

Group Gathers Regularly To Learn About Antiques at Les Cheneaux



Members of the Islands Antiques group (from left) Roger Dodds of Pickford, Dave Dunning of Cedarville, Virginia Wisner of Cedarville, Al and Joan Stretke of Sault Ste. Marie, Sue Sherlund of Cedarville, Jane Kologe of Cedarville, Annegret Goehring of Hessel, Amy Kohlmann of Cedarville, and Nadine Cain of Cedarville tour Dave Dunning's Cedarville home March 20. (Photographs courtesy of Nadine Cain)

A new group, Islands Antiques, meeting in Cedarville since January, toured the Cedarville lodge of member Dave Dunning March 20. The lodge overlooks McKay Bay and is a reconstruction of a timber frame structure that was built in the early 1940s, but includes portions of an old stone cabin from the 1920s. The building's architecture is primarily Arts and Crafts, and much of the materials are native wood and stone. Authentic old methods were used in the reconstruction, such as

hewing timbers with adzes, and using oak-pegged timbers and ammonia fumed oak.

Furnishings include a grandfather clock made around 1905, which was one of two built for a Masonic lodge in Alliance Ohio. Mr. Dunning has pieces of antique Roseville "Mostique" pottery and Silvercrest silver-on-bronze metal ware he has collected over the years.

He also has an antique and foot-powered tool collection, including a W.F. and John Barnes

1896 metal lathe and table saw, along with a large collection of antique hand tools.

A previous owner of the lodge was Judge James M. Teahen of Traverse City, who bought it in 1957 from the Hamel family.

Islands Antiques is a casual group of antique collectors and history buffs who meet every other Thursday, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Les Cheneaux Community Library in Cedarville. Future meeting dates are May 1, May 15, and May 29.

Panel Makes Math Learning Recommendations

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dialogue sparked by the council, and makes some similar recommendations.

NCTM Executive Director James Rubillo says he hopes "states and districts come a little bit closer together [in their mathematics standards]. One of the great concerns I have is student mobility: Students move ... and encounter an entirely different

order of topics."

Florida offers a glimpse of what it takes to steer in this new direction. The Sunshine State just happened to be revising 10-year-old mathematics standards when NCTM's focal-points report came out, and it took the recommendations to heart. Officials also looked at high-performing states and foreign countries, including Massachusetts, Singapore, and

Finland.

Florida's standards "weren't clear and concise enough to guide instruction," says Mary Jane Tappen, head of the state Office of Math and Science. For example, K-8 teachers used to have to cover some 83 mathematics expectations a year. Now they can focus on an average 18.5 benchmarks.

"That requires an incredible change in instruction ... so that each of these concepts can be taught in greater depth," she says.

Students' lack of understanding of fractions is particularly vexing to mathematics teachers nationwide. In Florida, that's one subject that middle school teachers are being trained to teach better. Principals and teachers at all grade levels in the state will undergo training in coming months; new courses will be in place this fall. New assessments will take several years to finalize.

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Quilt Contest Deadline April 30

Quilts are now being accepted for a quilt contest to promote the statewide literacy program, the Great Michigan Read: Earnest Hemingway's Nick Adams Stories. Bayliss Public Library is participating in The Great Michigan Read and is co-sponsoring the quilt contest, along with Keeping the Piece Quilt Guild, Friends of Bayliss Library, and the Chippewa County Historical Society.

The quilt contest's theme is "Up North - Sense of Place," and deadline for submission is Wednesday,

April 30. Quilts will be displayed at Bayliss Library in May, and an open house is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., when prizes will be awarded. Judges for the contest will be Lola Jarman and Judi Walsh, both experienced quilters. More information on the contest and submission requirements can be obtained by contacting Susan James at (906) 632-9331, Susan Askwith at (906) 632-7422, or Nancy Steinhaus at (906) 635-0782.

Nathan Smith of Cedarville Earns Promotion

Seaman Apprentice E-2 Nathan M. Smith of Cedarville, a member of the Seabees 20th Readiness Group at Gulfport, Mississippi, was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class E-4 in March. He entered the U.S. Navy in May 2007, one year after graduation from Cedarville High School, and completed basic training at the Great Lakes Recruit Training Center near Chicago. He then attended school at Port Huememe, California, and was graduated at

the top of his class. In October, he was transferred to Gulfport as a construction mechanic apprentice.

Seaman Apprentice Smith is the son of Randy McDonald and Nina McDonald of Cedarville. His brother, Dylan, and grandparents Donna Smith and Bill and Yvonne McDonald also reside in Cedarville.

At right: Nathan Smith recently was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class. (Photograph courtesy of Yvonne McDonald)



Suggestions for Waterfront Preservation at Mackinaw City

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"I would not be surprised to see planning come to you and mention that you could start to think about less expensive property, something even outside the village limits, that might be annexed someday," he added.

Ideas of the sort would distract the government from protecting the key area Mackinaw City needs to acquire to ensure the long-term prosperity of the village, Mr. Wallin said.

"We all know that this area to the east of Nicolet Street is primarily where the business area in Mackinaw City is," he said.

People walk from the main hotel area in this direction. Protecting waterfront property there is critical for residents and businesses, he suggested.

"I have seen a lot of opportunities lost [for the village] to acquire parcels" on the North Huron corridor, said Bill Bertchinger, director of the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau, speaking as a business owner and a resident of 23 years. "You have a bunch of situations on that north corridor right now where there are older residents living there with kids that do not want the property."

Looking long term, the village could acquire the property by offering life leases on such properties, he suggested.

"If you talked to property owners and said, 'You could live here tax and mortgage free for the rest of your life, and this property would [later] go to the Village of Mackinaw City,' I think you would get some takers. I really do," Mr. Bertchinger said.

Eventually, the property would be in public hands and the view would be protected, he added.

Mr. Bertchinger suggested concentrating on homes adjacent to existing village parks. Adding 50 to 100 feet to parks would help create a tremendous view, he said.

Removing even one house on the curve by the Mackinac Bridge would open up a view that would be phenomenal, and walking traffic is tremendous in the area, he added.

Creating more open waterfront in the area would certainly create nice walks for residents and tourists, Mr. Wallin said.

Despite differences in the village's approach to acquiring

waterfront, members of the council, planning commission, and the public agreed that studies paid for by the village have identified waterfront acquisition and the maintenance of an open view as top desires and concerns of village residents.

Council member James Alford noted his concern that business, rather than residential, taxes are likely to fund property purchases, however, he added, "If we are not going to abide by what people ask for, then we are wasting a great deal of money having [public]

meetings [and] asking people to come to them and share their ideas."

"For the last several months, the issue of waterfront property and viewshed has been a very prominent discussion with the council, and nothing has been accomplished," said resident Joan Leal. "The budget committee, the city manager, and the council as a whole seem very reluctant to put in a line item [into the budget] to start funds for this purpose," she added, speaking in favor of Mr. Wallin's ad hoc committee.



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Springsteen Joins Language Society

Katie Springsteen of Moran was initiated into Alpha Mu Gamma, the national foreign language honorary, during ceremonies Sunday, April 20, at Saginaw Valley State University.

She is the daughter of Mike and Betty Springsteen.



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