

**KEWEENAW NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 21, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kim Hoagland at 9:00 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present:

Commissioners

Kim Hoagland, At-Large
Ed Jenich, Houghton County Board of Commissioners
Allan Johnson, State of Michigan
Bob Langseth, Calumet Township
Sue Dana, Village of Calumet
Clyde Raasio, Franklin and Quincy Township
Steve Albee, At-Large

Keweenaw National Historical Park

Jim Corless, Superintendent
Tom Baker
Kathleen Harter

KNHP Advisory Commission Executive Director

Scott See

Recording Secretary

Bill Rosemurgy

Guests

Paul Lehto, Calumet Township
Glenda Bierman, Quincy Mine Hoist Association
Judy Albee
Jill Burkland, Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association
Amy Wisti, Congressman Bart Stupak's office
Amy Berglund, Senator Carl Levin's office
Casey Rudkin, Houghton County Historical Society
Lee VerBerkmoes, Fort Wilkins State Park
Jean Pemberton, Copper Range Historical Society
Virginia Jamison, Keweenaw County Historical Society
Laura Miller, Calumet Theatre
Kurt Hauglie, Daily Mining Gazette
John Slivon, City of Hancock

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Langseth and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2009

Dana noted that the minutes should reflect that Langseth was not present at the April 21, 2009, meeting.

Moved by Langseth and seconded by Albee to approve the April 21, 2009, minutes as amended.

Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

V. BUSINESS

1. COMMISSION REPORTS

a) Announcements – Kim Hoagland Report

1. Hoagland noted that all Commission appointments have expired as of the July meeting. Hoagland & Dana expired 1 ½ years ago and all others expired as of this meeting. A letter has been directed to the Secretary of the Interior requesting that appointments be made and that suggestions for improving the appointment process are sought. Tom Baker noted that the original staggering of appointments has been lost at this point and should also be addressed with future appointment plans.

b) Budget – Sue Dana report:

1. **Summary of Revenues and Expenditures 2009 (See Attachment #1).**

Moved by Dana and seconded by Albee to approve bills and invoices totaling \$26,617.48 for payment as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

c) Personnel Committee – Kim Hoagland report:

1. Hoagland reported that the Commission has hired Scott See as Executive Director. Eight applications were received and three applicants were interviewed. See brings experience from industry and masters work in Industrial Archeology from Michigan Technological University. See

most recently served in a contract services role for the Commission performing fund development and organization development functions.

d) Fund Development – Scott See report:

1. See reported that formalized goals and objectives have been finalized for the Commission. Those goals are:
 - a. Advise the National Park Service at Keweenaw National Historical Park on park planning, preservation, interpretation and operational matters.
 - b. Develop the Keweenaw Heritage Sites Program into a consortium of fully sustainable sites.
 - c. Develop partnerships that provide visitors with a cohesive, accessible, and engaging national park experience along the entire length of the Keweenaw.
 - d. Promote a historic preservation ethic and emphasize heritage awareness.
 - e. Develop the Commission into a sustainable operating organization.
2. See noted that fund development and ongoing operational funding will continue to be objectives of the Executive Director. Current federal funding will provide operational funds for only the next two years.
3. See also outlined four short-term priorities:
 - a. Create a sustaining grant program.
 - b. Expand the current historic resource survey of Baraga & Ontonagon counties to encompass Houghton & Keweenaw counties in the future.
 - c. Assist the KNHP with developing and implementing a coordinated, focused signage program.
 - d. Identify funding sources for the Advisory Commission.

e) Cultural Resource Survey – Kim Hoagland report:

1. Hoagland reported that fieldwork was originally anticipated to be completed during the summer, however additional work is planned for October.
2. Hoagland requested approval to fill a temporary position to assist with completion of the resource survey fieldwork.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Jenich to approve \$1,000 to hire a temporary survey assistant.

Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

f) Partnerships Committee – Clyde Raasio and Steve Albee report:

1. The tourist rack card that has been in development for some time has been finalized. Approximately 50,000 copies have been printed and distributed to all U.P. Visitor Centers, Heritage Sites, and area Chambers of Commerce. Albee made special recognition of the professional guidance and assistance of Dan Johnson of the KNHP.
2. Approval of the trademark registration application is pending.

