THE 63RD ANNUAL
UPPER PENINSULA
History Conference
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN — JUNE 22-24, 2012

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LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

For more information, or to register, visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.
Friday, June 22

9 AM-Noon Pre-Conference Workshop
Walker Cisler Student and Conference Center, LSSU
650 W. Easterday Ave, Sault Ste. Marie

Developing Collections
(See box at right)

12-4 PM Registration
Holiday Inn Express lobby, 1171 Riverview Way, Sault Ste. Marie

2-4:30 PM Pre-Conference Tours
Depart from Holiday Inn Express lobby.

Tour 1: Cloverland Hydroelectric Plant and Lake Superior State University Walking Tour
Join us on a special tour of the 1902 hydroelectric plant, which at the time of its construction was second only to a plant at Niagara Falls in size. Following the tour, participants will drive to LSSU, where you will be given a historic tour of campus. Walking and some stair climbing are part of this tour. $15

Tour 2: Walking Tour of the International Bridge Plaza
Tour participants will meet at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection visitor parking lot, located adjacent to the Customs facility and directly off of Portage Ave. The tour will cover U.S. Customs and Border Patrol and the International Bridge Authority, and includes a trip across the bridge with commentary on bridge infrastructure and historic sites in Sault Ste. Marie. Limit of 40 participants and, for security purposes, we will need to provide identification information in advance. $15

6 PM Outdoor BBQ Cisler Center Courtyard - St. Marys River and Bridge View
Join us for our traditional Friday kick-off meal outdoors, and enjoy the view and music, too!

7 PM Mike Fornes of the Gordon Lightfoot Tribute Band Whispers of the North
The woods, the water, and the wildlife blend with the North Country music in this tribute to folk music great Gordon Lightfoot.

Saturday, June 23

8 AM-Noon Registration
Walker Cisler Student and Conference Center, LSSU

9 AM Welcome & Opening Keynote
Welcome: Morrie Walworth, LSSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Spencer Nebel, City Manager of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Mackinac in the War of 1812 (See box at right)
Phil Porter, Mackinac State Historic Parks

9:45-11 AM Concurrent Sessions I

Session 1:
Ferries and the International Bridge: Means and Methods of Crossing the St. Marys River at Sault Ste. Marie
Karl Hansen and Phil Becker, International Bridge Administration
This will span the period from the beginning of the 20th century with the first ferry through to the completion of the construction of the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge in 1962. The talk will rely largely on the presentation of historic photos, newspaper articles, and other documentation.

Session 2:
The Sandstone Architecture of the Lake Superior Region
Kathryn Eckert, Author
This presentation examines the historical development of Lake Superior regional red sandstone quarries and highlights buildings from Duluth to Sault Ste. Marie and elsewhere that made use of this remarkable resource. Red sandstone deposits were quarried along the south shore of Lake Superior from 1870 to 1910, when the prosperity of the copper and iron mining, lumbering, and shipping industries created a demand for substantial buildings. Architects, builders and clients preferred the local sedimentary rock because it was beautiful, durable, and fireproof. Red sandstone architecture gives the Lake Superior region a distinct identity.

Opening Keynote
Saturday 9 AM

Mackinac in the War of 1812
Phil Porter
Mackinac State Historic Parks

Mackinac Island was the site of two significant military engagements during the War of 1812, including one of the first land actions. These struggles speak to the economic and geopolitical importance of the Upper Great Lakes and the key role of Mackinac Island in controlling this vast region. In this illustrated lecture, Phil Porter will detail the dramatic events surrounding these battles and their significant impact on this international conflict.
Session 3:

The Habits of Civilized Life: Exploring the Impact of Missionaries on Native Americans in the UP
James Seelye, Kent State University

Throughout the 19th century, Native Americans in the Upper Peninsula were subjected to an onslaught of European civilization, including a number of missionaries of various denominations. This presentation will focus on the impact some of these missionaries had on the Native Americans they sought to convert. Focusing on Abel Bingham, John Pitezel, and Frederic Baraga, the session will explore the ways in which missionary contact changed the cultural landscape of the UP. It can be argued that the missionaries’ greatest achievements were not spiritual; rather, their achievements lie in the ways they enabled Native Americans to better understand their European-American neighbors.

Session 4:

Mini Workshop: Description of a Low-Budget Re-photography Project
Bernie Arbic, Chippewa County Historical Society

For a themed photo exhibit, the Chippewa County Historical Society chose 36 interesting photographs of Sault Ste. Marie scenes taken in the years 1900 to 1970. Bernie Arbic and others then shot the same scenes in 2010, from the same vantage points. The resulting 36 pairs of views were presented side by side in the exhibit, and subsequently published in a book titled Then and Now: The Changing Face of Sault Ste. Marie. Sales of the book have generated a nice profit for the society.

11:30 AM Refreshment Break & Exhibits

11:30 AM-12:45 PM Concurrent Sessions II

Session 5:

Murder, Mayhem & Misfits: Murder Vignettes in the UP
Sonny Longtime, Author

A visual and narrative presentation on spine-tingling murders that turned quiet communities into fear-ridden crime scenes in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. The presenter will share with participants some stories of the “underside” of UP history.

