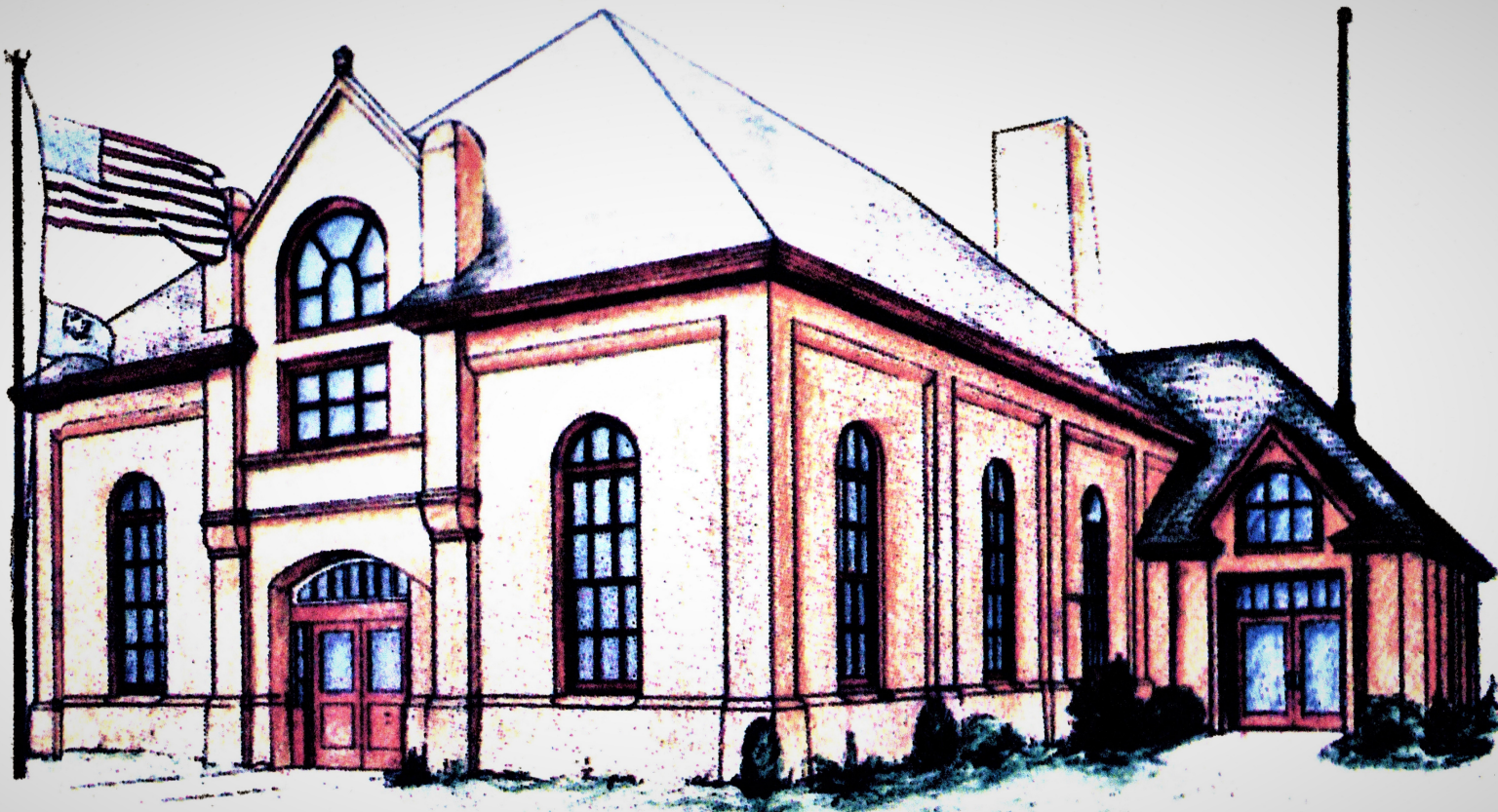


# MARQUETTE MARITIME MUSEUM



ANNUAL REPORT

# 2022



Dear Donors, Members, and Friends:

2022 was a successful season for the Marquette Maritime Museum. The following are just a few of our accomplishments. Our 2021/2022 Maritime History on Tap series (sponsored in part by grants from WE Energies, MACC, and the NEA) ended in April 2022 with a full house for our Yooper Paranormal Lighthouse program. Other presentations included Dan Fountain's "Marquette Shipwrecks" in January and Jack Deo and Jim Koski's "What's Up Dock? A History of Marquette Harbors" in February.