2. PARK REPORTS

a) Jim Corless, Park Superintendent

1. Corless mentioned that he continues regular visits to many of the Heritage Sites.
2. Corless highlighted work from what he believes may be the busiest on record for the Park:
 - a. The first big project of the summer is the stabilization and replacement of the roof on the historic C&H No. 2 Dry House
 - b. Part of the crew is also working on the repair and restoration of the dozens of storm windows on the C&H No. 1 Warehouse.
 - c. The second large project is the repair of the massive structural members in the Pay Shed of the C&H General Office Building, now park headquarters, to correct damage caused by carpenter ants, which was discovered last fall. The Pay Shed was the only part of the building not included in its recent rehabilitation.
 - d. Also on tap for the summer is the stabilization of the Quincy Mining Company stone ruins of the former No. 4 Hoist House and the No. 5 Boiler House. Both projects are being funded through the NPS Historic Structures Stabilization program.
3. An additional seasonal interpreter has been hired for the summer in order to extend the outreach of the Park and provide evening presentations at various venues.
4. Corless is working with Jill Burkland and the IRKPA to develop a booklet highlighting the historic resources in the Keweenaw beyond the Park boundaries.

b) Preservation Services – Jim Corless Report (See Attachment #2 and #3)

1. **Highlighted items from report to Commission:**

- a. The Union building planning phase is completed, the types of exhibits are known, and the design and layout of the interior has been determined. Work is now moving toward the design phase and content development. More public input and involvement will be requested in the future.
- b. The group is currently working on two historic structures reports for the C&H Library and the Quincy Mine Office.
- c. The Quincy Cultural Landscape Report Environmental Assessment has been completed and should be available for public comment within the next couple weeks.
- d. Work on the Quincy Smelter property continues with the redevelopment of alternatives for capping. A positive working relationship with EPA and Franklin Township partners will create positive results. In addition, Franklin Township has received a \$285,000 HUD grant for building stabilization. The Park is still investigating opportunities for involvement in the site.
- e. Tom Baker is working toward development of an agreement with MDOT to assist with implementation of signage program. Albee questioned the status of the Calumet entrance sign. Corless responded that the project mason is also supervising 22 seasonal staff, but that completion of the sign is a high priority this season.
- f. Langseth questioned the status of the Ken Burns film project on the National Park system. Corless replied that the first parts of the 6-part series have been finalized and he has copies available.
- g. Kathleen Harter mentioned that Julie Martin of the Atlanta-based Weather Channel spent three days touring and filming in the Keweenaw. Kathleen spent time with her at points of interest. Martin spent part of one day filming live from the Quincy Mine site.

c) Museum, Archives, and Historical Services – Jim Corless Report (See Attachment #4)

1. Highlighted items from report to Commission:

- a. Item 1. – Staff conducted an “Administering Historic Photograph Collections Workshop” in May.
- b. Item 2. – Noted two new acquisitions including records and artifacts from the Community Church

of Calumet and the Ghiardi family papers from the St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

- c. Item 10. – To date in fiscal year 2009, Park archivist Jeremiah Mason has provided 120 individual research visits or reference requests.

d) Interpretation and Education – Jim Corless Report (See Attachment #5)

1. Highlighted items from report to Commission:

- a. Item 4. – Deidre Erbisch has returned to the Park for the summer to continue her local Teacher-Ranger-Teacher experience.
- b. Item 5. – The 7th Annual High School Local History Smackdown on April 25 was again a success with 17 teams participating from area schools.
- c. Item 6. – The 4th Thursday in History series continues with events scheduled for July, August, September, and October. The September workshop will begin with the awarding of the 2009 Preservation Awards presented by the Calumet HDC and Planning Commission.

e) Management Assistant’s Report – Jim Corless Report (See Attachment #6)

1. Highlighted item from report to Commission:

- a. Item 2. – Keweenaw Heritage Grants: The Park received 15 applications requesting a total of \$88,000. The evaluation panel awarded 11 grants for a total of \$40,480 – a \$10,000 increase over last year’s program. Corless applauded the work of Tom Baker for the effective planning and awarding of the grants on a much reduced time-table. Preparations for the 2010 round of grants are already underway with plans to post RFPs in October and accept applications through the winter.

