



Two Harbors Iron Port



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THEN AND NOW IN THE HISTORIC WATERFRONT BUSINESS DISTRICT

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As we race into the second half of Winter, know to the optimistic few as Spring, I would like to look at the developments going on in our Historic Waterfront Business District (HWBD).

Of course the most noticeable development in the HWBD is the construction of the new Castle Danger Brewing Facility. Hoping to capitalize on the popularity of hand crafted micro-brews the owners have decided to build their brewery in the district adding a truly unique business to the landscape. Of course the presence of brewing companies in historic downtown Two Harbors is not new. At the turn of the 20th century several brewing companies like Duluth Brewing and

Malting (Moose Beer), Fitgers, Pabts and Blatz, all maintained large ice houses along the freight tracks that ran between 1st and South Avenues.

Prior to the construction of the new brewing complex many people drove past the vacant lot and fondly remember the DM&IR Employees Association Clubhouse. The building began life in 1897 as the D&IRR sponsored YMCA. This was an effort by the railroad to deal with the large volume of transient young men passing through Two Harbors during the frontier years. It was created as part of the Welfare and Safety Division of the railroad. In later years control would



Tennis Courts Across from the YMCA

be passed on to the Employees Association but would still be financially subsidized by the railroad. The utilities, steam and electricity for the structure, would all come from the railroad yards, not the municipality. After WW I the Clubhouse would serve as housing for many retired or disabled railroad workers with room for up to 48 men. In its heyday the club featured a gymnasium, swimming pool, bowling lanes, and a very active calendar of social events.

Foreshadowing the Black Friday that would come in January of 1963, the Clubhouse was closed August 31st 1962. Salvage rights were sold to Quentin Puent who with his son David and Walter Dahl disassembled the building in May of 1963. *cont....*



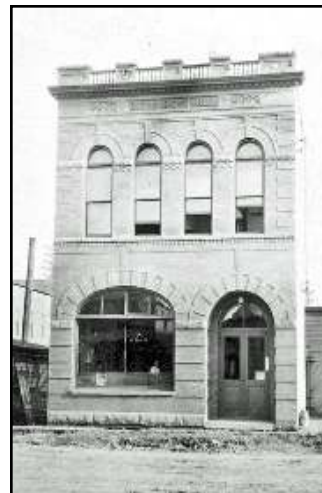
The Original D&IRR YMCA 1897

Throughout the years Two Harbors has seen many dance halls and theaters come and go. We have all heard the familiar names like the "Finn-Hop", the Star and the State Theater. Most of us reading this will undoubtedly have some fond memories of the Harbor Theater. My personal memories as a young kid was sprinting past the cemetery on my way home to Segog after watching Dark Shadows or some other cheap horror flick. The Harbor Theater built in 1941 was closed by a fire that devastated the structure in 1943. It would remain closed until 1946 due to the shortage of available building materials brought on by WWII. Though not sure what the first film shown will be look for a Grand Opening sometime in May. Another building in the HWBD is the original Scandinavian Co-Operative Mercantile (1893). Long before Whole Foods and Farmers Markets the Co-op operated as a true member owned general store until 1957 when the name was changed to the New Scan. As someone "not from here" (my family moved here in 1964)

