



*Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum
Dedicated to Keeping History Alive in the
Cable/Namakagon Area!*

Summer2019

PREZ SEZ by Kathy Lang

This will be my final message as the President of the Board of Directors for the Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum. I have had the opportunity to work with some wonderful and talented people over the last several years, but due to declining health, time and energy, I am stepping down. In reading through this newsletter, please note all the wonderful events that we are putting on as a museum. A great deal of effort goes into making these events happen.

Our Annual Meeting is quickly approaching and we ask that if you get this newsletter by mail, to return the card approving the slated Board of Directors and the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes. If receiving this letter by email, respond by emailing us with your approval of both items at info@cablehistorymuseum.com. A non response will be considered as a vote of approval.

Again, exciting things continue to happen at this "Little Museum with Big History". Stop in to tour the museum, and take in our many and varied exhibits. There are always changes going on. This Museum has a strong Board that will continue its mission of keeping the Cable/Namakagon history alive and well. As I turn over the reins, it is in very good and capable hands. I will greatly miss working with everyone and being able to share our rich history.

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

It was with great sadness and a heavy heart that the Board accepted the resignation of our current President, Kathy Lang at our recent July meeting. Kathy has provided wonderful leadership these past 4 years, deftly chairing our meetings, keeping us on track for attaining our goals, offering workable ideas and suggestions, and being a truly hard worker. She has been a true inspiration to us all and will be greatly missed.

Museum Board of Directors



MEANDERING AROUND THE NAMEKAGON RIVER **A SELF GUIDED TOUR**

Coming west on Hwy M, turn south on to Hwy 63 and drive about 1 ½ miles and turn right on Namakagon River Road. The Town of Cable has actually misspelled the road name. The river is spelled Namekagon and the Lake and Town are spelled Namakagon. How this happened is another story.

This section of road is built over the first primitive tote road in the county named the New Richmond to Ashland Road. Prior to the road, it would have been a Native American walking trail. Eldon Marple mentions this road in his vignette, "Tote Trails to the Timber." This road was built in the mid 1870s and lost it's importance when the railroad arrived in Cable in 1880.

About a city block down this road you will come to a 90 degree corner. Look to the right. What looks like an old tote road is an old railroad grade. This logging railroad and it's tracks were owned by the Rust-Owen Company of Drummond and were used to haul logs on contract from the Big Brook Lake area to a mill on the east side of the river. Continuing on, you will next cross over Big Brook Creek.

Next you will notice a pull-off on the right. It is here that Big Brook enters the river. At this point tracks were laid down on the riverbed across the river and continued on the east side of the river to a sawmill near Leonard School road.

Continue on. If you want a walking tour, park on the side of the Namekagon River Road just short of the stop sign on Leonard School Road. Start walking!

Almost directly across Leonard School Road you would have seen a small store owned by Chester Laudenschlager with a sign above the door, Squaw Bend Store.

When Hwy 63 was built on the east side of the river at Leonard School Road, a much larger building was built for Chester's store and included a bar, dancehall, and gas pumps. This store he named the Wigwam.

Walk along Leonard School Road to the west on the south side of the road. About 100 paces along, you will see an opening into the woods. Enter the woods and you will be standing on the spot of Leonard School house. This was one of the rural grade schools of the Cable School District.

Walk further in on this trail and you will see that it is on an old tote road. This road was called Log Drop Road. Logs would have been stacked along the road and rolled into the river during the log drive.

When you have walked about a block, you will notice that the trail starts to descend. Stop here. If you look down on the river you will see that it is flowing away from you. In a few hundred yards, it will make a 90 degree turn to the south. This turn in the river is called Squaw Bend.

This bend in the river was so abrupt that it created a whirlpool. A severe storm in July 2016 created a flow of water so forceful that it scoured out this bend in the river and the whirlpool is gone.

The basis for the Legend of Squaw Bend is that a young Native American woman camped in the woods at this location with her young son, waiting for her husband to return from war. She somehow got caught up in the whirlpool and drowned. A sad story.

Well that's it for now. Hope you enjoyed your tour!



SCHOOL CLASSROOM VISITS



As the school bus arrives with about 50 second graders from Hayward, we are ready to greet them and take them back in history with items, stories, games and crafts.

Second graders are very interested in items such as the telephone, typewriter, sewing machine, phonograph, old style man's swimsuit and parasol to name a few. They also like the stories about bath time, our school burning and Dr. Kate (was she a witch??) They enjoy playing games of long ago, and weaving a bowl in the Native American tradition that they get to take home.

This year, this happened on May 30th and June 5th. It takes several volunteers to accomplish this goal, with some at the Trinity Lutheran Chapel for crafts & games and some at the museum for our history. A big thank you goes to all who helped these two days. We feel it is an important mission to educate our children on the history of our area. These classroom days are held in cooperation with the Cable Natural History Museum.