3. COMMISSION REPORTS

a) Johnson

- 1. Johnson noted the role of former Michigan State Geologist Douglas Houghton in opening up the U.P. and the Keweenaw to mineral exploration. September 21st marks Houghton’s 200th birthday.

b) Rassio

- 1. Noted a recent visit to Alaska and related gold rush history compared to our copper rush heritage. Based on

observations he believes Keweenaw is doing many of the same things, but that we may be doing a better job of saving and restoring our buildings.

c) Dana

1. The Village of Calumet applied for a \$500,000 MSHDA Rehabilitation Grant and was awarded \$220,000. A Neighborhood Preservation Grant application was denied. Also noted that April Advisory Commission minutes mentioned a grant to hire police officers, but that grant has not yet been awarded.

d) Langseth

1. Noted the successful leveraging of grant funds and the high quality of financial responsibility.
2. Told of experiences from Africa and related to partnership responsibilities in our community.

e) Jenich

1. Commended Albee and the Heritage Sites group on the successful production of the attractive tourist rack card.

f) Hoagland

1. Noted a successful application for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Chassell school buildings.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Comments from Legislators or Legislative Staff

- a) **Amy Berglund, Senator Carl Levin's office:** \$1,000,000 has been allocated in the Interior Department appropriation for Quincy Smelter stabilization. However, there is currently no money for the Union building or the Advisory Commission. The Senator has sent a letter to the Secretary requesting a line item for the Advisory Commission.

2. Comments from the Public

- a) **Virginia Jameson:** Mentioned the two new additions to the Keweenaw Historical Society of the Gay school building and the Eagle River Township school house. Restoration and stabilization work has begun on the Gay school.
- b) **Paul Lehto:** Noted that his comments are included in the minutes for the April meeting and to date have not changed.
- c) **Jill Burkland:**

1. Added to comments by Corless regarding the publication of the 45-page booklet “Exploring Michigan’s Copper Country” that leads a traveler on a tour of the Copper Country while telling the historic story of copper.
2. Mentioned the IRKPA membership weekend activities.

VII. ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETING

Moved by Albee and seconded by Jenich to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on October 20th at the KNHP Headquarters.

These unapproved minutes are respectfully submitted by
Bill Rosemurgy

2009 - KNHP ADVISORY COMMISSION

09-30-08 CASH IN BANK

\$28,621.19

REVENUES

Deposits

10-31-08	Range Bank Interest	10.89
11-30-08	“ “	7.31
12-31-08	“ “	7.08
01-07-09	NPS	4,582.26
01-12-09	Heritage Sites Marketing	600.00
01-12-09	Americana	20,000.00
01-31-09	Range Bank Interest	13.55
02-05-09	Heritage Sites Marketing	1,500.00
02-28-09	Range Bank Interest	14.96
03-13-09	NPS	24,500.00
03-13-09	Heritage Site Marketing	150.00
03-31-09	Range Bank Interest	14.12
04-17-09	Smackdown Contributions	900.00
04-21-09	Americana	4,000.00
04-24-09	Smackdown Contribution	200.00
04-30-09	Range Bank Interest	12.16
05-06-09	CCP Reimbursement for AC Check #1428	168.69
05-18-09	Finlandia Marketing	150.00
05-18-09	Laurium Manor Marketing	150.00
05-31-09	Range Bank Interest	12.23
06-30-09	Range Bank Interest	11.61
07-06-09	Void Check #1418, Hanka Marketing	50.00

Total Deposits

\$ 57,054.86

EXPENSES 2009

Paid Bills

10-10-08	CC Preservation – loan admin for mailing for Smelter	\$ 4,200.00
10-28-08	Scott See – final contract payment	7,000.00
11-07-08	Calumet Theatre – contribution	50.00
11-07-08	Chassell Historical Society – “	50.00
11-07-08	Copper Range Historical Society – contribution	50.00
11-07-08	Coppertown “	50.00
11-07-08	Houghton County Hist. Soc. “	50.00
11-07-08	IRKPA “	50.00
11-07-08	Keweenaw Councy Hist. Soc “	50.00
11-07-08	KCVB “	50.00
11-07-08	Keweenaw Heritage Center “	50.00
11-07-08	Norwegian Lutheran Church “	50.00
11-07-08	Ontonagon Hist. Soc. “	50.00
11-07-08	Friends of the Porkies “	50.00
11-07-08	QMHA “	50.00
11-07-08	UP Firefighters Memorial Museum “	50.00
11-07-08	Old Victoria “	50.00

