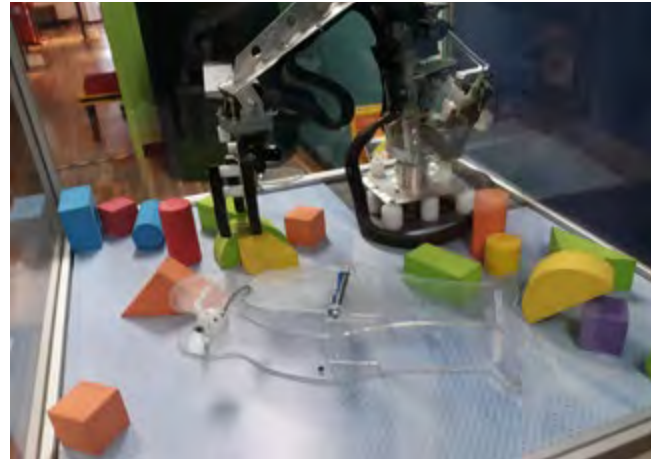
The drive is open to anyone 17 and older in good health. Contact the Red Cross for more eligibility requirements.

Jennifer Reeths, Assistant Program Manager



### New STEM Funds

The STEM Center is one of the most popular rooms for not only visitors but also school groups. The room offers a fun hands-on learning area where kids and adults alike experiment with things such as circuits and topography. The STEM Center has also hosted our STEM school programs. Because of the supplies, these programs have had a per child charge. However, thanks to a generous donation from Don and Linda Potter (who selected a Fund A Need listed on our website), these programs will be offered free for all Muskegon County schools in 2023.

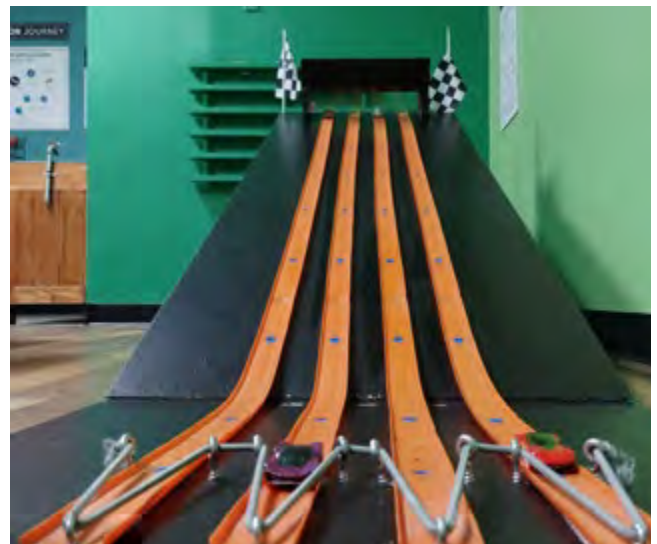


These funds will also let us work on some updates to the room for this year. In the works is an extended and rebuilt Hot Wheels™ race track and a redesign of the robotic arms interactive. The new interactive will allow the arm to better tell the story of how robots are useful in surgery.

We also have a brand new session of STEM Center activities to test your abilities. So, make sure to visit the STEM Center to see what new things it has in store for 2023.

If you would like to make an impact on the community and museum, check out what else is on the museum staff's wish list by visiting [www.lakeshoremuseum.org/fund-a-need](http://www.lakeshoremuseum.org/fund-a-need).

Patrick Horn, Program Manager





## Muskegon's Industrial History

This year marks a significant milestone in the history of the Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry— the 40th anniversary of the installation of the Corliss Valve Stationary Steam Engine. The former President Fred Wilder wrote the following excerpt in the March/April 1983 edition of the Muskegon Heritage Association's newsletter:

Spring is in the air as we reach mid-April and the heavy coats, mittens, and boots were put aside for lighter weight work clothes as the last concrete was poured for the Corliss Valve Steam Engine foundation on April 13. First came the footing on March 17—8 ¼ yards, then the main foundation to support the engine on April 5—14 yards, and finally the 3 ¾ yards to provide the flywheel axle support and spacer. Total—26 yards of concrete. If all goes well, the engine should be moved from storage to the foundation inside the Hathaway Building by the time this issue of the Boomer is printed.

In May 1983, the Corliss was placed on the foundation by Erickson Trucking Service over a three day period. This was the culmination of a yearlong effort to save a significant piece of Muskegon's industrial history. It took hundreds of volunteer hours by highly skilled hands to get the old engine running again in its new home. The inaugural spin of the flywheel occurred on June 20, 1987.

