



Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear

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2024

Newsletter

Supporting your Park!

From your Park Superintendent

Celebrating our legacy and looking ahead

As the season shifts and the vibrant hues of autumn blanket the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible work accomplished over the past year by Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear. The National Park Service is immensely grateful for the dedication and support that you have shown, allowing us to bring our shared vision for preservation to life.

In 2024, several remarkable projects came to fruition, demonstrating our commitment to preserving the rich history of this beautiful region. Foremost among these was the completion of the Goffer Barn project, a significant milestone that not only restored a vital piece of agricultural history but also created a lasting educational resource for visitors. The Goffer Barn stands as a tribute to the hard work and ingenuity of our predecessors, and its restoration is a village effort we can all be proud of.

In addition, we made significant strides with the Faust Cabin chimney restoration. This project was essential not only in maintaining the cabin's structural integrity but also in ensuring that its historical value is preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. We are thankful to everyone who contributed their time and resources, making this project a reality.

Our collaborative efforts with the National Lakeshore continued with the successful restoration of the Olsen Farmhouse. This project exemplifies what we can achieve when we work together, combining expertise and passion to breathe new life into historical structures. The

Olsen Farmhouse will continue to serve as a hub for education and community events, fostering a deeper understanding of the region's agricultural heritage.

Additionally, our Maple Sugar Days event was a resounding success, drawing families and history enthusiasts alike. This event not only showcased the sweet heritage of maple syrup production but also engaged our community in hands-on activities that highlight the importance of preserving traditional practices. The laughter and joy shared at Maple Sugar Days reminded us all of why we work so hard for preservation.

As we look ahead, we remain excited to continue our collaboration with the Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear and all of you who believe in the importance of preserving our shared history. Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. Together, we will ensure that the stories of the Sleeping Bear region endure for generations to come.



SCOTT TUCKER
SUPERINTENDENT
SLEEPING BEAR DUNES
NATIONAL LAKESHORE



From your Executive Director

Resilience for a future of possibilities

What an impactful year we have had at Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear! As we close out the commemoration of 25 years as a partner, I am so grateful for every member that has donated, and each person or group that has given of their time and skills over two decades. You have changed the landscape in Sleeping Bear Dunes forever.

In our storytelling of the pioneers that settled this area, we speak of resilience as one of their enduring qualities. As I reflect on where we've been and where we are going, resilience also describes Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear. Your support has been resilient in helping fill the gap between government budgets and the cost of preservation and programs.

Resilience will also be required going forward as we grow our educational programs, especially in bringing to the table the financial capacity for a bold vision of adaptive-use. With resilience, optimism, and your support, we can forge new ground in this adventure of reimagining historic buildings. These plans will be included in a five-year Strategic Plan and Business Plan this winter.

In a National Park Partner report, 81% of park partners are considered small with a revenue of \$50K—\$1 million, and nearly 50% of partners have revenue under \$200,000. Some groups never live beyond a few years. This perspective speaks to your support over 25 years, keeping company with the 50% over \$200,000. In the coming year, we are looking to reach new heights by meeting new supporters and engaging our loyal members to help raise a sizeable amount of capital for this vision.

This effort will be conducted in tandem with our unwavering commitment to our preservation program. After all, every dime we spend on projects, would cost the park roughly triple that amount—a value that allows the Lakeshore to reallocate its resources to other priority projects.

All across the country, national park partners are critical to park operations, visitor experiences, and preservation of its resources. With the park projecting fewer staff in the year ahead, partners bring needed hands and energy. The park and Preserve have a list of historic buildings to save, and stories to share in a place rich with natural and cultural treasures.

With your support, volunteers allow us to do the hard work. Preservation, interpretation and fundraising programs take tremendous time from our entire team to bring these contributions to the Lakeshore. Without your support this could not happen. Your gift has made Leelanau and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore an even more amazing place to live, visit, and spend time.

We will remain resilient as we strive to realize our plans that will have a major impact on revitalizing historic properties. The support of the larger community will be crucial. I look forward to reaching out for your feedback, creativity, and generosity. I am humbly grateful and excited to ask you to join us as we take big steps ahead on this journey.



SUSAN POCKLINGTON

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PRESERVE HISTORIC
SLEEPING BEAR



Historic Preservation Projects

Your Donations at Work



TOTAL HOURS: 266

Goffar Barn — Phase 2

After the monumental move of the barn out of Narada Lake last December, our volunteers took up the next phase of the restoration project this past summer.