11-07-08	Hanka Homestead	“	50.00
11-19-08	Judy Albee – reimb. refreshments 10-30-08 meeting		10.00
11-19-08	Seaman Mineral Museum – contribution		50.00
11-19-08	Finnish American Heritage Center	“	50.00
11-19-08	Fort Wilkins Natural Hist. Assoc.	“	50.00
01-09-09	Bill Rosemurgy (October minutes)		200.00
01-12-09	Scott See (delivery of fund plan)		2,000.00
01-30-09	Scott See (extra work)		2,000.00
02-05-09	Judy Albee (reimb. card \$3.81, postage \$8.40, food.\$20.00)		32.21
02-19-09	John Griebel (February research)		600.00
02-19-09	Scott See (reimb. postage \$96.38, supplies \$72.31)		168.69
03-13-09	Opus Web (web design)		1,200.00
03-27-09	John Griebel (services thru 03-11-09)		600.00
03-27-09	Scott See (completion of contract)		2,800.00
03-27-09	Scott See (reimb for trademark)		550.00
03-27-09	Book Concern		600.00
04-21-09	Bill Rosemurgy – April minutes		200.00
04-21-09	NorthEnd Framing – Smackdown		90.00
04-21-09	Homestead Graphics – Tshirts – Smackdown		590.00
04-27-09	Jane Busch (survey prep \$3600 and meals \$118.54)		3,718.54
04-27-09	Scott See (lodging \$78.39, 1 st contract payment \$1000)		1,078.39
05-06-09	Kim Hoagland (reimb Gazette Ad)		219.30
05-18-09	Judy Albee (reimb refreshments Spring meeting)		12.00
05-18-09	Ont. Area Schools Library (smackdown books)		100.00
05-18-09	Brian Hoduski (reimb for Smackdown pizza)		90.00
05-20-09	Calumet Theatre (Smackdown beverages)		114.00
06-10-09	Ryan Holt (survey phase I)		2,675.88
06-10-09	Jane Busch (survey phase I)		<u>11,827.53</u>

Total Paid Bills

\$ 43,626.54

06-30-09 CASH IN BANK

\$42,049.51

Bills to Approve

Pasty.NET – Annual website hosting	\$	25.00
Scott See (remaining contract services)		4,000.00
Book Concern Printers – Balance of KHS rack card printing		1,332.00
Scott See (initial paycheck)		1,424.84
Pd. on 04-27-09	Jane Busch (survey prep \$3600 and meals \$118.54)	3,718.54
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Total bills to approve

\$ 26,617.48

Report to KNHP Advisory Commission

John Rosemurgy, Preservation Services 7/21/2009

KNHP Project Updates:

- Union Building Interior Rehabilitation
 - Funding secured to complete architectural design, working with MWRO and Denver Service Center to contract professional services for design development and construction documents

- Union Building Window Restoration (second and third story windows) & Keweenaw History Center Window Restoration
 - Contractor proposals received, coordinating review of proposals with NPS contracting officials.
 - Contract award planned for mid August, 2009
 - Project completion by September 30, 2010

- KHC Intrusion and Detection System
 - Project solicitation with NPS contracting
 - Contract award planned for early September, 2009
 - Project completion by September 30, 2010

- Historic Structure Report – C&H Library
 - Part 2 Treatment Alternatives Value Analysis session conducted on May 11 & 12, 2009.
 - A preferred alternative has been determined for building treatment and use with determination of universal accessibility preferred alternative pending further analysis
 - Document completion scheduled for September, 2009

- Historic Structure Report – Quincy Mine Office
 - Part 2 Treatment Alternatives Value Analysis session planned for July, 2009
 - Document completion – scheduled for September, 2009

- C&H General Office Building (Park Headquarters) Pay Shed Repair
 - Total project funding \$88,292
 - Work shall be implemented by NPS seasonal work crew scheduled to begin in late July, 2009

Partner Project Update

- Quincy Mining Company Boiler House No. 4 & No. 7 masonry Ruin Stabilization
 - Total project funding \$69,967
 - Site access coordinated with QMHA

- Work shall be implemented by NPS seasonal work crew scheduled to begin in late July, 2009

- C&H Dry House Ruin Stabilization – New Roof
 - Total project funding \$73,109
 - Site access coordinated with CLK
 - North elevation roof completed and work underway on south elevation.
 - Work implemented by NPS seasonal work crew
- Village of Calumet Village Historic District Commission (HDC)
 - On-going assistance to property owners
 - Design review consultation
- Calumet Main Street Design Committee
 - On-going technical assistance
 - Organizing storefront display theme for the commercial district (flier development and presentation planned for May, 2009)

Up-coming Events

- Fourth Thursday in History – September 24, 2009
 - Bryan Lijewski, SHPO architect, will provide Preservation Tax Credit presentation
 - Event will feature a tour of the Green residence, 811 Portland Street, Calumet, and on-going tax credit project
 - Immediately prior to the presentation, the Village of Calumet Historic District Commission and the Planning Commission will present their 2009 Preservation Awards to property owners who have made significant contributions to preservation of Calumet's historic sites and structures.