Join us as we commemorate this event with the first Community Day of the 2023 season on Saturday, May 13. The theme will, fittingly enough, be Steam Power.

We will offer behind the scenes tours illustrating how we power the nearly 130-year-old steam engine without steam and have a display of working miniature steam engines around the museum.



If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering at the Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry, please let us know. There are MHMBI openings for Museum Guides, Education Interpreters, and Special Projects volunteers. We will be holding in-person training sessions in the coming weeks.



Contact the museum if you would like us to send you the schedule. We can be reached at (231) 722-1363 or email [kirk@lakeshoremuseum.org](mailto:kirk@lakeshoremuseum.org) or [wendy@lakeshoremuseum.org](mailto:wendy@lakeshoremuseum.org).

Kirk Bunke, Site Manager, Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry



# WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Because of You!

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## Volunteering for the fun of it!

As a new member of the staff, I appreciate this opportunity to introduce myself to the members. My name is Marci Dalm, and I recently joined the Lakeshore Museum Center as the Volunteer and Event Coordinator. Over the past decade, while working from home and raising my children, I have been fortunate enough to become deeply involved in the North Muskegon community. What began as an occasion for social interaction – volunteering at my son's school - quickly became a full-time endeavor.



I have spent the past 12 years fundraising and coordinating volunteers and events for the North Muskegon Elementary School PTO, being a member of the PTO board, as well as sitting on various school committees. During that time, I was able to make many connections with local businesses, donors, vendors, and volunteers. Now, I am excited to utilize my years of experience to further the mission of the Lakeshore Museum Center.

While I am originally from Michigan, it wasn't until moving to Muskegon that I really felt I had found home and began to put down roots. My husband and I relocated here from Grand Rapids in 2011 with our 3 children and have come to love Muskegon County and all it has to offer. All of our children are involved in many activities, including middle school and high school sports, various clubs, and volunteering.

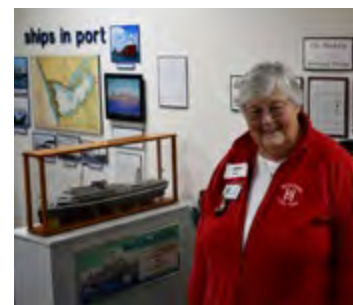
Most summer days we can be found outside, biking, swimming, or finding new places to explore. During the winter, while part of the family enjoys skiing, I can be found at home with a book, a puzzle, or a knitting project.

My children and I are also avid Harry Potter fans, we enjoy visits to Diagon Alley, movie marathons, and collecting memorabilia.



The last two months at LMC have been amazing. Every staff member has gone above and beyond to make me feel welcome and to teach me about the museum culture. From dissecting owl pellets to handling live leeches, I have learned so much already in my short time here.

A HUGE part of this great organization is our volunteers, and I wanted to just take a minute to say THANK YOU for all you do to make LMC what it is today. Our volunteers range in age from 10 to 95+ years old, have diverse backgrounds, interests, and skills. It takes each and every one to make our seven museums operational.



In 2022, our volunteers donated 5,919.99 hours of time! This is over 100 hours a week of partnering with community members to create successful programs, plan events, prepare activities, build new projects, and so much more. While I have not yet met all 200+ current volunteers, I am slowly getting to know some of them and look forward to meeting many more in the coming months.

If you are interested in volunteering, there are links to our volunteer application on our website, or you can email me at [marci@lakeshoremuseum.org](mailto:marci@lakeshoremuseum.org) for more information!

Marci Dalm, Volunteer & Event Coordinator

# MEMBERSHIP & GIFT STORES

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## Benefits of Being a Member

Introducing the 2023 Reciprocal Membership Calendar

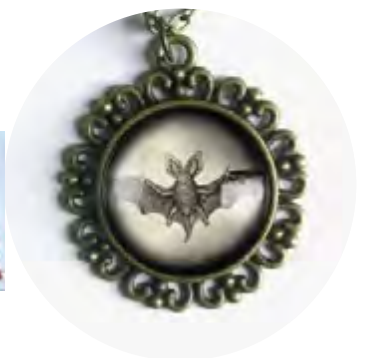


## Attack of the Bloodsucker... Merchandise?

Almost a year ago, when I first heard that we were going to have an exhibit about bloodsuckers, my brain had a small short-circuit. What in the world could I possibly find to be in the gift store? The answer could not be too creepy, too gross, or too scary.

After months of searching, I found myself surrounded by books, mugs, pens, accessories, stuffed animals, lollipops, bug catchers, and repellents... you name it, I found it! From books to help us learn more about these critters to candles and spray to keep them away from us, there is certainly something for everyone.