West Wall Restoration

A project to replace a good amount of missing barn siding morphed into replacing the entire west side. Upon further inspection, the board ends were in poor condition. Over the years, siding had weathered to half the thickness of the original. Milled hemlock transported by volunteers, arrived just in time. The preservation team of six, seamlessly and efficiently executed the project completing the job in just two days with the help of a rented lift.

Old Foundation Fence

The now-exposed lower level where the barn originally stood, was an unsightly mess of mud, lumber, and old pallets. Stones that fell off the 100-plus year foundation wall were salvaged for possible re-use on the new concrete block foundation. Though crumbling, the old stone foundation walls stand defiantly as a reminder of the barn's original history. For safety and aesthetic reasons, part of the project was to install a wood fence in front of the old foundation drop-off. Next year, an interpretive wayside panel will be mounted on the fence. It will tell the barn's history and nature's forces that led to its move 80 feet forward. Now on higher ground, its prognosis is good for another 100 years.

Barn Ramp

The barn was moved, now how to get into it! The old ramp was too short for the barn's new higher elevation. Though not historic, we salvaged it, and doubled the length of the ramp to provide appropriate incline for entry. The wood for the new joists and the fence came from a donor who offered us black locust from his property. Our incredible volunteers actually cut the trees and transported them to the mill! Hopefully, the barn will soon welcome people in once again.



Lawr Barn

In 1889, the Lawr Farm was built on 120 acres and farmed by the same family until 1945. George Lawr's wife Louise was known for her six inch cream and raisin cookies she offered to anyone knocking on her door. And apparently plenty of the neighbors did.

Sitting right off M-22 near Wheeler road, and now the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail, the Lawr Farm is visible to everyone passing by. Back in 1999, the park leased the farm to Shielding Tree Nature Center for youth programs. They put good effort into restoring the barn at the time. The nature center left a few years later, however. The farm has sat unoccupied since.

Fast forward to 2024, the barn needed portions of its two-inch thick pine flooring replaced, having been chewed over the years by porcupines known to like the salty taste of timbers. It felt good to get our saws and hammers going on this first project of the summer. Hopefully the new pine won't be the porcupines next snack. Our crew sure would have enjoyed snacking on some of Louise's famous cookies though.

Pictured right: Curtis Fahlberg, Steve Cook, Casey Reynolds, and Jim Duntley,



Ole Olsen Barn

A board missing here, a loose board there. It all adds up to a lot of maintenance work down the road. Buttoning up barns is critical to preserving them. Wind, rain, snow and critters getting inside take a toll on a building quickly. Imagine having the front door to your house open all year long.

A few years ago the park's barn workshop at the Ole Olsen barn installed a new floor. But the barn siding started to break away and the new floor was taking a hit. Our adopt-a-building volunteer for this farm reported an increasing amount of siding lying on the ground with each passing season.

Renting and transporting a lift for what might be considered minor repairs isn't always economical or efficient. This year, however, we had two other projects that would need the aid of a lift. Our team ended up installing over 15 boards at Ole Olsen. Another job well done saving dollars down the road.



TOTAL 47 HOURS



Because of **donations from our members**, volunteers have all the supplies, materials, and coordinators needed for this work.

THANK YOU!

TOTAL 94 HOURS

Faust Cabin

A precious gem in the roster of cultural treasures in Sleeping Bear Dunes, the Faust summer log home sits at one of the highest points of the county. Sold to the park by the Faust family to be protected and enjoyed by the public, Preserve has been working to help the park make progress toward that goal.

Previously, we installed a French drain to mitigate water damage to the foundation; funded window painting by a youth group; stress tested the smaller than usual structural beams; funded furniture appraisal; cleaned the interior; and had professional pruning of tree branches over the house.

This summer, after three years of trying to secure a mason for chimney repair, we gratefully found Pete Connor. Pete did a great job and was a wonderful find as area masons are occupied with new construction. Pete tuck-pointed the stone chimney that was pulling away from the structure making it secure into the future. Christian Services Brigade, with an accumulated 677 volunteer hours over 13 years with Preserve, completed the yard work and indoor cleaning tasks.