The 2022 season opened in May with Field Trips! We missed our school groups these past couple of years. We hosted 629 children and 90 adults. Through a grant from the Marquette Community Foundation, we added an in-school option for field trips where volunteer and retired educator Greg Sandell visits classrooms to talk about the history of the Marquette Coast Guard.



**Greg Sandell in a Gwinn classroom, left, and Board member Susan Hill, right, on a Lighthouse Tour (note the tower light flashing)**



We offered three FREE outdoor art/history workshops in collaboration with Carol Phillips and the Liberty Children's Art Project (LCAP). The first workshop was Plein Aire Painting as a part of the City of Marquette's Art Week.

The Michigan Arts and Culture Council board and staff visited Marquette for a meeting in July and we provided them with a museum/lighthouse tour.



**Art/History  
Workshops,  
above, and MCAA  
Lighthouse Tour,  
right**



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 we were back on in 2021. The 2022 festivities brought fifteen booths for families to learn about the history, conservation, ecology, and regional importance of Lake Superior.



**Sea Lamprey demonstration, left, and Children's Museum, right**



The 2022 Michigan Lighthouse Festival was hosted by the museum in August. Some participants toured Granite Island Lighthouse. For three nights in October, staff and volunteers along with the Marquette Coast Guard and NMU's Veteran Services performed in our annual Ghosts of Lighthouse Point Fundraiser. This year we raised just over \$4,000 and collected several boxes of canned goods for the NMU Food Bank.



**Granite Island, August**



**Ghosts of Lighthouse Point, October**






The Museum Staff and Board of Directors completed several building/maintenance projects in and around the Museum and Lighthouse. Through the city of Marquette Lighthouse Fund, we hired Scott Alan to paint the lighthouse lantern room. The 2023 lighthouse tours will now include a trip up the stairs to the lantern room (optional). We also installed two much-needed interpretive Lighthouse signs at the bottom of the lighthouse steps--one for the Marquette Harbor Lighthouse and one, with Superior Watershed Partnership, for Stannard Rock Lighthouse.

The biggest change to the Museum is quite obvious and we are so proud! Board member Scott Porter worked with director Hilary Billman to chose new window designs. Cook Sign Services printed and board members installed the beautiful artwork now displayed in the Museum's windows. We love the results. The next step in the project is interpretive signs. Stay tuned . . . .



## Marquette Harbor Lighthouse







Marquette was the premier iron port on Lake Superior and a reliable light was important for safety and for the national economy. In 1855, a stone tower outfitted with seven 14-inch Lewis lamps and a small detached 24 by 30 dwelling was completed but the structure deteriorated quickly. Congress authorized a new light for Marquette Harbor in 1865, appropriated for \$13,000 and completed in 1866. The new light was a story and a half "schoolhouse" design identical to many on the Great Lakes and built of hardened "Cream City" brick.

The 38-foot, 9-inch tower was attached to the building, eliminating the need for the keeper to go outside to service the lamp. Its 4th order Fresnel lens had a focal plane 77 feet above the lake and a range of 16 miles. Illumination was provided first by an oil lantern and later an incandescent oil vapor (IOV) lamp. In 1908 the lens was electrified via power from the Marquette City Electric Plant. The current light is a fixed, varied by flash, 300mm acrylic beacon.

A wood fog signal building was built at the tip of Lighthouse Point in 1873 and replaced in 1911 with a brick structure. In 1983, the Coast Guard destroyed the fog signal building with dynamite, accounting for the pieces of brick scattered around the Point. A second story was added to the lighthouse in 1910 for assistant keeper quarters. The large concrete footings are the remains of 1928 era radio towers.

