

The Clapboard

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Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear

Helping to Preserve and Interpret the Historic Structures and Landscapes of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

Park Plan Commits to Preserving Cultural Resources

Commitment Highlights Need for Help

The Final General Management Plan for Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is out and Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear (Preserve) and its supporters have reason to celebrate.

It was just over ten years ago that community members formed Preserve to advocate for and help save the significant historic resources in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore that were being removed or allowed to molder. Today, a major milestone has been reached as the Park's new Final General Management Plan (GMP) officially verifies, in many ways, their intention to preserve all of its historic resources. ***The Final GMP reads, "Each alternative calls for preserving and protecting all historic properties regardless of management zones or proposed wilderness."***

This change in direction came years ago—long before it was formalized in a GMP—as the result of Preserve's advocacy and commitment to help with funding. The Park has worked diligently since that time to rescue buildings from deterioration with the funds available and with assistance from partners

like Preserve. *Now this voluntary practice of preservation is formalized in the GMP that will guide how the Park will be managed for the next twenty-some years.*

The three-year process of updating the Park's 1979 General Management Plan included soliciting public input in response to proposed alternatives. The Park did an admirable job of community out-

reach and developed a plan that strikes a balance between natural and cultural resource preservation, as well as visitor use. Preserve responded at each phase by making requests that would assure the highest level of protection for the Park's cultural resources.

For example, at the urging of Preserve and others, the GMP emphasizes the 1916 Organic Act that mandates that all units of the National Park Sys-

tem, "conserve the scenery and the natural and **his-
toric** objects and the wildlife therein..." (bold added). It also states that the Park's purpose statement does not supersede the NPS Organic Act.

This is important, as Preserve requested that the Park, while writing the GMP, amend both the enabling legislation and purpose statement to include



"...working together we have developed a final plan that maintains a variety of recreational opportunities while continuing to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources

of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. .."

Dusty Shultz, Superintendent

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A Message From the Director

Ten years ago Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear (Preserve) began as a grass-roots organization when a small group of concerned citizens met in the early morning hours at a Glen Arbor watering hole to address an issue close to their hearts. They organized under the sheltering umbrella of the Michigan Land Use Institute until Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear became an official non-profit organization. I have witnessed its start-up phase, successes, growing pains, transitional times, and the clarification of Preserve's role with the Park. This year, my first as Director, I have enjoyed working with a dedicated board who has taken on the difficult task of looking within and charting a plan for the future.

Much like the Park that has been developing its General Management Plan, we have been working to establish a firm foundation for Preserve in developing a Strategic Plan and processes and procedures for working with the Park on projects. At the same time, we have organized volunteers to keep the hammers swinging on projects, nearly completed our design for an educational exhibit in the Olsen house, and provided feedback on the Park's General Management Plan and planning for the Port Oneida Rural Historic District.

In the last decade we have changed the course of the Park from removing historic structures to preserving them, seen policy written into its new General Management Plan supportive of these resources, rehabilitated the Olsen house and opened it to visitors, worked on more than fifteen preservation projects, facilitated the Port Oneida Fair, developed a corps of volunteers, and written an interpretive model for Port Oneida. This sustained record of both advocacy and preservation activity is

very satisfying.

While Preserve has accomplished much, we have serious work to do. The legacy of these tremendous historic resources cannot be left solely to the National Park Service with its limited funding. In the future, look for Preserve to build greater community awareness, to encourage adaptive-reuse of historic properties, to develop a major fundraising event, to strengthen our volunteer structure and communication, and maintain a three to five year Strategic Plan.

At a National Park Service conference recently, I gained a new perspective on the amazing resources that this Park—Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore—is blessed with. Its combination of natural features and a large outdoor museum of Midwest history is special. These historic buildings, like friends, have hung with us through time. But they may not always be there if we don't continue to do our part. Since 1998, the limits of the Park have been made clear—it cannot afford to single-handedly preserve this historical collection. They need friends like you and Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear who care for and respect this legacy.

On a recent fall day, I observed from my office window in the historic Olsen house, a family exploring the property. Peering into a hole in the side of the barn, the little boy excitedly yelled to his sister to "Come look!." He had discovered the historic artifacts—cool old stuff—inside. For the next half-hour they explored nooks and crannies of the farm. It reminded me of the value of the work that all of us are doing to preserve these resources for today's and tomorrow's children.