Over 55 windows need restoring which will begin this winter. There's much more to do with a cost that comes with it. These projects have saved the national park thousands of dollars. The cabin is indeed a high priority for Preserve and we hope it will be a priority for our readers. We welcome your donations!

Faust Fundraiser 2025

Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear is looking at hosting a Faust Fundraiser next year. Costs for Faust preservation projects will be significant and include comprehensive window restoration, re-roofing, foundation repair, log repair, fieldstone cleaning, garage and shed repairs, and more.

Stay tuned for details!



TOTAL 39 HOURS

Olsen Farmhouse Projects

Multi-Year Project Completed. Thank you donors, volunteers, collaborators!

Farmhouse Previous Work Recap

It started with red squirrels. As reported in 2022, the feisty critters found a way under our back ramp, creating a mess inside the Olsen farmhouse, home of the Port Oneida Heritage Center and Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear's offices. This led to tearing off the ramp and the back kitchen wall to repair and seal the house. While we were at it, we repaired rotted wall boards, replaced ceiling insulation, and restored kitchen interior and exterior siding. New steps, railing, and a storage shed were added. Window repair commenced. Building a small commercial kitchen for events and personnel began. In 2023, kitchen flooring, appliances, and handmade cabinets were installed. Electrical upgrades to 400 amps for appliances and potential electricity to the barn were partially funded with a grant award from the Michigan History Alliance.

When it's time to refresh the paint in 5-10 years, one coat of linseed oil restores the paint to its original luster. Unlike latex paint, linseed also penetrates the wood for better protection. Though this method comes with challenges—linseed paint takes longer to dry—the investment will arguably save time and expense over the years, given the number of windows that need preserving.

Collaboration on Siding Repairs

In a collaboration between Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear, the national park, and YouthWorks, dozens of deteriorated siding boards were replaced in preparation for exterior painting. Park employee Terry Ryan was the hands-on instructor of three YouthWorks teenage girls who were taught carpentry skills over the summer. Another crew scraped and primed. Preserve volunteers spent four weeks repairing the exterior of the house, caulking, and priming as well. Removing boards with the "alligator" look from years of paint layers also made a huge difference in refreshing the look of the house.

Exterior Painted

Beautiful fall weather allowed Preserve to apply two finish coats of exterior paint on the house. Thank you to our nine-member crew: Curtis Fahlberg, Jane Bush, Jonathon Ball, Mark Bartell, Jim Duntley, Margo and Doug Detzler, Casey Reynolds, and Milan Kuklik.



**TOTAL 455
WINDOW HOURS**

**TOTAL 364
REPAIR & PAINT HOURS**

32 Farmhouse Windows Restored

Thanks to donors and volunteers, this year we completed window and storm window restoration by conducting 29 window workshops. Special thanks to Curtis Fahlberg for leading that project. Why is it so labor-intensive to complete 16 windows and 16 storms? After research and testing in the field, Preserve has adopted a method of taking windows down to bare wood using infrared tools, sanding, glazing with linseed putty and using linseed paint. The beauty of linseed paint is that it doesn't peel.





New Roof

The national park had a funding package in the pike for re-roofing the farmhouse. During some hot summer months, they stripped off and replaced 25-year old cedar shakes. What an amazing difference a new roof makes! Thank you to the park crews for all your work this summer at the Olsen farm and around the park.

Porch Posts a Surprise

An unexpected project came up when we discovered the front porch posts were in poor condition. Things got really interesting when our project team pulled the trim boards back and found that the posts inside were cut in half! The team rebuilt all four posts, grateful that this surprise was found and fixed before it caused much bigger issues later.



With all these repairs, the Olsen house will be in good shape for years to come, and will be ready to welcome visitors again!

TOTAL 30 HOURS

Want to Adopt?

Sign up to keep our resources safe and preserved

Adopt-a-Farm: Be guardians by checking in several times during the year for animal or human entry, or urgent maintenance issues.

Adopt-a-Landscape: Options are mowing fields, gardening, pruning apple trees, or removing invasive and encroaching vegetation from trails and historic farm fields.

Adopt-a-Highway: Join our highway clean-up team keeping M-22 in Port Oneida beautiful!