Session 6:

Kincheloe Air Force Base
Darwin Kauer, United States Air Force, retired

Active from 1943 to 1977, this Air Force base was located 20 miles south of the Sault and played a key role in US defense operations during the Cold War. Using video footage and images, the presenter will share the unique role and history of Kincheloe, which is now the location of the Chippewa County International Airport.

Session 7:

Drawing the Border through the Upper St. Marys River: The Unceded Status of Sugar Island
Phil Bellfy, Author and Historian

After the War of 1812, commissioners were selected by both the British and American governments to determine the border between the two countries. When the surveyors reached the Upper St. Marys River in 1828, a dispute arose over which country would be “awarded” Sugar Island. The resolution of this issue was not achieved until 1842; consequently, Sugar Island was not included in the 1836 land cession Treaty of Washington. This presentation will examine the past, present, and future of Sugar Island in light of this “unceded” status.

Session 8:

Mini Workshop: Beyond Field Trips: Building Partnerships with Local Schools
Tamara Barnes, Historical Society of Michigan

This session will look at ways historical organizations can build relationships with teachers and schools in their region. By tying their collections and programs to social studies curriculum standards, they can more easily attract teachers to their resources. A variety of outreach activities and special programming will be discussed. The presenter will also talk about her experiences with lending trunks, off-site visits to schools, and opportunities to utilize students as interns at your museum.

12:45 PM Luncheon & Keynote (See box at right)

2-2:30 PM Reports from UP Historical Organizations

Local museums and historical societies share brief reports on their activities in the past year.
After that date, rooms will be honored at the special rate on a space available basis only.

**UP Awards Banquet & Closing Keynote**

**Saturday 6 PM**

**Lighthouses of the Shipwreck Coast**

Bruce Lynn
Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society

In 1846, *New York Tribune* editor Horace Greeley lamented the lack of navigational aids on Lake Superior when he wrote; “On the whole of the lake there is not a lighthouse nor any harbor other than such holes in the rock-bound coast as nature has perforated.” Not long after, a stone light tower was constructed at Whitefish Point. This was followed by other light stations, and later U.S. Life Saving Stations. Join Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum Operations Manager Bruce Lynn on a tour of the lights that guided ships along Superior’s infamous Shipwreck Coast.

**Holiday Inn Express**

1171 Riverview Way
Sault Ste. Marie

The Holiday Inn Express will be the conference hotel for the 2012 UP History Conference with a special rate of $79.00

To make a reservation, call: (800) 632-7879

When reserving, ask for the “Historical Society rate” or give the code “UPC” to get the HSM rate. Room release date is June 1. After that date, rooms will be honored at the special rate on a space available basis only.

**Sunday, June 24**

**9:30-10:45 AM Walking Tour of City Hall and Historic Water Street**

Tour Leaders: Spencer Nebel and Caroline Grabowski

Participants will gather for the tour at City Hall’s Water Street entrance, 225 E. Portage Avenue.

Join us for a guided historical tour through the Sault’s City Hall and historic Water Street district. Together, we will visit numerous relevant buildings and learn how they helped shape Sault Ste. Marie’s past while being an important element in its present.
Registration discount for local Chippewa County residents

The Chippewa County Historical Society is our host for the 2012 UP History Conference. HSM is offering a registration discount to residents of Chippewa County, the home of our host institution, which is one of the local historical organization’s benefits for hosting this annual conference. The discount is $30 off Full Conference Registration or $20 off Saturday “Day-Only” Registration.

Your primary residence must be in Chippewa County to qualify for this discount.

Conference Registration Deadline Is June 15, 2012

Walk-in registrations for Saturday are welcome, but will not include lunch.

REGISTRATION FORM
63rd Annual Upper Peninsula History Conference
June 22-24, 2012
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
Registration Deadline: June 15, 2012

Name
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Address
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City _____________________________ State _______________ Zip __________

Daytime phone # ______________________________  E-mail _________________________________________________

Names of additional attendees:  _______________________________               _______________________________

Special meals: ___ Vegetarian. Please CIRCLE names above that require vegetarian meals.

Full conference fees include Friday dinner at the Cisler Center, Saturday lunch, UP Awards Banquet, Sunday morning walking tours, and all regular sessions. Saturday “Day-Only” registration includes all daytime sessions and Saturday lunch. Saturday “Day-Only” registration does NOT include the evening UP Awards Banquet. Pre-conference workshop and tours are additional. No refunds after 6/15/2012.

FULL CONFERENCE:
Includes three meals, all sessions & events except pre-conference tours/workshop.

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SATURDAY DAY-ONLY:
NOTE: Does NOT include Saturday evening Awards Banquet.

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Pre-Conference Workshop and Tours:

_________ x $25* “Developing Collections” $______

Pick ONE tour per person—they operate concurrently:

_________ x $15 Tour #1: Cloverland Hydroelectric Plant and Lake Superior State University Historical Walking Tour $______

_________ x $15 Tour #2: Walking Tour of the International Bridge Plaza $______

*$25 workshop fee, if you are also registering for the conference. If registering only for the workshop, see workshop description for fee.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: ________________________

☐ Check Enclosed  ☐ Credit Card  Credit Card # ________________________________

CVV Code: _______ (V/MC/DC on back; AMEX on front) Expiration date: ____________ Billing zip code: ____________

Mail to: 2012 UP History Conference, HSM, 5815 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 or fax to (517) 324-4370 or register by phone toll-free at (800) 692-1828 or online at www.hsmichigan.org
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