Hi Jim,

The bulleted points below represent work highlights from the last quarter that may be of interest for the commission:

Quincy Unit Cultural Landscape Report/Environmental Assessment - Internal reviews are complete and the document will be posted for public review very soon - likely within the week.

Signage - 1) The Calumet Unit entrance sign will be completed following the hiring of additional work crew leaders. 2) NPLSF signs are posted except for a few that will be part of the Quincy Ruins stabilization projects. 3) The park sign plan is being reviewed by MDOT; Tom Baker is working toward development of an agreement with MDOT to assist with implementation of the plan; Status of NPS year end funding is unknown.

Quincy Smelter - Examined redevelopment alternatives with ISRO and assisted EPA and Franklin Township with preparations for an upcoming public meeting and stakeholder workshop.

Bike Racks - Two custom bike racks now complete for use at Park HQ - one inside payshed for employees and one outside for visitors.

Technical assistance - Provided Draft landscape treatment recommendations to Coppertown

Technical assistance - Developing access recommendations for Calumet Elks and Chassell Heritage Center

Technical assistance - Met with QMHA to review condition of mine shafts, review potential impacts of a proposed sanitary sewer project and attend building and grounds meetings

Technical assistance - Visited KCHS Eagle Harbor lighthouse site to discuss potential improvements related to Maritime Museum and site access management.

Technical assistance - Met with present landowner to discuss stewardship options for Hecla Cemetery. Answered questions posed by the genealogical society.

Steve

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Keweenaw NHP Document

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**Division of Museum & Archival Services
July 22, 2009**

Highlights & Issues

1. Administering Historic Photograph Collections Workshop. May 19-20, MAS staff conducted the Administering Historic Photographs (AHP) Workshop to staff of four of the Keweenaw Heritage Sites (Chassell Heritage Organization, Copper Range Historical Society, Houghton County Historical Society, and Ontonagon Historical Society). The two-day workshop covered the arrangement and description of photograph collections, photo identification and dating, photograph care and storage, access and use, and an introduction to digitization. The AHPC workshop is the fourth collections-oriented workshop done by the division for park partners.
2. Museum acquisitions. In June, the park received two important donations. From the Community Church of Calumet, the park received a large donation of church-related artifacts and records. Included in the donation, were one each of the initial silver hollowware communion sets used by the Calumet Congregational and the First Presbyterian churches, as well as many other artifacts associated with the churches' history. From St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church the park accepted a donation of the Ghiardi family materials and papers. The papers document this Italian immigrant family from circa 1910 through 1990, in photographs, recipes, schoolbooks, a marriage certificate, and a funeral book. Additionally, the collection contained a portion of a copper still, an important aid in documenting Calumet's underground economy. The River Valley State Bank donation of its collection of Merchant and Miners Bank records to the park is still ongoing. We hope to physically acquire these materials before the end of the summer.
3. Collections care. In June, MTU Industrial Archeology graduate student Megan Glazewski began working for KNHP as our full-time temporary Museum Technician. Megan will be in the position until her graduation in August. This position is responsible for the ongoing collection care program (museum housekeeping; building, environmental and pest monitoring; and preventive conservation of objects). Additionally, with Megan employed full-time, she has been tasked with cataloging the park's archeological collections and in updating

the park's Structural Fire Management Plan section on museum collections and collections salvage. She is a great addition to the staff.