The D.H. Day Farm

National Register Nomination



Photo by Scott Jackson

They are one of the most iconic and photographed barns in Michigan. Built by Glen Haven's founder D.H. Day, the three barns stand in the field as a tribute to an iconic historical figure in the port village of Glen Haven. With one large and two smaller barns they are perhaps the historic structure version of Sleeping Bear's legendary mama bear and her two cubs. Seen by thousands each year particularly from the vantage point atop the Dune Climb, it is a unique, pastoral scene. Sitting within the boundaries of the National Lakeshore, the barns have had impeccable care through the years by

the private owner. And it appears the farmhouse may be seeing some needed repairs soon.

At the request of Sleeping Bear Dunes Superintendent Scott Tucker, Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear is writing the nomination for the D.H. Day Farm to the National Register of Historic Places. Its significance is the relation to D.H. Day, and architectural features. The nomination effort is part of an agreement made between the park and the owner. The farm deserves to be officially recognized for its place in history. We are honored to be part of it.

Features Add Authenticity to Log Cabins



Installed blackboard adds authenticity to North Unity School based on historic documentation.



Antique furniture was placed in Kraitz cabin to suggest what the original cabin might have looked like.

Kraitz Cabin and North Unity School interiors were whitewashed to restore the historic look and protect the logs.

North Manitou Island Project

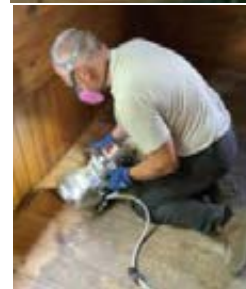


TOTAL 414 HOURS

Preservation and Preparation of Island Hotel

North Manitou Island holds a special place in the hearts of Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear and its volunteers. The lure of interesting island history, and the long days and years invested into the restoration of the Katie Shepard Hotel brought us back again for our 13th year. We are grateful to the park service for providing accommodations, and transportation for us and our boatload of equipment.

Work sessions in August and September—eight days total—allowed us to complete restoration of all five exterior doors and refinish the upstairs floors. Long days were spent



sanding. Hand sanding door panels was especially tedious. But many hours and two coats of stain later, they were restored to their original beauty.

Upstairs, the original pine and hemlock boards were not milled to be flooring. A floor sander and generator rented from our friends at Northwood Hardware worked like a charm. Years of dirt and grime disappeared with the patience and steadiness of volunteer Ken Pratt behind the machine. A few of us returned in September to fill knot holes and

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apply an aluminum oxide clear-coat known for its hard finish and easy maintenance. The result was even better than expected, and the lighter floors brighten the entire upstairs.

In the evening, we learned some contemporary history from new volunteers Kevin and Sue Marks. Kevin grew up summering on the island and had many pictures and stories to share that were both educational and entertaining! We continue to hope that our work is preparing the hotel to one day open for rustic lodging. The current challenge is fire suppression. Working with the park, we remain hopeful that a solution will unfold allowing more people to experience the magic of North Manitou..



Manitou Island Memorial Society

The Manitou Island Memorial Society (MIMS) made the decision to dissolve in 2023, and has donated their remaining funds to Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear. Funds will be earmarked for North and South Manitou Island preservation projects. MIMS evolved from the South Manitou Memorial Society, a group of about 100 former island residents and descendants who met for an annual reunion potluck at the Empire township hall.

Later, they became a partner of Sleeping Bear Dunes dedicated to preserving the history of North and South Manitou Island. Julie Morris, the group's treasurer and a recent Preserve volunteer explained it was time to dissolve MIMS, with most of their members having passed. We look forward to identifying island projects that will honor their legacy, and to sharing their stories of the islands in new engaging ways.

Antique Orchard Watering



DONATE for 2025 Project:
Fund an agricultural well and drip irrigation at the Kelderhouse Farm. Cost Estimate: \$30,000

Over 80 varieties of antique apples from the mid-1800s have been identified in Sleeping Bear. Thirteen remnant orchards remain in the Port Oneida Rural Historic District alone, as an integral part of the agricultural landscape. Efforts to preserve the varieties before they become extinct has involved park workshops in pruning, grafting, and planting, with the Leelanau Conservation District, and funding by Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear.

A nursery at the Kelderhouse farm is the hub of the effort. In 2019, about 34 grafted trees were moved from the nursery into the Kelderhouse orchard. And in 2022, saplings were moved to the Dechow Farm restoring the landscape to look similar to this historic photo.

Volunteer watering efforts led by national park Volunteer Coordinator Matt Mohrman take a great deal of effort and time. Time to fill a large water tank, then tow it with personal vehicles to the orchards. To make this project easier, the park has asked us to fund an agricultural well and irrigation line this year. Your gift can help!



Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Jean Jenkins

Grace and strength. These complementary qualities define Jean Jenkins in a nutshell. Jean has served in so many capacities at Preserve where her grace and strength shine.

Growing up on a Wisconsin farm, Jean appreciated being close to the land. She and her husband Scott bought the historic Prause farm in the park's Port Oneida historic farming district in 2010, and she became a full-time resident in 2019.

Jean soon discovered that her passions aligned with Preserve, and began volunteering in 2011. "With great love for where we live, I wanted to give back in a way that would enhance the area for others," she says. Jean's friendly face greets visitors at the Port Oneida Heritage Center, Port Oneida Fair, Maple Sugaring Days, as registrar at the Port Oneida Run, as server at our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, and more.

Her joy is connecting people with history and living on the land. When our horse and wagon tours launched, Jean took the helm as lead narrator. Drawing on her experience as an actress, her storytelling about the people who lived here made the history come alive. "Buildings took on new meaning—they became more than boards and nails. Our guests gained a new appreciation for the value of what we are saving." Jean adds.

As a Master Gardener, she and our other gardeners turned our plans to restore the vegetable, perennial, and raspberry gardens, into reality. "Hattie Olsen's poppies are thriving in our gardens! There are fun surprises along the way too—like finding a large morel mushroom in the flower garden", she laughs.

Gardening is hard work, yet satisfying. "When a visitor comes up and says 'do you do the gardens? they are so beautiful and I so appreciate them'. Or when you see someone strolling the gardens in a contemplative way, I feel good about creating an environment that draws people to have an uplifting experience."

One of Jean's most important contributions to Preserve has been as a member of our Board of Directors since 2016. This spring she will take a hiatus after three, three year terms. What excites her about Preserve's future? "I am most excited about us expanding our tours and programs, and opening up more buildings for new visitor experiences," she says. "What I find most rewarding in life is to open up hearts. Those aha moments where someone might look at life a little differently." Jean exemplifies the hearts of our volunteers that inspire visitors to learn something new—whether on a tour, during a project, or in the garden. We thank her immensely for her gift of 1080 accumulated volunteer hours!

Read her full impressive bio at <https://phsb.org/about-us/our-board/>

Welcome!

New Staff and Board Members



Natalie Richert, Admin. Coordinator

Natalie recently joined us this November. Sleeping Bear has been a cherished part of her life, spending summers at her family's Glen Arbor cottage. Originally from Metro-Detroit, Natalie worked as a real estate agent, as a proposal writer for a global company, and a professional conference planner. "I'm thrilled to offer my skills to such a purposeful organization, preserving and promoting these treasures of the Lakeshore."



Milan Kuklik, Project Manager

Originally from Czechoslovakia, Milan felt a deep connection to the Bohemian heritage of the region, where he ultimately built his retirement home. His 30-year career was as a mechanical engineer in the Detroit automotive industry. He has also restored several old houses. This spring, he joined our team. "I am excited to work with such wonderful people who share my commitment to preserving this history."



Mark Bartell, Board Member

In 2021, Mark and his wife Renee, began volunteering in Sleeping Bear. Mowing and trimming around historic properties on the mainland and islands was their focus. They settled in Beulah after Mark's retirement from a long career in Public Safety and Law Enforcement. Mark has helped build two houses. He has served on several Board of Directors bringing experience in Management, Communications, and Strategic Planning. "National Parks are forever! Our efforts can keep a record of living history and teach future generations."



Sandy Zubik, Board Member

Sandy grew up on a dairy farm with real experience living that culture. She and her husband John retired to Glen Arbor from Chicago where Sandy had a 30-year career as a lawyer in human resources for Sara Lee and Tyson. She has experience in assessing risk, client counseling, and public speaking. She and John have been guides for Preserve's historic bike tours for three years. Sandy currently serves as President of the Glen Arbor Women's Club. "Preservation and interpretation is vitally important as our shared legacy of rural farm life disappears."

Oral History Sheds Light on the Past

Bufka Presentation

When the park came into being in 1970, solicitors knocked on doors of private homes armed with purchase offers of fair market value. While owners that homesteaded their property by 1965 had the option to retain their property, many tell of feeling forced to sell. Norbert Bufka grew up on his family's farm in Good Harbor, now owned by the national park. Norbert has embraced every opportunity to tell the story of his family farm and has authored books about Bohemian and Good Harbor history.