Graciela Alberino-Stidham, Guest Relations Manager





# PLAN YOUR VISIT

## Calendar/Upcoming Events

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### Spring Events

**KEY:** Muskegon Museum of History & Science Hackley & Hume Historic Site  
Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry

#### March 1

Mosquitos and  
Malaria - \$5 Out of County  
6:00pm

#### March 9

Play & Learn:  
Spring Session - FREE  
10:00am - 11:00am

#### March 10

Leeches: Old Medicine  
is New - \$5 Out of County  
6:00pm

#### March 14

Homeschool Day:  
Reading Month - FREE  
10:00am

#### March 18

True Crime  
\$12 for Members  
\$15 for Non-Members  
5:00pm - 6:45pm

#### March 23

Play & Learn:  
Spring Session - FREE  
10:00am - 11:00am

#### March 24

Friday Family Fun  
Night - Dairy Days - FREE  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

#### April 4 - 6

STEM Camp  
\$15 for Members  
\$20 for Non-Members  
9:00am - 12:00pm

#### April 7

Spring Break Open  
House - FREE  
11:00am

#### April 11

Homeschool Day:  
Planting - FREE  
10:00am

#### April 11

Lighthouses of Muskegon  
County Presentation at North  
Muskegon Library  
6:00pm

#### April 13

Play & Learn:  
Spring Session - FREE  
10:00am - 11:00am

#### April 13

Ticks!  
Presentation - \$5  
Out of County  
6:00pm

#### April 21

Friday Family Fun  
Night - Recycling - FREE  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

#### April 27

Play & Learn:  
Spring Session - FREE  
10:00am - 11:00am

#### May 1

Red Cross Blood Drive  
at the Museum  
10:00am - 4:00pm

#### May 1

Historic Sites Open  
for the Season

#### May 4

Open for the Season and  
FREE Community Day

#### May 5

After Dark Tours - \$  
9:00pm - 10:00pm

#### May 6

STEAM Along the  
Lakeshore

#### May 8

Name Game the Streets of  
Muskegon Presentation at  
Norton Shores Library  
6:00pm

#### May 11

Play & Learn:  
Spring Session - FREE  
10:00am - 11:00am

#### May 13

Play & Learn:  
Spring Session - FREE  
10:00am - 11:00am

#### May 13

Attack of the Bloodsuckers  
Final Day Open

#### May 14

Mother's Day - Free  
Tours to Muskegon  
County Mom's  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

#### May 16

Homeschool Day:  
Rocks - FREE  
10:00am

#### May 20

Muskegon History  
Bike Tour  
\$13 for Members  
\$15 for Non-Members  
10:00am - 11:30am

#### May 20

Hackley Day - Free  
Tours to Muskegon  
County Residents  
10:00pm - 4:00pm

#### May 25

Hackley Day Community  
Celebration - Free  
Tours to Muskegon  
County Residents  
4:00pm - 7:00pm

#### May 25

Play & Learn:  
Spring Session - FREE  
10:00am - 11:00am

#### May 26

Hackley Attic  
Escape Room - \$  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

#### May 29

Memorial Day - Closed

#### June 14

Community Day  
Arsenal of Democracy:  
Muskegon in WWII - FREE  
11:00am

#### June 15

Urban Renewal  
Exhibit Opening

#### June 17

Roaring 20s Tea Event  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

#### June 18

Father's Day - Free  
Tours to Muskegon  
County Dad's  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

*Come let our museums make you smile!*

## Muskegon Museum of History & Science

430 W. Clay Ave. Muskegon  
231.722.0278

## Hackley & Hume Historic Site

484 W. Webster Ave. Muskegon  
231.722.7578

## Fire Barn Museum

484 W. Webster Ave. Muskegon  
231.722.7578

## Scolnik House of the Depression Era

484 W. Webster Ave. Muskegon  
231.722.7578

## Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry


561 W. Western Ave. Muskegon  
231.722.1363

[www.lakeshoremuseum.org](http://www.lakeshoremuseum.org)



# LAKESHORE MUSEUM CENTER








# Golden Legacy

80 Years of Original Art  
from Golden Books

**February 16 - April 30**

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This exhibition was organized by the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, Abilene, Texas.



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New Book by **Douglas Carter Beane**  
Original Book by **Oscar Hammerstein II**  
Orchestrations by **Danny Troob** Music Adaptation & Arrangements by **David Chase**  
Additional Lyrics by **Douglas Carter Beane, David Chase and Bruce Pomahac**

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**Play & Learn Room**