From all of us here at Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear, best wishes for a happy and blessed new year,

Susan Pocklington



Park Commits to Cultural Resources - *continued from page 1*

cultural resources. While acknowledging that this would give a higher level of protection to these resources, it is the Park's position that identifying cultural resources in other areas of the GMP such as the Significance Statements and Interpretive Themes, offers sufficient protection.

Preserve is also pleased that the GMP has moved the boundaries of the Park's proposed wilderness to exclude most cultural resources which allows for easier maintenance and access. We did advocate however, that the wilderness boundaries on South Manitou Island be moved to exclude the few structures remaining in wilderness.

While we are pleased that the GMP formalizes the Park goal to preserve its historic legacy, the plan underlines that this does not guarantee future NPS funding for this goal. The GMP stresses the need to rely on volunteers and partnerships. The GMP adds, *"Even with assistance from supplemental sources, Lakeshore managers may be faced with difficult choices when setting priorities."* The plan also suggests there is always a danger of losing lower priority assets to mothballing or disposal based on insufficient funding.

Clearly, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore's

new GMP shows their desire to preserve and have the public experience the history these cultural resources offer. In 1998, the obstacle was funding and policy, now funding remains the obstacle. This predicament highlights the need for public involvement and Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear—our volunteers and fundraising for projects.

We can celebrate a significant accomplishment for the Park, Preserve, and all who cherish these symbols of our heritage. All of the people who signed petitions years ago, our donors, as well as past and present board members and founders who worked diligently, can feel proud that they have had an impact on the future of our heritage. We are assured that the GMP is a framework that will safeguard for the future all remaining historic buildings and landscapes in the Park—leaving us with the challenge of acquiring funds and encouraging adaptive-use of structures.

Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear congratulates the Park for developing a plan to protect the beautiful natural features of this Park, provide for ways and means to enjoy it, and allow us to experience its history.

Review the GMP at www.nps.gov/slbe and Preserve's response at www.PHSB.org.

Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear Gets New Sign

It's been a long wait—but it's done and we like it! Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear has installed a new sign identifying itself as a Park partner located at the Charles and Hattie Olsen farmhouse. Upon completing the major rehabilitation of the Olsen house in Spring of 2004, Preserve moved into the house as an adaptive-use partner.

Last summer we found a local professional signmaker for the job in John Arens (also owner of Leelanau Coffee in Glen Arbor.) Susan Pocklington and John designed the sign according to Park specifications—not an easy task given our long name that needed to be legible from the highway.

John did a stellar job of painting and constructing the sign, and also generously waived two-thirds of his fee. In July the sign was finished and installed promptly by the National Park Service in time for the Port Oneida Fair. The sign will bring name recognition to our cause as well as attract visitors to the house.



Preserve's new outdoor sign installed in July 2008

Steady and Sure—More Historic Resources Saved

With over 366 historic structures in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear has the substantial charge as a non-profit partner of the Park to help preserve this legacy.

Each year Preserve selects projects from the Park's long list, making sure to include some that involve volunteer efforts and some contractual work. Project Committee Chair Len Allgaier provides a well-organized and fulfilling experience for his volunteers through improved pre-project internet

communication and solid practical skills. Posting photos and specific jobs related to the project has enabled volunteers to gain an understanding of the scope of work and to choose how they are most comfortable in contributing.

This year we began work on the historic Boekeloo Cabin in Benzie County, restored two outbuildings in the Port Oneida Rural Historic District, cleared fields of invasive species, and continued work on the Charles and Hattie Olsen farm.

Ole Oleson Pig Barn

The Ole Oleson farm (not to be confused with Charles Olsen farm) has one of the best collections of outbuildings in Port Oneida. The pig barn was a challenge due to the extensive decay of the foundation. In preparation for the work project, the Traverse City Youth Corps cleaned out



arrived I thought the pig barn was a hopeless case. But when we got it done—it was better than what I expected. We saved it!”

Ole Oleson Granary

We like it when we can tackle two projects at the same time, and in this case the second project was the farm's granary. With rotted siding already removed by the youth corps, volunteers put trim on the doors, and replaced missing or rotted floor boards. We added the header and structure for the staircase and repaired the stair as well as replacing the missing outside stairs to get into the building. Floor joists were added to strengthen the attic floor, and finally, we milled wood for a new threshold.