This summer he shared his family's history at the farm in two oral history sessions. The small group of Bufka family members, TART Trails, and invited guests gathered around he and his wife Sue, who traveled from Midland to be with us. Park Superintendent Scott Tucker attended one of the sessions. Having been just a young boy when the Bufkas sold to the park, he asked Norbert, "After over 100 years of family history on this piece of ground what was your reaction to someone knocking on your door asking or telling you to sell the property?"

Norbert replied, "There was great opposition to the sale

[from his family] and I was very much involved with that. We fought it for years. I didn't live here at the time. I had moved away in 1956 except for a few summers. But I love the place and since we don't own it anymore I want it to be available to as many people as possible to see what happened here, tell the story somehow." A follow-up question asked how he reconciled being opposed to the sale of the farm, to being able to sit and share his history.

"I think it's a great honor to our grandparents and parents to have this preserved and verified and the story told."

- Norbert Bufka

Norbert replied, "For me it was a gradual transition, but basically – the farm is sold, we're never going to own it again. Get over it, I'm telling myself that. And that's why I think it's a great honor to our grandparents and parents to have this preserved and verified and the story told. I believe that. I'll give you a little philosophy. Native Americans could not understand private ownership of property. It all belonged to everybody. And the general history of the world is that Mother Earth we say, is the source of life. We don't own this. We had custody of it for a while. That's all. That's my philosophy." And that, for some of us was a moving moment in awe of a humble heart.



Pictured Left:

Susan Pocklington, Norbert and Sue Bufka; Norbert standing by new park identifier sign installed this year.

The session was recorded and will be available soon through a link at phsb.org

Expanding Anishinaabe Inclusion

The Port Oneida Heritage Center plans to include more Anishinaabe history into our exhibits. Last summer our Special Projects Coordinator Gretchen Carr conducted research to increase our knowledge of the Anishinaabe people. Gretchen interviewed members of the Grand Traverse Band, including Matthew Fletcher and Tera

John. A review of the archives of ethnohistorians Helen Hornbeck Tanner and Larry Wyckoff were also conducted. This research will allow us to tell more stories about the Anishinaabe people, the first to inhabit the National Lakeshore's cultural landscapes.

First “Big Band by the Barn” a Success!

Our first Big Band by the Barn was a rip-roaring success! Flapper dresses and suspenders brought home the 1920s theme as partners swing danced through the evening to the River City Jazz Band on August 15th. The 10-piece ensemble brought high energy to the catered event with old standards like, “In the Mood.” We were definitely in the mood for celebrating the bookend milestones—25 years as an organization in 2023, and 25 years as a park partner in 2024. The event achieved another goal of outreach, engaging new friends with Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear and the park’s historic properties. Swing dance instructors gave a free lesson under the big white tent during social hour, and other experienced dancers made sure we were entertained. Preserve’s Chair Bill

Herd, Executive Director Susan Pocklington, and Park Superintendent Scott Tucker spoke to the crowd of 140. We were so grateful for generous artists who donated or split proceeds for the silent auction of their paintings and photographs of the park’s historic properties. Many thanks to Audacia Elixirs who donated non-alcoholic drinks. And Glen Arbor Wines gave complimentary coupons for a beverage at their store. Local Bill Bolton’s 1940s car added a touch of class as the perfect photo backdrop. Special thanks to our partial sponsor, the Sleeping Bear Visitors Bureau! Many thanks was expressed for a wonderful evening. We were thrilled to offer this first-of-its-kind event in Leelanau County. Stay tuned as we consider a repeat in 2025!!

Educational and Fundraising Events this Year

Use this QR code to see more photos



Port Oneida Run raised over \$10,000!

Port Oneida Fair attended by 2,700 people

100 Horse & Wagon Tour Guests



Maple Sugar Days attended by hundreds who loved learning all about sugaring.

Log Cabin Day featured Boekeloo Cabin



Kiosk Orients Visitors

A new outdoor orientation kiosk at the Port Oneida Heritage Center has been installed to welcome and inform visitors as to where they are and what's available in Port Oneida. This is especially helpful when the Heritage Center is closed. Often people don't know they are in the national park, or wonder why houses in Port Oneida are mostly uninhabited.

