

Dear Friends,

I feel fortunate to begin a letter about “2022-in-review” by stating that it was another year of remarkable milestones for the Association and The Museum at Lassen’s Resort. Our season was punctuated by many notable firsts. Among the highlights:

- ◆ The Smithsonian came to Cedar Lake when we hosted Museum on Main Street’s “Water/Ways” exhibition. The Cedar Lake timeline exhibit was funded through an Indiana Humanities grant as part of the exhibition and remains on permanent display in the member’s lounge.
- ◆ Baby Dewey, a 6-passenger electric boat, was christened during the May 7th opening celebration.
- ◆ Steamer Dewey (aka the Alabama No. 4 steam launch) carried over 1,000 passengers onto magnificent Cedar Lake throughout the entire summer.
- ◆ The rotating exhibit room debuted and three special exhibits made their way from collections storage to featured display: Evolution of the Wedding Gown, Resorts & Recreation, and Harvesting History Farm Equipment
- ◆ A permanent installation of Association memorabilia was placed in the museum gift shop. Founded over 40 years ago, the Association has grown and thrived thanks to the tireless efforts of the many volunteers featured therein.
- ◆ Our Steam Through History 2021 week-long special event earned 3 awards: an American Association for State & Local History Albert B. Corey Award, an Indiana Historical Society Outstanding Collaborative Project, and a Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest Team Award for Innovation.

We take our role as conveners of community to heart and hope that you share in the pride of these accomplishments and experiences. Thank you for your support as a member, donor, sponsor, and advocate to present the relevance of Cedar Lake history.

With Gratitude,
Julie Zasada, Executive Director

On behalf of the Association Board of Governors

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May 7, 2022:
Boat Christening



May 2022:
Rotating Exhibit
Gallery Opens



September 28, 2022: Steamer
Dewey’s Last Cruise of the Season



2022 Financial Summary

Grant expenses and award payments have made our financial summary increasingly complex as they cross multiple fiscal years. For a complete picture of our financial activity, please view our tax return on GuideStar.org or contact us to schedule an appointment.

FACTS & FIGURES FROM A RECORD-SETTING YEAR

- ✧ The number of annual memberships sold increased for the 7th year in a row
- ✧ 14 new volunteers joined our team
- ✧ Over 8,000 volunteer hours were logged
- ✧ Over 4,400 visitors toured the museum and attended special programs
- ✧ **Special Programs:** Hosted Water/Ways Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Traveling Exhibition, Christening of Baby Dewey, Full summer of Steamer Dewey Rides, 2nd Annual Speakeasy Summer Social, and 2nd Annual Track the Past Family Train Day
- ✧ **Affiliations/Memberships:** AAM, AASLH StEPs Museum, Calumet Heritage Partnership, Cedar Lake & Crossroads Regional Chambers, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Landmarks, Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society, South Shore CVA Partner, Time Travelers Reciprocal Program

Gifts & Grants Further the Mission

March 2022: A **\$10,000** grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation & Cedar Lake Community Fund was awarded for extensive restoration and rehabilitation of the museum porch, including new 8x8 support columns, reinforced floor joists, repair of the railing, and construction of a new north staircase from the town grounds. Funds also provided for the installation of low voltage, LED architectural lighting to illuminate the museum and porch at night.

July 2022: A capacity building scholarship valued at **\$2,500** was awarded by the Legacy Foundation for a one-year subscription to the Resilia nonprofit technology platform.

September 2022: A **\$500** cash prize was awarded to CLHA with the American Association for State & Local History Albert B. Corey Award.

Free Admission Day* Sponsors 2022: This unique partnership program with community organizations provides complimentary admission for citizens and tourists to experience The Museum at Lassen's Resort exhibit gallery on select days throughout the season. **Please join us in offering gratitude to South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority, Corner Store/Vicari Fireworks, Tri Kappa Zeta Psi Chapter, DeMotte State Bank, and the donors who sponsored days in memory of Augustus Vicari & Capt. Andrew Laud.** Over 500 visitors benefitted from their generosity.

**Two sponsorship opportunities remain for 2023. Please contact us or read more at lassenresort.org/support*

October 8, 2022: Family Train Day



July 30, 2022: A long-desired architectural illumination project is completed.

Historic Supporters Registry ~ Gifts & Donations



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In celebration of Lil Dew the cardboard boat

Steamboat 2022 Sponsors

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Dine-Out Fundraisers 2022

Tavern on Main Portillo's

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2022 Donations for Innovation Fund 2021 Campaign

Bev Abbott, Larry & Sue Coffin, Maria Fay, Paul Horgash, Ralph & LouAnn Miller

The Historic Supporters Registry lists gifts received from generous donors in the 2022 fiscal year. If you identify an error or omission herein, please contact us.

Summerfest 2022: The Award-Winning "Lil Dew" Cardboard Boat Crew & Fabrication Team



Special Events Yours & Ours

The Museum at Lassen's Resort was host for a film crew, two weddings, two chamber of commerce gatherings, three receptions for local nonprofits, multiple field trips and steamboat charters ... and, of course, our signature annual offerings: Preserving History Networking Seminar in June and Speakeasy Summer Social in August.

Special event rentals support the operational costs of maintaining the museum. Our rooms accommodate up to 75 people indoors and are available May through October. For more information, including pricing, please visit lassensresort.org/experiences



2023 Season Events At-A-Glance

Wednesday, June 7th | Noon-5pm

Preserving History Networking Seminar

Wednesday, June 14th | Times Vary

Steamboat Cruises Begin...and continue every Wednesday through September. Choose from two routes. Full details available online.