Thanks to all our volunteers for the great job done! Many are excited about one of next year's projects on North Manitou Island. “I'm waiting!”, said Bernie. For folks like Bernie, whose hobby is woodworking, we're a great fit.



Volunteers in front of Pig Barn during workshop

the barn and re-graded the slope to divert water away from its foundation. A site assessment revealed the need to repair the barn's rotted sill, requiring volunteers to lift the building. With Project Supervisor Len Allgaier building the cribbing, the organized group of volunteers were able to “fly the pig” as Len liked to put it!

Thirteen volunteers with skills ranging from “good with a hammer” to professional contractor, selected specific tasks and showed up ready to work July 18-20. This group fabricated sills, spliced decayed studs, repaired frames for all windows and doors, and installed period hardware. Staying true to the historic integrity, six boulders from elsewhere in Port Oneida were brought in to support the sills. Volunteer Bernie Senske said, “When I



Stabilization Begins on the Historic Boekeloo Cabin

The Boekeloo Cabin, one of the Park's few historic structures in Benzie County, is in its first stage of stabilization with grants awarded to *Preserve* from the Americana Foundation, Consumers Energy, and donations from cousins David and Stuart Boekeloo. Uniquely situated between a cranberry bog and Lake Michigan in a secluded setting two miles down a two-track lane, the Boekeloo log cabin is historically significant because of its homesteader heritage.

History: Around 1943, Miles Boekeloo purchased the property from the Cooper family who were the original homesteaders. The Coopers hunted, trapped, fished and tended a garden to survive on the sandy Platte Plains. In the 1900s Joe Cooper developed the property into a cranberry farm with three cranberry bogs. According to Stuart Boekeloo, "They hand dug a canal from the pond in front of the cabin to the river."

An interesting piece of history recently discovered from the title abstract shows that business tycoon John Plank owned the property between 1890-1900 and had proposed to build a resort there—the same John Plank who built the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island!



Rotted sills and logs



Preservation: Two years ago *Preserve* held a volunteer project on the property to rebuild the boardwalk and clean up debris. This year, approximately \$25,000 has gone into stabilizing the structure. One rotted log was replaced with a fallen cedar tree from the property, while others were repaired with an epoxy consolidating method. We also replaced sills for positive water drainage and replaced the door frame. Work was contracted out to Mihms Enterprises of Bay City who specializes in historic preservation work and is currently working on the Point Betsie Lighthouse in Frankfort. This winter, front windows will be removed and re-glazed, completing the front elevation. *Preserve* is seeking funds to finish the remaining three sides next year—a project estimated at another \$25,000.

With similar cabins around the state being torn down and replaced by more substantial homes, the Boekeloo Cabin represents a rapidly disappearing Michigan cultural resource. We are fortunate that this cabin is one of six log structures being preserved in the Park.

The landscape of this property has had limited human impact over the years and evokes a feeling of remoteness and solitude. The Park's new General Management Plan has zoned the cabin area "recreation", removing it from the surrounding wilderness. This means there are potential opportunities for adaptive-reuse which would allow the structure to be used for purposes consistent with Park goals such as outdoor education. This stabilization project will prepare the building for such exciting future possibilities.



New window casings and log under window

In 1980, the cabin (also known as the Boekelodge) was sold to the Park with the Boekeloo family retaining a reservation of use and occupancy until April 2005.

The Evolution of the Olsen House—Past to Present



1960s



1998



2008

“The house has been brought back to her glory”

Ninety years ago, Charles and Hattie Olsen built their home in Port Oneida - a small community of farmers. The picture above left shows their house in 1960, long after both Charles and Hattie were gone, when their son Everett owned and worked the farm. Farming was a difficult life, and Everett eagerly sold the family homestead when the National Park Service offered to purchase the property as part of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

Unfortunately, the Olsen house fell into disrepair by 1998, a time when the Park was not intending to preserve most of its cultural resources. In 2000, the Park was able to stabilize the exterior of the house, and because of its visible location on M-22, Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear rehabilitated the house in 2004 as an interpretive venue and office. The house was gutted to the studs, and new electrical, insulation, drywall, septic and well were installed. Landscaping and a picket fence were designed and installed using similar types of shrubs and flowers to

those originally at the house. This summer our volunteers built basement window wells and will be working on storm windows throughout the winter.

