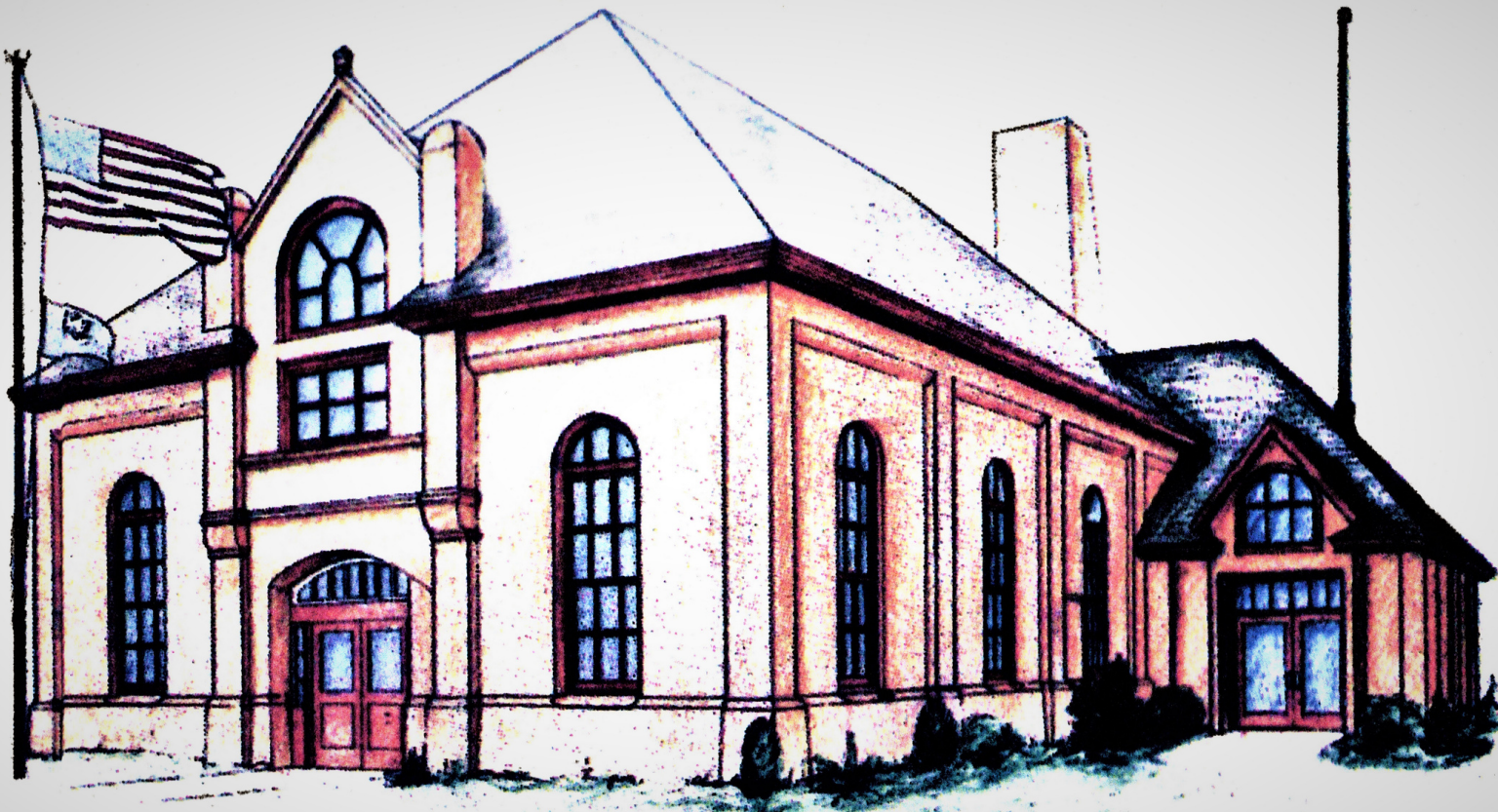


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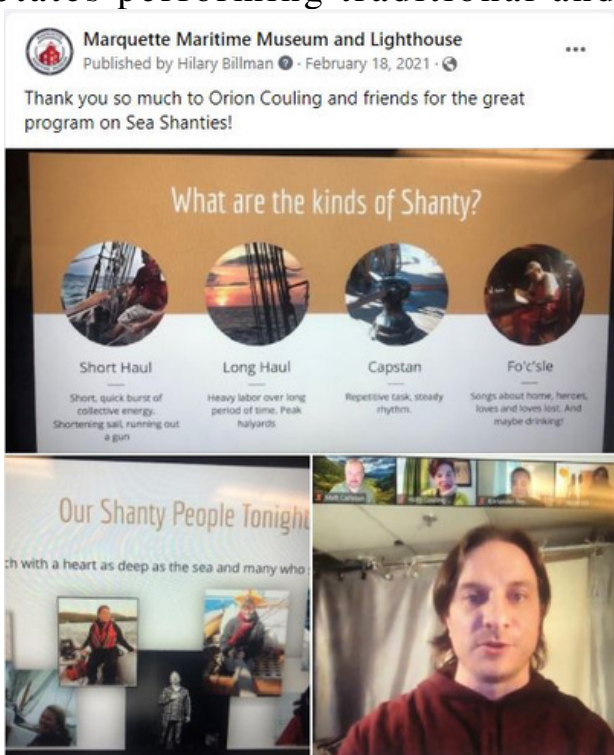
ANNUAL REPORT