Thank you to all our members for your continued support. We wouldn't be here without you! As indicated in previous newsletters, **our yearly memberships run from July 1 through June 30.** **If you are an individual, family or business yearly member, it is your time to renew.** You can utilize the form on the backside of the last page and return by mail. We surely hope you will renew! For those not up for renewal, we certainly welcome any donations.☺ We are an all volunteer organization and depend on your support through memberships and donations.



ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 17 at the Museum. We begin with coffee and sweets at 9:30AM. The meeting begins at 10:00AM and typically lasts about an hour. We encourage all our members to attend as it is a chance to learn firsthand about our activities and offer suggestions **This year we hope to have a special speaker, Toby Griggs** who will talk about the Griggs family Forest Lodge Estate on Lake Namakagon where he spent many summers when he was growing up.

As indicated in the "Prez Sez", it is at the Annual meeting that we elect the Board of Directors and approve the minutes of the last year's meeting. Please note we are adding two additional Board Members. **If you are unable to attend, please do the following:**

1. Email your response "yes" or "no" to the 2018 minutes and slate of Directors listed on the last page to info@cablehistorymuseum.com. **OR**
2. Provide the requested information on the postcard included with the newsletter sent by regular mail and return to us.

Please return your choices by August 14

You can view the minutes at our website at: www.cablehistorymuseum.com/memberships-newsletters.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019
1:00 – 4:00 PM

Join us again at the Museum for our Annual Ice Cream Social. As in the past, this fun event will include

- Root Beer Floats
- Sundaes with homemade chocolate & strawberry sauces
- Ice cream cones
- 50/50 raffle
- Antique/Vintage Silent Auction
- Music by Simple Gift

The event is under tents, so it happens rain or shine. Come and enjoy an afternoon of eating ice cream, visiting with neighbors & friends, listening to music and taking in the museum exhibits.

If you happen to have any antique or vintage items you would like to donate for the silent auction, please contact Karen Gran at kgran@hotmail.com or Carol Elliker at rcelli@cheqnet.net. Or drop it off at the museum Tues-Fri. 11AM-3PM and Sat. 10AM-1PM.

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Vintage Cycle Tour
Friday, August 24, 2019

Last year we held our first Vintage Cycle Walking Tour and because it was well attended and appreciated, we are repeating it again this year. Bay City Cycles of Ashland, Wisconsin will showcase at least 20 vintage cycles, many different from last year. These will be displayed at various businesses throughout downtown Cable. Participants can chose to walk or ride to each site and view these unique cycles. Those who complete the entire tour will be eligible for prize drawings at the end of the event. **New this year**, the tour will begin and end at the new Portage Park (site of the former Corner Bar). A tent will be up and amenities available. **Further details on this event will be posted on the Museum’s facebook page (Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum) or on our website cablehistorymuseum.com.**

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Some of our members are receiving this newsletter by email. If you would like to join them and receive our newsletters and announcements by email, just let us know by contacting us at info@cablehistorymuseum.com. We’ll be happy to put you on our email list. And do not worry....as indicated in the previous newsletter, WE WILL NOT SHARE ANY EMAIL ADDRESSES.

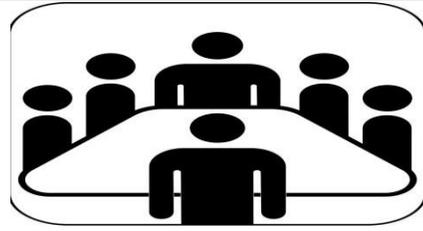


As you know, we are a completely volunteer organization. Thanks to the following individuals listed below who have helped us out with docent duty, creating exhibits, organizing, cleaning and all the other activities that make our museum run smoothly.

Jean Baxter	Tom Rondeau
Gary Crandall	Carol Sheehan
Mary D'Andrea	Tish Stewart
Julie Frierhood	Kathy Uffenbeck
Ron Gran	John Uffenbeck
Jim Kane	Renee Young

We thank our wonderful friends and neighbors at Cable Lumber who are always willing to lend a hand when needed. If we have forgotten someone, let us know so that they too can be recognized!

If you are interested in becoming a docent or helping in any other way, just call Carol Elliker at 715-798-3706. We would love to have you join our team.



Current Board Members

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- Mike Wells

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Memberships or renewed or paid by July 1 will
expire June 30 and following year.

Mail to P.O. Box 44, Cable, WI 54821

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*Please select your membership level:

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 Donation _____

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our History alive**

Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum

*Come visit us to take a step back
in time and explore the area's
rich and exciting history*

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Memorial Day through Labor Day

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 11 am - 3 pm

Saturday 10 am - 1 pm

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