We've come a long way on the journey of bringing this house back to its former condition. All of this work will culminate in the house as a destination point to see our future exhibit. Looking at the photos, it's almost hard to tell the 1960s photo from the present! That was our plan.



The inside is gutted while retaining original woodwork, floors & trim

Garden Club Beautifies Olsen Landscape

Hattie Olsen loved her flowers. With the front picket fence and arbor built a year ago, it was time to re-create the beauty of Hattie's garden. It took the amazing touch of Roo Smith, Jo Brubaker and Maureen Doran from the Glen Lake Garden Club to take on this delicate re-creation. Roo spent hours in her own garden digging up 52 perennials which she transported to the Olsen yard. Then the planting began. All varieties had been Park-approved for historic accuracy and non-invasive qualities. Hollyhocks, Daylilies and more bloomed all summer long, bringing warmth and color back to the landscape. Maureen, a Master Gardener, quietly came and went several times throughout the summer —adding topsoil, mulch, re-seeding grass, and putting the garden to bed for the winter. Thanks to our gardeners!



Olsen Barn Ramp Wall Finished

The Olsen barn ramp wall was crumbling from water damage and age. This labor-intensive project began last year and contractor Steve Saffell and his volunteers made sure it had a “home-made” look. The project was finished this Spring and included the restoration of the concrete apron at the entrance to the barn, creating a better drainage pattern. We think Charles Olsen would be proud!



Historic Pantry Restored

"There's no other pantry like this in Port Oneida", confirmed Bill Herd, interpretive ranger at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Indeed, one of the biggest attractions at the Olsen house is its historic kitchen pantry. Visitors love to open its large wooden sugar and flour bins held in place by a unique hand-crafted catch. As one of the best features of the house, the pantry just had to be restored.

With only one glass-paneled cabinet door left and two missing drawers, we had to replicate missing pieces from what remained. Fortunately, Jack Boss, a quality finish carpenter and Preserve volunteer, agreed to take on the project. It was difficult to identify the type of wood, given



Jack Boss shows us his work

the discoloration of the finish over time. Another obstacle was finding antique glass. Glass was donated from the Cleveland Township hall, a house in Empire and an antique shop downstate. Northwood Hardware in Glen Arbor helped cut the glass—a delicate operation given its fragility. Matching the routed trim required ordering a special router bit.

We feel a responsibility to be as accurate as possible in all of our preservation projects and sometimes that requires hard work and lots of patience.

Our genuine thanks goes to Jack for his beautiful detailed craftsmanship and installation. Finally, docent Dorie Price had the pleasure of arranging two sets of dishes in the completed pantry during the Port Oneida Fair, offering an opportunity for interpretation. These dishes, donated by board member and antique dealer Jerry Mack, resemble pieces of original dishes found on the Olsen property. In the future, the pantry will have interpretive artifacts and text as part of our overall exhibit.

Other Park Projects 2008

Thirty-eight buildings were worked on in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore by the Lakeshore and its partners.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CREWS

Dechow - Barn roof
Dechow - Granary roof
Dechow - Chicken coop repair
Dechow - Brooder house roof
Dechow - Garage roof
Eckhart - Barn siding
Eckhart - Small barn siding and sills
Eckhart - Privy siding, door, roof, and sills
Eckhart - Chicken coop roof
Lighthouse - Magazine tuck pointing
Fiske - Privy painting
Fiske - Garage painting
Rude House
Warner House
Bumgardner House
Cannery Building
The Aloha boat in Glen Haven
Werner - Privy Roof
Martin Basch - sills, siding and details

PARTNERS

Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear

Boekeloo Cabin - Restoration of front elevation
Ole Oleson - Granary restoration
Ole Oleson - Pig barn restoration
Ole Oleson - Field clearing
Charles Olsen - Barn ramp wall; doors; apron
Charles Olsen - Landscaping
Charles Olsen - Window wells; scrape and paint window sills
Charles Olsen - Pantry restoration
NMI Katie Shepherd Hotel - Site assessment

Manitou Islands Memorial Society

G.J. Hutzler - Grave site fence repair
Price Girls - Grave site fence repair
Henry Haas - House repair, drywall, paint exterior/interior; new roof
South Manitou Island Cemetery - Vegetation clearing
Lighthouse Tower - 3rd order Fresnel lens installation
August Beck and George Conrad Hutzler Farms - Field clearing