4. Fourth Thursday in History Program. The division continues to participate in the planning, organizing, and coordination of the FTH program. This year the FTH program kicked off with the 7th Annual Copper Country High School Local History Smackdown. Held April 23, 2009, seventeen teams participated, including for the first time a team from Dollar Bay High School. Another first, the contest went to sudden death, with the Ontonagon Rum Runners defeating Hancock High School's "We Can Go to Finlandia for Free" in the 15th round. The deepest round the contest had ever gone. Again, a special thank you to the Advisory Commission (and specifically to Ed Jenich) for its assistance in raising funds to support the Smackdown. The division also coordinated the May talk, where local historian Nick Faller gave a nice talk at the Michigan Army National Guard Readiness Center on Copper Country military history. Later this week, Jeremiah Mason and Jo Urion are delivering the FTH presentation, "Italians in the Keweenaw," a talk on Italian-American heritage in the Copper Country.
5. Volunteer museum & archives work at KNHP. Graduate student intern Christine Carey of the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, School of Information started her 10 to 12 week assignment with the division May 18th. Day one she was thrown into helping the Division prepare for the Administering Historic Photograph Collections Workshop by running copies and assembling binders, and the pace hasn't slowed. Since her May start, Christine has completed the inventory of the Randall J. Weege papers, accessioned and cataloged them, and properly re-housed and stored them. She has inventoried, housed, and accessioned the recently acquired Ghiardi papers and the Community Church of Calumet records accretion. She will be preparing soon finding aids for the Curto and Foster collections, our most referenced collections. Christine is also a great addition to the staff.
6. Keweenaw Heritage Sites assistance and cooperative projects. During the AHPC Workshop, participants and staff identified the need of several Keweenaw Heritage Sites to have access to museum cataloging software. The current NPS cataloging software has been available to park partners in the past, but that software is currently being upgraded/ replaced with software designed for use by the entire Department of the Interior. The use of the new "ICMS" software by Heritage Sites had to be approved by the National Park Service's Washington office, which they recently did. Beginning in fiscal 2010, MAS will begin assisting sites to establish their own formal museum collections documentation programs. Because of the great amount of support these sites will need to begin museum collection documentation, and use the software, the number of sites eligible each year to get the software will be limited. In other news, the Calumet Theater Archives Project staff continue to process their archives in their office in the Keweenaw History Center. Coppertown's Experience Works museum technician Stuart Baird returned from the KHC to Coppertown at the end of April, where he has been diligently working on new exhibits, including an exhibit of Chinese Laundry equipment. Through KNHP, the National Park Service's metals conservator has been providing Stuart technical assistance on the rehabilitation of that equipment. Park archivist Jeremiah Mason continues to participate in St.

Anne's exhibit committee deliberations and in Calumet Mainstreet's Design Committee.

7. Union Building research, planning, and design. The Union Building rehabilitation and exhibit installation again remains a central focus for division staff and has been a large component of its workload. Division staff have met with the exhibit design team twice since last report and are in the process of commenting on the Design and Development I proposals. Division staff continue to assist with content research.
8. Fire and intrusion detection project in Keweenaw History Center. Funded this year, museum curator Brian Hoduski has worked with regional, DSC, and park colleagues to scope the specifications for the KHC fire and intrusion detection systems. MWRO structural fire specialist Kip Schwabe visited the park in April to assist in writing those specifications. Karl Benda is in the process of preparing those specifications to submit to contracting. We hope to have the project bid-on by mid-September. Additionally, park staff hosted an orientation of the Calumet Township Fire Department to the park's three township buildings. It was fun and fruitful taking the firefighters and their chief through our buildings, as they had many good suggestions and will now be familiar with the buildings and their contents in the event of a fire.
9. KHC windows project. In conjunction with a window repair and rehabilitation project for the Union Building, work will begin on rehabilitating the windows of the C&H Public Library building sometime later this year. This project will impact collections care and consume a fair amount of staff time, but should, with its completion, greatly improve the appearance of the building and should improve its thermal performance appreciably. It is fortunate that this project will be done at the same time as the intrusion detection project.
10. Research conducted at the Keweenaw History Center. To date in fiscal year 2009, park archivist Jeremiah Mason has provided 120 individual research visits or reference requests, mostly related to Union Building exhibit research, but also including research for: the music exhibit at St. Anne's, for the script of the Red Metal Radio Show, for a "Geology of the National Parks" class at the University of Southern Florida, and for articles in Keweenaw County Historical Society's "Superior Signal." Historic photographs from the park's collections were used for presentations by Lynn Bjorkman and Arnie Alanen at the recent Vernacular Architecture Forum Meeting, and by the Friends of Fashion for their history of Italians in the Copper Country at Strawberry Fest.



