

Boat Show Guest of Honor Annegret Goehring Recognized for Work in Community

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Soft spoken, the German-born Mrs. Goehring uses the word "we" when talking about the festival, her museum work, and her art. Considered by others one of the integral founders of the event, Mrs. Goehring prefers to talk about the work over the years in terms of others' contributions. She points out she is a member of a festival committee, one of many volunteers, and was an artistic partner with her late husband, Gordon.

The festival began at the boat docks in Hessel, she recalls, with about 12 local artists who sought a way to market their art. The water, and the view of the Islands with boats sailing past, added to the ambiance of the show, she said, and created a perfect setting to draw people to that first Festival of Arts, to buy art, and mingle with friends and visitors.

"The setting and atmosphere was so nice," she said, "we just never worried about people not coming."

Mrs. Goehring's husband was a potter who usually had a spot in the show. She often decorated some of the pieces with graphic designs. The festival, she remembers, was always a success.

"Before we knew it," she said, "we had sold the work we had."

Each year, her husband would make trivets to sell and she would decorate them. She received her art training in Kiel, Germany, where she studied design and bookbinding at an art and trade school. The design she crafted for the trivets would change annually

and soon the pottery pieces became collector's items. Her designs would have something to do with the show, she said, depicting a boat, or a flower. The trivets and other pieces of pottery her husband created were made with local clay. The couple found an old glacial lake bed, where they would clear away the topsoil and collect the clay hidden beneath.

Today, she practices the art of scissor cutting. Called "scherenschnitt," it is a centuries-old European art of cutting paper images or silhouettes that are presented on white or colored paper.

Through the years, Mrs. Goehring has volunteered countless hours to help plan and organize the festival and she has served on the committee that chooses the artists who exhibit at the show. The show draws artisans from other communities and a local committee reviews applications to determine who meets the criteria to exhibit their artwork.

"We expect the work to be original," she said, "and up to a certain standard. We're trying to make people realize that this is a fine art event."

Artists seeking a booth in the show must supply three slides of the art and a slide of the proposed booth. Space allows the committee to select about 70 artists.

The Festival of Arts, said Mrs. Goehring, also recognizes the craftsmanship and originality of an artist at the show each year. The award is given in memory of Darcy Danz, a local jewelry designer who died of breast cancer a few years ago.

Mrs. Danz was an important supporter of the festival, the boat show, and the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum.

"The Festival of Arts is a large part of the boat show," said Barb Smith, this year's chair of the event.

"Our boat show committee wanted to honor Annegret as the guest of honor of the 2008 boat show because of her dedicated efforts on the Festival of Arts committee for over 33 years," said Mrs. Smith. "Annegret has worked tirelessly over the years to ensure the success of the Festival of Arts. Annegret has volunteered her energy and time for many years and the committee felt it appropriate to recognize her accomplishments. In addition to her many accomplishments as curator of the Historical Association and her many years of service to the community, Annegret always found time to get her committee of jurors

together to bring quality artists to the show."

After 20 years of service, Mrs. Goehring retired as curator of the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum in January. For more than 30 years, she has been involved with the Historical Association as both curator and volunteer. A community open house was held in Mrs. Goehring's honor in July to recognize her work with the historical museum and association, and for her years of serving the community as a volunteer.

This year, she continues her work for the Festival of Arts, both as a volunteer and as an exhibitor. At the Festival of Arts, she will be found sharing a booth with her daughter, Carolena Saunders of Virginia, who makes jewelry.

At right: Annegret Goehring at a reception in her honor at the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum Sunday, July 27.



Preparing Annual Hessel Boat Show Is Volunteer Effort

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Before the day is over, more than 7,000 visitors will walk the docks, viewing more than 100 polished wooden vessels and will stroll the grounds appreciating the work of 70 artists selling pottery, paintings, photographs, jewelry, sculpture, textiles, glass, wood carvings, and wooden furniture.

Volunteer work began last September, when the 2007 show was reviewed. Then, discussion focused on what could be done better in 2008. In January, committees are organized and by April meetings began with 20 committee heads. The committee leaders guide a number of volunteer groups responsible for handling boat launching and docking, and traffic flow of visitors.

On site work for the boat show begins a week before the event as the ground crew begins setting up tents and placing fencing. Two days before the show, a team of volunteers places signs to help guide visitors. As the show gets underway,

volunteers who man the three gates take prominence.

After the show, the tear down crew clears the area, and is usually finished by about 8:30 p.m.

Volunteers are easily spotted throughout the show, wearing bright blue T-shirts labeled "crew."

Three boats are featured at this year's show, *Lady A*, *Lenore V*, and *Music*.

Lady A, last year's winner of both Best of Show and People's Choice, is an owner's launch. Now owned by Chuck Andrews, the boat was used to transport its early owner between an anchored yacht and the shore. Orchard Lake and Glen Lake serve as the vessel's home ports.

The 1948, Chris Craft double-cabin flybridge cruiser *Lenore V* has been under restoration work by the crew at E.J. Mertaugh Boatworks in Hessel since 2000. The vessel is owned by Andy McMillan, a fifth-generation Marquette Island cottager.

Music is a three-month-old custom-designed Grand Craft sport cruiser that captures the best features of classic wooden boats. The 34-foot vessel is owned by Coryell Island summer residents Julie and Howard Veneklasen.

Spectators will be able to cast a ballot for their favorite boat of the more than 100 registered for the show by entering the Jim Bohn People's Choice Award. A ballot is

inserted inside each boat show program and must be submitted by 2 p.m.