Michigan Barn Preservation Network

Lawr - Barn workshop on floors, siding, posts, windows, doors
Lawr - Chicken coop roof

Sierra Club

Trude Cottage - Painting, window re-glazing
North Manitou Island Root Cellar Door - Paint exterior and trim
Fiske Garage - Paint

Eagle Scouts

Lake Manitou Boathouse
Lake Manitou Privy #1

Annual Field Clearing Project

Preserve Collaborates—Donates Toward Tractor



Part of our preservation charge is to maintain historic agricultural fields. It bears repeating that what we're preserving isn't all about buildings. The land surrounding the buildings is a very important part of the history. The farm fields and the beautiful open vistas they provide can be lost when vegetation begins to overtake the landscape. What's even worse is

if they grow back with invasive species!

In demonstration of our commitment to an annual field clearing project, last summer we cleared fields around the Ole Oleson house in Port Oneida. A grant from Cherry Republic paid for the tree removal. Our volunteers and the Traverse City Youth Corps came out in June for the hard work of hauling brush to the chipper.



In addition, in a collaborative effort, the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes decided to help maintain the fields that Preserve and the Park have cleared. They raised funds for a tractor/mower, including a

\$1000 donation from Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear.

Volunteers from both groups will be trained on the equipment next Spring. Contact us if you'd enjoy feeling like a farmer and mowing some historic fields!

THANKS TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

We so appreciate the hard work of outgoing board members David Boekeloo, Kima Kraimer, Ken Richmond and Dee Smith. Each individual member contributed to the success of Preserve. As a financial advisor, **David Boekeloo** provided assistance in that area as well as serving on the Public Relations Committee. **Kima Kraimer** organized our first Manitou Island project conquering a host of logistical details. She also spearheaded an Executive Director search and brought creative ideas to our

Public Relations committee. Architect **Ken Richmond** was a key player during the rehabilitation of the Olsen house. His network of carpenters and suppliers provided in-kind labor and materials saving us many dollars on this and other projects. Ken's enthusiasm and expertise were felt in many areas. As a marketing and public relations professional, **Dee Smith's** business experience and her organizational skills were helpful in creating and achieving our goals.

WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

CHRIS NELSON has a Ph.D. in Family Ecology and was Executive Director for the Child and Family Resource Council in Grand Rapids. In addition, she has served as an Assistant Professor at Michigan State University. Chris continues to work as a consultant to the Steelcase Foundation and has served on numerous non-profit boards including the Michigan Children's Trust Fund. Chris and her husband Randy have been year-round residents of Empire since 2006. Chris says, "I believe in the mission of Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear and have experiences that may help the organization."



RICH UGLOW is a retired auto industry purchasing executive with primary experience in strategic planning and reorganization. A self-described "car nut", his interest in Preserve is a corollary to his automotive interests: "Just as I am fascinated by the history of older vehicles and of our country's experiences during that time period, I am equally fascinated by the history of Leelanau County, the historic structures that reside within the Park, and the history of the people who built the structures and earned their livelihood there." Rich has been a full time resident of Cleveland Township since 2005.



Preserve Builds Solid Foundation

Board Recruitment and Orientation

Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear has worked steadily this year to build a solid organizational foundation to accomplish its mission more effectively. We recruited several new board members to fill expired terms and held our first all-day orientation with the Park. Board members learned about our history and how we operate as a Park partner.

Organizational Assessment & Strategic Plan

With funding from Rotary Charities of Traverse City and a match from the Porter Family Foundation, Preserve conducted an Organizational Assessment and developed a Strategic Plan. The assessment revealed, in particular, a need to build awareness and name recognition of Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear. Strategic planning identified goals, objectives and appropriate timelines. We are eagerly implementing several aspects of the plan while we complete the final details. Below are the highlights.

STRATEGIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The Vision:

The historic structures and landscapes of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore are preserved so that all people can understand and appreciate the rich human experience they represent—tradition, heroism, struggles and resourcefulness.

The Mission:

To assist Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in preserving and interpreting its historic structures and landscapes for all generations.