Sunday, June 25th | Noon-2pm

Annual Member Cookout on Museum Lawn. RSVP required.

Sunday, July 2nd | 1-4pm

Pie & Ice Cream Social during Summerfest

Tuesday, July 25th | 6 pm

Members-only Ribbon Cutting for The Science of Steam Exhibit and Reception with steamboat operators

Wednesday, July 26th | All day

Steam Through History Day

Rides aboard Steamer Dewey are offered with advance ticket purchase. Steam equipment will be on display and demonstrated throughout the day, including a steam traction engine, steam powered calliope, and additional steamboats. Complimentary museum admission is sponsored by Mees Insurance Agency. Visit the brand new Science of Steam exhibit, funded by Indiana Humanities and Centier Bank, in the museum gallery. Enjoy live music from the porch, marionette shows, and more.

Join the Dewey Crew! A community boat parade will cap the day's activities at 6:30 pm (line up at 6:00 pm). Advance registration is required on our website.

July 28-30 | Vera Dines-Whitlow Community Art Show

Artists: Register by July 1, 2023. All mediums welcome.

Friday, August 11th | 7-10pm

Speakeasy Summer Social (Early-bird discount through 8/1)

Sunday, August 13th | 1pm

Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour (ticket purchase required)

Saturday, October 14th | 10am-4pm

Track the Past Family Train Day with free admission to museum gallery sponsored by DeMotte State Bank.

Dates are subject to change. Follow us online or on Facebook for full details. Additional programs will be scheduled. Download this report, buy tickets and more at lassensresort.org

2023 MEMBERSHIP*

☐ New Membership

☐ Renewal

___ Individual \$30

___ Family \$60

___ Senior/Student \$20

___ Sponsor \$100

___ Senior Couple \$30

___ Patron \$250

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

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Checks should be made payable to **Cedar Lake Historical Association** and mailed to:

P.O. Box 421, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Purchase or renew online using our membership portal at lassensresort.org

*Expires 1 year after date of purchase.

All of The Museum at Lassen's Resort memberships include:

- **Members-only:** Preview day April 10th, Cookout June 25th, & Ribbon Cutting/Steamboat Reception July 25th
- **FREE** museum admission all season long and 2 complimentary guest passes
- **Discounted tickets** for select steamboat cruise bookings and annual Behind-the-Scenes museum tour; free admission to guest speaker programs
- **Time Travelers Program**, a reciprocal membership network for historical sites and museums throughout the United States. Discover participating museums: <http://timetravelers.mohistory.org/>

Please contact us with questions at 219.390.9423 or info@cedarlakehistory.org



The Association is operating the most dynamic cultural attraction in the community.

We're preserving recreational public access to the lake and its beautiful sunsets, and helping visitors of all ages renew fond memories while creating new ones. Whether you're interested in becoming a museum docent, a dock hand for the Dewey Line boat crew, a digital curator of the Beatrice Horner Archival Collection, a green thumb beautifying the Timothy Ball Garden, providing muscle (or finesse) on Lassen's Resort restoration projects, or greeting our guests with a smile - it's an exciting time to join our volunteer family.

Complete our volunteer inquiry form and schedule your interview at lassensresort.org/volunteers

Team/Committee Call-Out

Teams and Committees are a great way to volunteer in areas that align to your professional expertise or hobby enthusiasm. Meetings are typically on a Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm but frequency varies. Choose from:

**Building/Museum Restoration,
Collections Care, Events, Finance,
Guest Services, or Transportation**

Read more online and then complete the volunteer inquiry form and schedule your interview.

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Thank You to our 2022 Volunteers

Bev Abbott, Tom Adams, Terry Adams, Sharon Adley, Mercedes Austgen, Gary Babcoke, Jerry Beno, Scott Bocock, Tim, Lori & Brad Brown, Brittney Brugos, Claudia Carlson, Kurt Cofran, Ed Conn, Tim Cook, Dean Dal Santo, Anne Dines, Tim Dionne, Scott Duff, Maria Fay, Richard Ficek, Jen Frazier, Dawn & Russ Gower, Cole Gross, Earl & Denise Gundelach, Mike Hilburger, Bill Hillegonds, Skylar Hosfeld, Meg Jehle, Art & Darlyeen Jellema, Mary Ann Jimenez, Robert Johnston, Rachel Kalocinski, Sue Kizewski, Jim Kinkaide, Lucas Kirsch, Charlie & Bonny Kortokrax, Gloria Krejsa, Ross Kozora, Eric Labus, Jimmy Laud, Jr., Bert Lawrence, Nancy Lear, John Maranowicz, Iris & Yolanda Martinez, Heidi Mees, Ralph & LouAnn Miller, Julie Montgomery, John Ols, Connor Olson, Carol Oostman, Cheryl Parker, Stacey Previs, Jack Pruzin, Vickie Rainwater, Robbie Randhan, Jr., Terry Rebenak, Sherryl Reeves, Ted Rita, Sam & Jennifer Russell, Ryan Russell, Cathy Ryan, Wendy Sawyer, Miriam Serini-Simmel, Ed Smith, Mark & Nancy Speichert, Carl Sprehe, Justin Steele, Marie Sumara, Rob Thomas, Kevin & Jeri Toth, Mardie Tuttle, Bob VanRamshorst, Lee Vertucci, Nick Werley, The Wienke Family, The Zasada Family, and Bethel Church - Men Serve & Teen Youth Groups

Current Volunteers: Find links to create your profile in the Volunteer Local portal, sign up for open shifts, and view your registered shifts at lassensresort.org/volunteers