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Keweenaw NHP - July 21, 2009 Interpretation & Education Update

Interpretation & Education Activities:

1. The summer interpretive program is in full operation with interpretive programs, tours, and community outreach events scheduled throughout the summer. All programs are posted on the Park webpage and listed in the Keweenaw Guide.
2. Community outreach has expanded significantly from last year with the addition of a third seasonal interpretive ranger. Outreach includes parades (Pastyfest, Chassell Strawberry Parade) and operating a park information booth at community events (pastyfest, South Range July 4th, Chassell Strawberry Fest, Eagle Harbor Art Fair).
3. Expanded interpretive programs include 2-3 evening presentations at Fort Wilkins Historic State Park and education programs for Great Explorations youth.
4. Deirdre Erbsich has returned to the park for the summer as the local Teacher-Ranger-Teacher. Throughout the summer she is leading Junior Ranger programs and working with Keweenaw Heritage Sites to identify service learning projects for students.
5. The 7th Annual High School Local History Smackdown on April 25, 2009 was a success with seventeen teams participating and Ontonagon High School taking first followed by Hancock High School and Jeffers High School. Thank you to Ed Jenich for obtaining student prizes and awards from the local community.
6. 4th Thursday in History schedule:
 - a. **July** – Italians in the Keweenaw - Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's
 - b. **August** – Tour and talk at Old Victoria
 - c. **September** – Michigan Tax Credit workshop with tour of Chris and Abbey Green's house – park headquarters
 - d. **October** – Copper Country Calamities – Carnegie Museum (tentative)

Media Update:

7. Kathleen continues to work with a writer and designer and Jill Burkland, Executive Director with Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association, to develop a small interpretive booklet. The booklet is nearly completed but is awaiting funding for printing.
8. Dan continues to be involved in the Keweenaw Heritage Site Marketing Committee. He designed the KHS rack card which has been distributed throughout the region and state.
9. Dan continues to update the park webpage with information, local events, and happenings related to the park and KHS.
10. Dan attended a visual media training at Valley Forge in May. He learned about a variety of media and the equipment required to develop and implement and is developing a priority list of equipment and projects. Such outcomes could include; podcasts, web tours, enhanced audio on the web, and electronic field trips.
11. Dan assisted the Calumet Theatre with interpretive panels.
12. The 2009 Keweenaw Guide was printed and distributed to many MI information outlets and local hotels and businesses in May and continues to be distributed as requested.

Miscellaneous Activities:

15. The next IRKPA board meeting is July 25, 2009 and will include an annual membership meeting that focuses on Keweenaw National Historical Park resources.
16. Kathleen is involved with the Copper Country Trail and their marketing and outreach committees. She, Dallas Bond from the Houghton Chamber, and Jim LaMuth from WUPDR will be attending the National Byways Conference in Denver, CO in August.
17. Visitation and sales are up significantly at park headquarters with the installation of the new park sign.
18. Seasonal interpreter Dan Brown has accepted an interpretive Term Position at War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Guam. He will be leaving the Keweenaw on August 21, 2009.
19. Kathleen will be attending several on-line and TEL trainings for learning FMSS entry and interpretive exhibits and projects.

Union Building Update:

20. Krister Olman, Inc. presented Design Development I Plans for the Union Building interpretive exhibits on July 8 to both park staff and the public. The park has until July 24, 2009 to provide written comments regarding exhibit layout and content.
21. Park staff is working with an evaluator to develop exhibit evaluation questions that will be used with visitors during the month of August. Further evaluation sessions will be conducted in October by the contracted evaluator.



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Highlights & Issues

1. Union Building Interior Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment: The interdisciplinary team should have the EA ready to begin the review process by the end of this week. The EA will be reviewed by park staff, the Commission, the Midwest Regional Office, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer, and the public. When ready for public review, the EA will be posted online on the National Park Service's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website: parkplanning.nps.gov.
2. Keweenaw Heritage Grants: We received 15 applications requesting a total of \$88,000. The evaluation panel awarded eleven (11) grants for a total of \$40,480. The total value of the projects is \$123,725. Projects include stabilization work, historic window rehabilitation, archeological investigation, interpretive exhibits, safety and security equipment, interior rehabilitations, a church steeple rehabilitation, and an accessibility project.
3. Agreements: Recent agreements have included a Memorandum of Understanding with the Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter for park assistance with landscape maintenance from their back fence to the NPS property line toward the back parking lot. We will also be assisting the Shelter with some of their hazard trees. We will be crafting a Memorandum of Agreement with Franklin Township for assistance at the Quincy Smelting Works, particularly in relation to the HUD grant received by the township for stabilization work at the site.