The boat show begins with the Law-White Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7958 raising the American flag, and Katie Bowlby will sing the National Anthem. Music will play throughout the day, featuring performances by the Sault Swing Band and Barbara Taylor.

One of the founders of the Festival of Arts, Annegret Goehring, is the show's guest of honor. The art festival began in 1975, two years before the boat show began. Mrs. Goehring is being recognized for her contribution to

the community as her early efforts have helped to draw hundreds of visitors to the area each summer.

The awards ceremony begins at 4 p.m. with 40 awards handed out for top boats, many chosen by 10 secret judges.

Following the ceremony, the boats are released one at a time and many parade in a circle before heading to their home docks.

Admission to the 31st Annual Les Cheneaux Island Antique Wooden Boat Show and Festival of Arts at the Hessel marina is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 12 to 18. Children younger than 12 will be admitted free.

Great Start To Host Family Fun Night

A children's carnival will take place Thursday, August 7, from 5:50 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Head Start Building in Sault Ste. Marie. This event is free and open to the public.

Dinner and free books for children will be provided. Participating agencies that will be at the carnival to provide information are the

Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District, Family Support Network of Michigan, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Child Advocacy Services, Sault Tribe Mental Health and Social Services, Diane Pepler Resource Center, area child care providers, and Sault Tribe Childcare Development Services.

Northland Players Plan Play Auditions

The Northland Players will have auditions for the November production of "Moon Over Buffalo" Monday, August 11, and Tuesday, August 12, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Northland Players

Theater Center at 229 Backus Street in Cheboygan.

Those unable to attend are asked to call Director Sharon Gulau at (231) 238-7018.

Hope Chest Not Taking Building Materials Now

The Hope Chest Resale Store in St. Ignace is no longer accepting donations of building supplies such as doors, windows, and toilets. The Hope Chest will take like-new mattresses. Owing to the volume of items donated, only items in good condition will be accepted. Building supplies can be brought to any Habitat for Humanity Resale Store.

'Back to School' Event Is Aug. 26

Great Start will host "Back to School" activities Tuesday, August 26, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Ignace Elementary School playground. This event is designed to help children prepare for kindergarten. For more information, contact Laurie at (906) 298-2223.

Artist of the Week

at the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum in Cedarville

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH
Noon to 3 p.m.
Randy Dunn
Metals

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH
Noon to 3 p.m.
Brent Heerspink and Julie Porter
Pottery

Sponsored in part by a grant from Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

St. Ignace SUMMER DAZE

| Thursday, August 7th | Saturday, August 9th |
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| <p>3 on 3 Basketball Tournament</p> <p>at Little Bear Basketball Courts, 5:00 p.m. start time ~ \$25.00 per team Boys & Girls Divisions 9-11 and 12-14 Individual Medals for 1st-2nd Place Pre-register at Little Bear East</p> | <p>St. Ignace Summer Daze 5K</p> <p>Starting Location: Little Bear East, 8 a.m. \$10.00 without a shirt ~ \$20.00 with a shirt Medals For All Divisions Pre-register at Little Bear East</p> |
| <p>Friday, August 8th</p> <p>Junior Baseball Tourney</p> <p>Ages 9-11 ~ \$50.00 per team Noon Start Time High School Fields Individual Medals for 1st-2nd Place Pre-register at Little Bear East</p> | <p>Youth Track & Field Events</p> <p>High School Track ~ \$3.00 Medals Awarded • Start Time 3 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Water Races</p> <p>at the St. Ignace Pool, 1 p.m. Free to All Ages • Medals Awarded <i>Underwater races, relay races, and treasure hunts, also timed underwater retrieval for strong swimmers.</i></p> <p>Men's Softball Tourney</p> <p>Noon Start Time, High School Fields 2 Game Minimum ~ \$50.00 per team Trophies to 1st & 2nd Place Teams Sign Up at Little Bear East</p> |
| <p>For more information about St. Ignace Summer Daze, call the St. Ignace Recreation Department (906) 643-8676</p> | |

7th Annual Slammin Salmon Derby

SATURDAY, AUG. 16

6:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Hessel Harbor
Hessel, MI

\$3,500 in Prize Money

Call Pat or Carrie Carr at 906-484-2425
For Complete Rules and Information.

16th Annual

Gathering of the Eagles

HESSEL POW-WOW

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
August 15th, 16th & 17th

Corner of 3 Mile Road & Old St. Ignace Road

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| FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
| 5 p.m. | 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. | Noon |
| Spiritual Gathering Followed by Pot Luck Supper - Bring a dish to pass | Grand Entry 5:30 p.m. Feast Supper | Grand Entry |

Open Pow Wow Friday Evening

No drugs or alcohol allowed. For your comfort, please bring lawn chairs, sunscreen and mosquito repellent.
For more information, call Lisa Burnside at (906) 484-2298 or Lana Causley at (906) 484-2954.

Sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Summer Beach Party

Saturday August 9th
12pm-12am

Downtown
•• Sault Ste. Marie ••
Portage Avenue

Live Music! Street Party!

Register your team for the **Charity Volleyball Tournament**

For information, call 906-635-6973

Bayside LIVE!

7:00 p.m. - Thursday, August 7th
Boogie 2 Shooz

7:00 p.m. - Thursday, August 14th
Rick Kelly

Downtown St. Ignace Municipal Marina
FREE ADMISSION

LOCALS ON THE BAY

7:00 p.m. - Wednesday, August 6th
Michele Chenard

7:00 p.m. - Wednesday, August 13th
Brian McCuskey

Bayside Live! Entertainment Series brought to you through the generosity of:
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