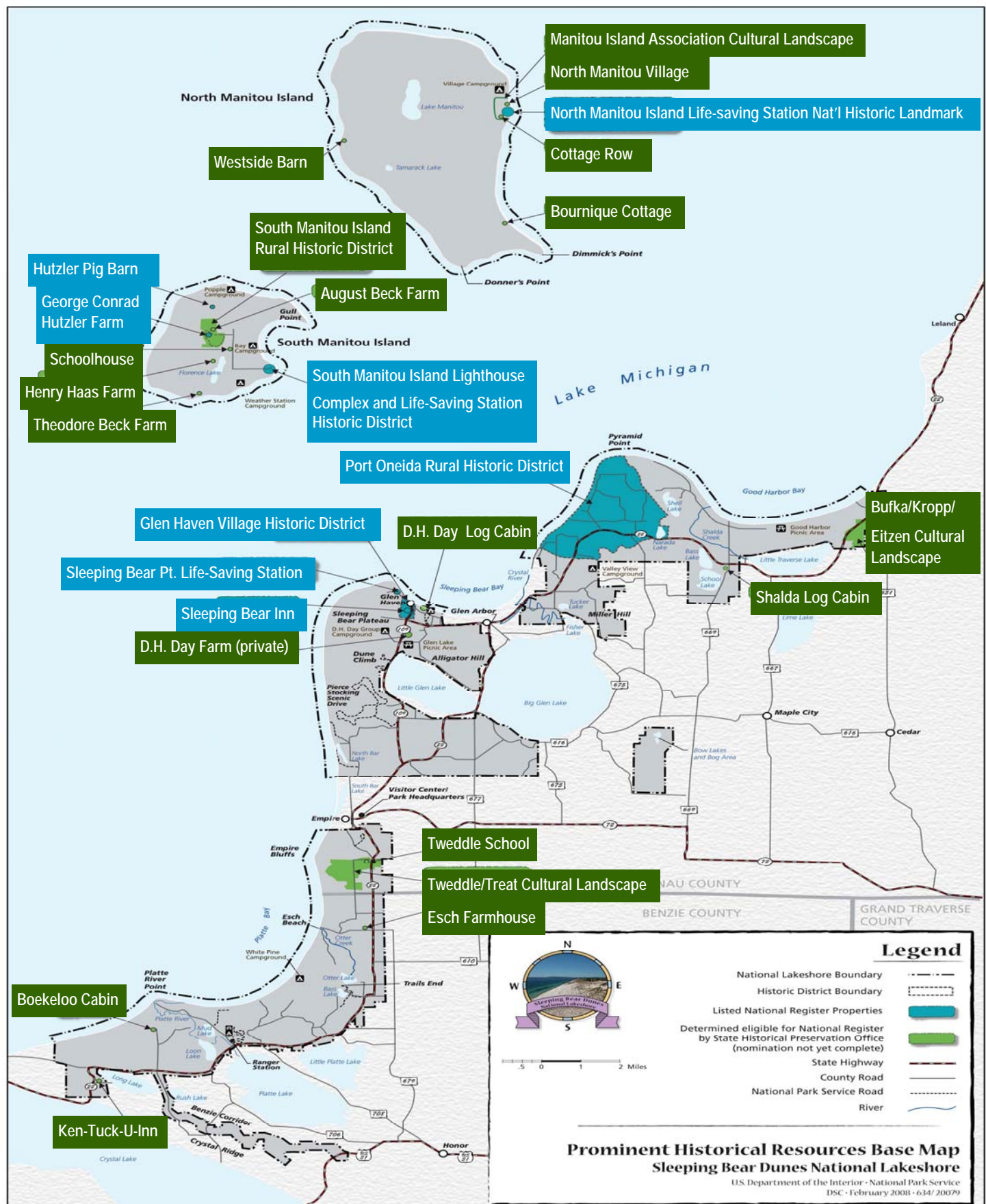
Core Values:

- ◆ Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear has a passion for saving these historic resources and believes in providing leadership and initiative in this effort.
- ◆ We believe in offering learning experiences that share an appreciation of this history.
- ◆ We believe in involving the community in the preservation and understanding of this history.
- ◆ Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear is committed to quality, historic integrity, industry and authenticity in our preservation projects and programs.
- ◆ We strive to bring creativity and resourcefulness to accomplish our mission, and value collaboration and cooperation.
- ◆ We value and respect our volunteers as an essential resource in accomplishing our goals.