Major renovations in 1965 included painting the lighthouse red, a new roof and windows, a complete remodeling of the two dwellings, and the construction of an inside stairwell. Coast Guard personnel lived in the lighthouse until 1996. The Marquette Harbor Lighthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



**Window Art**

**Lighthouse Interpretive Sign**



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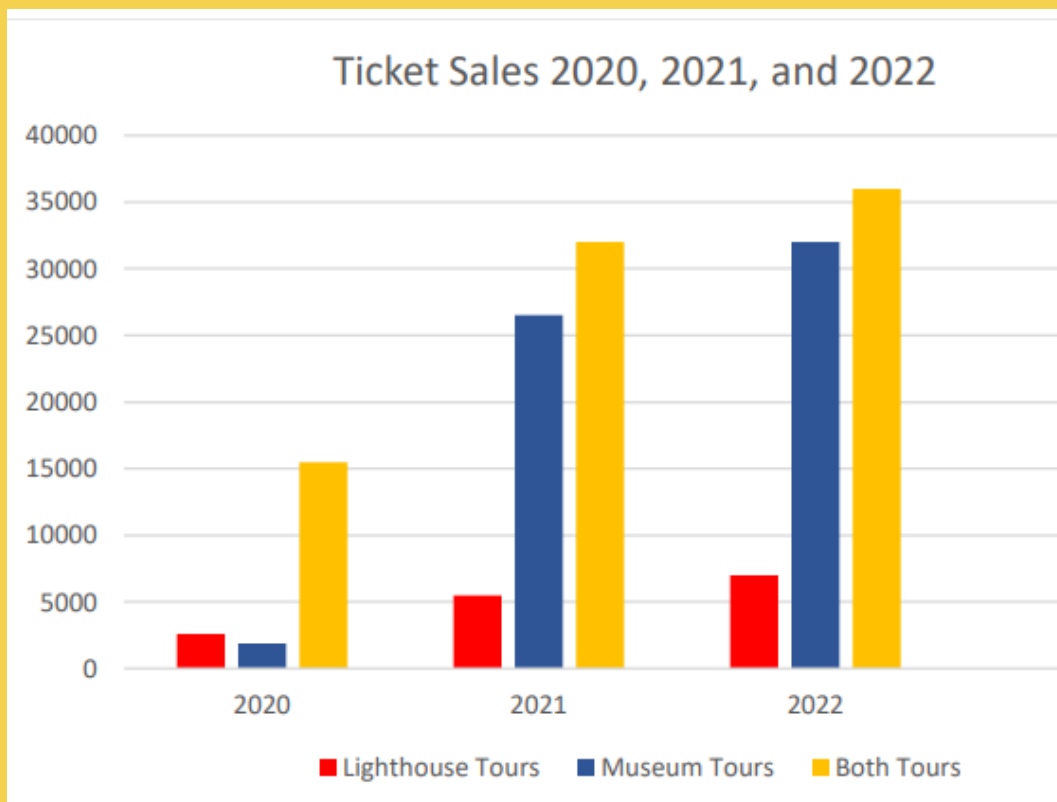


2022 DONATIONS  
\$9,408

# TICKETS SALES AND VISITATION

Lighthouse tours were capped to 10 guests per tour in 2020 for COVID safety. In 2021, we decided to keep tours at 15 maximum for both safety and quality (as the lighthouse rooms are small). Through an agreement with the City of Marquette, half of Lighthouse ticket sale revenue is paid to the city for rent, and the money goes into a city account for future Lighthouse restoration.

Overall ticket sales were \$74,122 for 2022, \$63,760 for 2021, and \$36,922 for 2020. 2022 season visitation was 8,336 visitors with an additional 719 for field trips; 2021 season was 8,560, and 2020 was 5,023. 2022 Special Programs and Fundraisers hosted an additional 1039. We had visitors from every state and international visitors were up significantly.



## The Beth Millner pendant fundraiser brought in \$1,350!



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The family of Art and Mary Carlson donated a collection of prints by maritime artist and author Jim Clary in September. The collection includes unframed lithograph prints, framed prints, and framed artist proofs and remarqued prints. The collection was given to Art Carlson throughout his 15-year friendship with Clary, while a few were purchased by Art and Mary Carlson. The Museum will display part of the collection in 2023.



**Fred Stonehouse,  
Maritime History on Tap,  
December**



**Fieldtrip in the  
Darter/Dace Annex,  
May**





# Membership 2022

\$3700 Total

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Jeffrey Gagnon

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Thom Skelding

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

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Individual Lifetime \$250

Family Lifetime \$500

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