To enrich the visitor experience and help answer these questions, Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear constructed a three-sided outdoor kiosk. One panel each was designed for Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; Port Oneida Rural Historic District and Heritage Center; and Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear's mission and activities.

Look for five new interpretive waysides to be installed next spring at the Heritage Center that have been designed and printed. These will be wonderful additions to the farm!

Glen Haven Projects

Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear funded these Glen Haven Historic District expenses:

- Maritime Museum calibrations—to maintain a required temperature for preservation of artifacts.
- Historic Gas Pump repair
- Lyle Gun demonstration supplies

Sleeping Bear Inn Opens!

The oldest inn in the National Park Service is open for business. Preserve is thrilled to see this iconic piece of Sleeping Bear history have a new life in the hands of Maggie and Jeff Kato. The Katos signed a 40-year lease for the inn with the national park in 2022 after being shuttered since the 1970s. After two years of restoration costing hours of labor and \$1.7 million dollars, the inn in historic Glen Haven looks beautiful and authentic. The park is fortunate to have the inn lovingly cared for. We look forward to all it has to offer, including their famous pancake breakfasts. Make your 2025 reservations early as we hear they are booking up fast!



Trail and Artifact Maintenance



Leelanau School students did spring yard work at the Olsen farm. Divine Child High School helped clear black locust trees growing into the Bayview hiking trail, and removed vegetation from the Burfiend barn foundation. Thank you to these hardworking students!



CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARK

2024 Support Report

Thank you generous donors and amazing volunteers for an incredibly productive year of projects, programs and events that preserve, and offer ways to engage in, the special places within Sleeping Bear Dunes. Our contribution to the park is measured in project and program expenses, and volunteer hours.

THANK YOU from all of us at Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear.

CASH INKIND

Preservation Projects	\$83,683
Interpretation	\$35,273
Merchandise	\$5,972

TOTAL CASH	\$124,928
IN-KIND	\$269,996

**8062
HOURS**

90 Volunteers

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION: \$394,921

PRESERVATION PROJECTS

- Goffar Barn Siding Replacement
- Goffar Farm Fence Construction
- Goffar Barn Ramp Restoration
- Goffar Foundation Debris Removal
- Ole Olsen Barn Siding
- Lawr Barn Floor Replacement
- Olsen Barn Door Repairs
- Werner Barn Seal Holes
- C. Olsen Farmhouse Siding Repair
- C. Olsen Farmhouse Exterior Paint
- C. Olsen Kitchen Cabinet Installation
- C. Olsen Appliance Purchases
- C. Olsen Window Restoration
- C. Olsen New Furnace
- Faust Cabin Ext./Inter. Cleaning
- Faust Cabin Chimney Mason Repair
- N. Unity School White Wash Walls
- N. Unity School Install Blackboard
- Kraitz Cabin - White Wash Walls
- Burfiend Foundation Cleanup
- Bayview Trail Maintenance
- D.H. Day Farm Nomination
- NMI Katie Shepard Hotel Repairs
- Adopt a highway—Port Oneida

- Glen Haven Gas Pump Restoration
- Barn Workshop Tree Pruning
- Adopt a Farm/Building
- Orchard Restoration Funding

EDUCATION & VISITOR SERVICES

- Port Oneida Heritage Ctr. Operation
- C. Olsen Farm Gardens
- Educational Booklets
- Port Oneida Waysides Panels
- Port Oneida Orientation Kiosk
- Historic Bike Tours
- Horse and Wagon tours
- Log Cabin Day
- Maple Sugar Days
- Bufka Oral History Recording
- Lyle Gun Demonstration Supplies
- Port Oneida Run
- Port Oneida Fair fiduciary/Site Host
- Big Band Outreach Event

Additional Purchases for the Park

- GH Museum Temp. Calibration
- Portable Work Lights
- Sandwich Boards
- Farm Engine Repair

Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear is a 501 c3 nonprofit tax exempt organization

Campaign:
25/25/25

Help us raise an additional \$25,000 for our 25th year of service, for 2025 projects

2025
Sneak Peek

- Agricultural well for Antique Orchard Project
- Remove lead and asbestos from building interiors
- Repair crumbling stone foundations
- Faust Cabin shed repairs and window restoration
- Install new exhibits
- Connector walking path between farms
- Olsen Barn repairs
- Barn Talks speaker series

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