2021



Dear Donors, Members, and Friends:

2021 was quite a year for the Marquette Maritime Museum. Our 2020/2021 Maritime History on Tap series (sponsored in part by grants from WE Energies, MCACA, and the NEA) that we usually host at the Ore Dock Brewing Company was virtual due to COVID-19. Dan Fountain presented "Wreck and Rescue: the Loss of the AA Parker" on January 26, 2021. On February 18, we hosted lifetime member Orion Couling's "Shanties and Sailor's Life with Orion Couling: A Benefit for Marquette Maritime Museum." This program featured Orion and friends from all over the United States performing traditional and modern sailing shanties.



**Orion Couling's benefit program, left,
and Staff/Volunteer training, right**

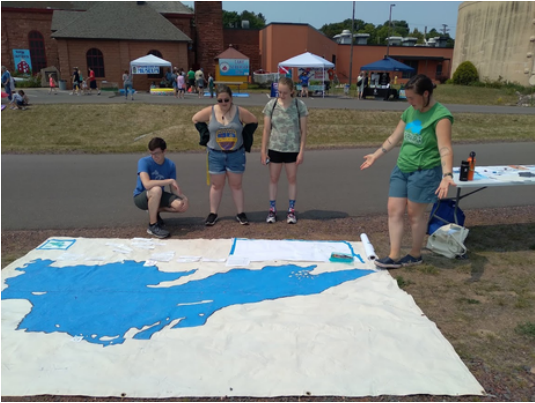
In April, the Museum hired a new assistant director and gift shop manager, Beth Stover. We trained our staff and volunteers in early May and opened for the season on May 11. Unfortunately, most of our usual free school field trips were cancelled. We did host a few outdoor field trips where we played lighthouse games and taught students about shipping on Lake Superior. Lighthouse volunteer and new board member Susan Hill, along with Trish Kautz of Yooper Paranormal, gave weekly Paranormal Lighthouse Tours as a fundraiser and every tour was sold out.



We offered three FREE outdoor art/history workshops in June and July (to a reduced number with strict safety guidelines) in collaboration with Carol Phillips and the Liberty Children's Art Project (LCAP). The first workshop was our Plein Aire Painting on June 21 as a part of the City of Marquette's Art Week. The artwork was displayed in the windows of the old Coast Guard Station. "Diorama! What's in the Big Lake?" was an underwater diorama sculpture box activity held on June 30 and "Creating Myths of Lake Superior" was a printmaking workshop held on July 26. Participants began each session learning about Maritime history and then they created art based on the history lesson.



Marquette Maritime Museum began our version of Lake Superior Day in 2019 to celebrate our great lake while learning how to preserve and maintain it for the enjoyment of future generations. Our 2020 celebration was cancelled due to COVID but in 2021, with the help of NMU intern Naomi Hendrickson, Lake Superior Day took place on Sunday, July 18, with thirteen booths for families to learn about the history, conservation, ecology, and regional importance of Lake Superior.



The staff and volunteers, along with the Marquette Coast Guard, NMU's Veteran Services, and NMU's ROTC were very excited to offer our Ghosts of Lighthouse Point Fundraiser in October 2021 after having to cancel in 2020. This year we extended the event to three days, and made almost \$4,000 along with collecting several boxes of canned good we donated to the NMU Food Bank.



The Museum Staff and Board of Directors were able to complete quite a few building/maintenance projects in and around the Museum. Board member Elizabeth Yelland painted our mission statement in the lobby and she and Carolyn Northey updated the paint in our Lyle Gun exhibit. Scott Porter and Dave Northey began working on the Stannard Rock Boathouse (located behind the old Coast Guard Station) that we plan to open with a recreational boating exhibit in 2022. We also began with plans to open the Lighthouse tower for tours and hope to have it ready to go when we open for the 2022 season in May.

In July 2021 we were very excited to learn that the Maritime Museum was chosen for the Beth Millner Jewelry's Fundraiser. The beautiful Stannard Rock Pendant went on sale in November at Beth Millner Jewelry. The Museum receives \$50 for every pendant sold.

Although we are still adapting to COVID regulations and making sure staff, volunteers, and guests all feel safe, we had a good year. We continue to increase our social media presence and develop a new fundraising events, such as the weekly Paranormal Lighthouse Tours. What is most important to us, however, is the outcome of participants learning and appreciating maritime history. We strive for our Museum guests to have a safe and enjoyable learning experience.



Lyle Gun Exhibit



Lyle Gun Exhibit Update 2021



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The Marquette Maritime Museum's 2019 season had caps of 25 guests on lighthouse tours. During the 2020 season, we capped lighthouse tours to 10 for safety and decided in 2021 to keep tours at 15 maximum for safety and quality (as the lighthouse rooms are small). Overall ticket sales were \$63,760 for 2021, \$36,922 for 2020, and \$49,396 for 2019.

2021 season visitation was 8,560 visitors (compared to 5,023 in 2020) at the Museum and Lighthouse and another 1,164 at our Special Programs. We had visitors from every state, which has not happened in quite a few years. International visitors were down significantly.





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