Goals:

1. Improve Fiscal Responsibility and Sustainability
2. Increase Awareness of Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear
3. Increase Visitor Understanding of Historic Resources of the Lakeshore
4. Increase Volunteerism
5. Increase Preservation Projects
6. Enhance Organizational Effectiveness

Prominent Historic Properties in the Lakeshore



A Look Ahead at 2009 Projects

Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear has selected their preservation projects for next year. Annually, we meet with the Park to review the list of historic structures in need of repair and fields in need of clearing. While there are many that need immediate help, we consider our capacity for volunteer projects, potential funding, and condition of historic resources when prioritizing.

Tentative Projects for Next Year:

Boekeloo Cabin—complete the stabilization started in 2007

Martin Basch Farmhouse—restore the porch and windows.

Field Clearing—location in Port Oneida TBD

Katie Shepherd Hotel on North Manitou Island—repair the porch.



Katie Shepherd Hotel porch on North Manitou Island will be a Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear project for 2009.

Though dates are not set, we typically hold one project in each summer month - June, July, and August/September. We need your hands and skills! Let us know if you would like to volunteer. Give us a call or sign up on-line at www.phsb.org.

Park Picks Visitor Station



The Kelderhouse farm near the corner of M-22 and Port Oneida road has been selected as the future location for a visitor contact station (VCS) in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The Park made the announcement in September after they had conducted an Environmental Assessment of the Port Oneida Rural Historic District. The process began in August of 2005 and included periods of public input, workshops and alternative plans. The assessment includes long-range plans for a visitor contact station and Park staff seasonal housing in the Port Oneida District. Superintendent Dusty Shultz stated that, “it was confirmed that using the Kelderhouse farm as a visitor contact station would have the fewest impacts and still provide the greatest benefits to the Park and its visitors.”

After conducting tours and its own evaluation, Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear advocated for the Olsen house to serve as the VCS with the Kelderhouse farm as a possible second choice. The Olsen house will continue to be an attraction, providing an interpretive exhibit and educational programming that cannot be found elsewhere in the Park. The “triangle” between the Olsen, Kelderhouse and Dechow farm will be the focal point of Port Oneida. The Park will continue to direct visitors to the Olsen house as the main visitor contact point in Port Oneida until such time as the Kelderhouse is open to the public, which could be several years. Cultural interpretation provided at future locations will provide unique experiences and will not be redundant of what the Olsen House offers.

The Goffar farm, north of Port Oneida was selected for the eventual use of Park employee seasonal and staff housing. Parking, pull-offs and improved trails are also in the long-range plan.

Interpretive Exhibit Design Nears Completion



One day soon visitors will step inside the Olsen farmhouse in the Port Oneida Rural Historic District and learn about the Olsen family, where they and their neighbors came from, how they traveled to Port Oneida, and how they lived as a community.

They'll see an original trunk brought over by the Hutzler family when settling on North Manitou Island. They'll hear a conversation around the dining room table and learn about the seasonality of food on the farm in a re-created kitchen complete with Charles Olsen's rocking chair. They'll be introduced to the concept of a cultural landscape and be able to follow a timeline of human impact from the period of the Native Americans to the present National Lakeshore.

These are some sneak peeks into an interpretive exhibit being developed by Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear. The exhibit will satisfy the curiosity that people have about who lived in these empty buildings, and, hopefully, will help raise awareness and appreciation of why they are so special.

The planning process has involved community members, volunteers, Park staff, Preserve

board members and staff. The team includes Preserve's Board Member Jerry Mack and Director Susan Pocklington, Park Chief Interpreter Lisa Myers, Interpretive Ranger Bill Herd, Oral History Recorder Tom VanZooeren, and volunteers Amy Peterson and Mary Crane.

The exhibit will include some interactive displays and some surprises! Anne-Marie Oomen, instructor of creative writing at Interlochen Center for the Arts, is writing the content in a unique style.

The Peavey Group, a professional exhibit company who has done many exhibits for the National Park Service, will complete the Final Design within the next few months. Funding for the Final Design stage has been provided by Rotary Charities of Traverse City.

We are seeking foundation and corporate grants to fund the next stages of fabrication and installation. When the exhibit is complete, we hope to see school groups, clubs and other functions benefit from the educational experience of this exhibit.

Summer Intern Speaks in Turn



Katie (left) helps board member Rich Uglow at a project

We all know that home is where our heart is. Part of my heart belongs to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Therefore, I felt right

at home on the job this summer as Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear's Intern. As a student at Northern Michigan University majoring in psychology with a minor in Outdoor Recreation, I am interested in engaging people in appreciating and learning from natural beauty, history and culture. Work was a pleasure as I got to interact with so many of the wonderful people associated with the Park and its dynamic Partner. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we all came together in our vital cause. I value the opportunity given me to participate in and learn about Preserve's ongoing accomplishments.

My position as Preserve's Intern enabled me to learn a lot this summer. Knowledge gained about the area and its past dovetailed with practical lessons on how to keep an organization running smoothly. I gained experience in public relations, computer database maintenance, logistical coordination of projects, volunteer program management, general office duties, and reclaiming a basement from a web work of intrusive spiders!

The necessity of things like advanced planning, anticipation of needs and attention to details was constantly reinforced. Also important is maintaining an enthusiastic and persistent attitude. Most essential is acknowledging our invaluable volunteers as the people who bring plans to reality.

Realizing that there is so much more to learn and do in years ahead, I would welcome a continued association with Preserve.

Katie Stillin

Fundraiser, Friends, and a Fabulous Fair!

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser—Thanks to Cherry Republic for hosting a Wednesday evening spaghetti dinner fundraiser on August 13th for Preserve, and thanks to all who supported the event!

Annual Member Meeting/Potluck— About 50 people attended our annual potluck in the Olsen barn following our July work project. The event is a great gathering where we introduce new folks to Preserve, thank volunteers and donors, and inform attendees of Preserve's upcoming summer/fall events. Park Superintendent Dusty Shultz also thanked our members and volunteers.

Port Oneida Fair— Nearly 4,000 visitors again enjoyed insights into the life of early 19th century settlers at six historic sites during the Port Oneida Fair. Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear was a co-sponsor of this event for the sixth year. We hope to see you at next year's fair—August 7 & 8.



Susan Odom demonstrates rolling out a pie crust to young visitors at the Port Oneida Fair. Susan worked at Greenfield Village as a historic food expert.

Coming Up— Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear is looking forward to offering our first major fundraising event this coming year. We'll keep you posted as our exciting plans shape up!

Ways to Give to PHSB



NEW!! **Donate On-Line**

We've just made giving easier!

Now you can donate on-line at our website for faster, more convenient giving. Using PayPal, your donation will be secure. Registration is no longer required by PayPal so you don't have to set up an account. **Just go to www.phsb.org/donate to help!**

Volunteer

Volunteers are essential to the mission of Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear. It's a great way to serve a worthy cause and to meet interesting people. We need carpenters and general labor for preservation projects, docents to greet visitors at the Olsen House, office help, and volunteers for planning or assisting the day of special events. **Sign up on-line! Visit www.phsb.org/volunteer**

Wedding Gifts

Creative brides and grooms have asked their guests to give money to Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear in lieu of gifts. What a beautiful gesture! Contact us if you are interested in this unique form of giving.

Give a Donation

Gift Membership: What do you give the person that has everything? A membership to *Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear* is a meaningful gift for someone who loves the Park and its historic aspects. Go to www.phsb.org/donate. We'll send a gift card to the recipient.

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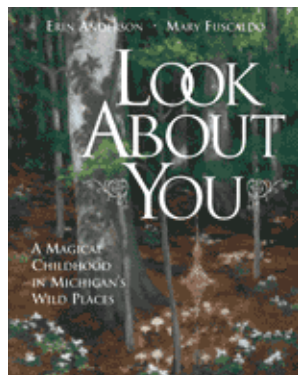
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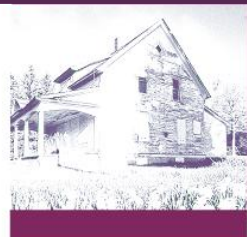
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- ◆ \$12,500 worth of PHSB volunteer hours
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- ◆ 9 PHSB preservation projects completed
- ◆ 4,000 people attended the Port Oneida Fair
- ◆ 42 new members
- ◆ 250 people toured the Olsen house in July and August
- ◆ \$950 in in-kind gifts were given to PHSB

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