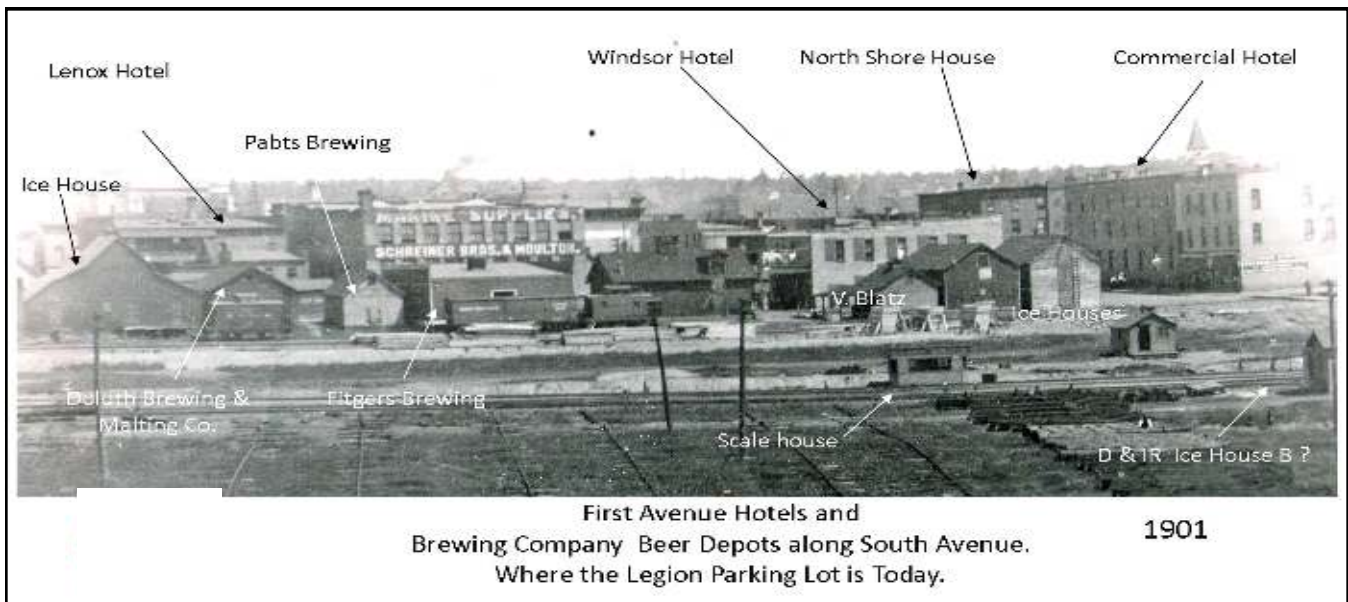


The original Harbor Theater sports a coat of ice after being destroyed by fire-1943

I often refer to the building as the Mercantile building. Members of the LCHS Board of Directors look at me and ask "are you talking about The Scan?". Having once housed J&J Lumber Co. it seems fitting that Architectural Antiques has purchased the building. In addition to the antique sales there will be some studio or office space in the second story.



Last but not least Old City Hall (1905) was purchased just before it would have been forfeited to the county for back taxes. The building saw a lot of much needed work just to stabilize the structure while the new owner develops a plan for the buildings future.





The continuing saga of the Two Harbors Light Station 4th Order Fresnel Lens

Let me shed some light on the current status of the efforts to see the lens returned to Two Harbors. (sorry!)

In March we received a letter from Arlyn Danielson, Curator for the U.S. Coast Guard Historical Society granting us "Provisional Approval" for the artifact loan program. The letter we received has helped us to gain some support. We now have members of the MN HS, OH HS, and the U.S. Lighthouse Society helping us to move this project forward. Currently the lens is in transport from Vermillion to Toledo where it will be stored as the Inland Seas Maritime Museum prepares for their grand opening April 26th. The new lens display they will be featuring is a 2nd Order lens (like Split Rock's) freeing our lens up to make the trip home. It is important to note that we are still working on this and the LCHS has not yet signed a legal loan agreement with the USCG.

I received an estimate from a U.S. Coast Guard approved "Lampist", Captain Kurt Fosburg for the transportation of the lens. Just transportation is \$4475.00. This does not include our cost to build a case or any restoration work the Coast Guard may require. Not to mention costs for a Grand Opening Celebration of our own.

THIS CALENDAR AND 50c WILL A TWO ADULTS ON OCT. 13-26

A Free Ticket

GOOD FOR ONE MONTH--FOR TWO PERSONS

Will be given to the holder of the lucky calendar in a drawing following the first show October 27 and the calendar must be completely filled out for drawing

ONE TICKET EACH NITE


This Calendar is good for:

What was the best show in the month of October?

COULDN'T ATTRACTORS

"Bonnie To Hollywood", "Cathie", "Remembrance In Exile", "Beauty For Sale", "Gentle Annie", "I Loved A Woman", "Ladies In The Air", "Satan's Millions", "Only Yesterday", "Love, Honor & Obedience", "Foolish Paradise", "Sally Hadden", "Dinner At Eight", "The Winner", "Remember Them A. Lincoln", "Roman Scandal", "Fanny", "Run Of The Tide", "Blood Money"

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CALENDAR

For the Month of

October 1933

REMEMBER

"GOLD DIGGERS OF 1933"

Oct. 11 and 12

"Gold Diggers of 1933"

Opening Day 2014

Museums will open May 2nd 2014 and be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Memorial Weekend, May 24th when we open seven days a week.

The admission cost for the museums will be:

- \$5
- Multi Tickets admission to all four museums is \$10 and can be used over two consecutive days (a savings of \$10)
- MEMBERS remember to use your membership card for free admission any time!

| SUN, MON. & TUES. | WED. and THURS. | FRIDAY and SATURDAY |
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| <p>OCTOBER 1-5-9 MARIE DRESSLER WALLACE BEERY -25- "TUGBOAT ANNIE"</p> <p>OCTOBER 6-8-10 "BUREAU OF MISSING PERSONS" -WITH- LEWIS STONE BETTY DAVIS GLORIA FARRRELL</p> <p>OCTOBER 11-13-17 "MARY STEVENS M. D." -WITH- RAY BRANCIA LYLE TALBOT GLENDA FARRRELL</p> <p>OCTOBER 22-24-28 HELEN HAYES ROBERT MONTGOMERY LOUISE CLOSSER HALE -25- "NOTHER LANGUAGE"</p> <p>OCTOBER 29-31-21 A drama of the sepians of the deservants with an all star cast in- -clude- FRANKIE BARRO, DOROTHY DONNAN, ROCHELLE HEDSON "WILD BOYS OF THE ROAD"</p> | <p>OCTOBER 6-8 "THE COCKTAIL HOUR" -WITH- BEBE DANIELS SIDNEY BLACKMER</p> <p>OCTOBER 11-13 By Popular Demand "GOLD DIGGERS OF 1933" -WITH- WARREN WILLEAH JOAN MARSHALL ALICE MARSHALL RUBY KEELER DICK POWELL</p> <p>OCTOBER 18-21 The Whole Story presented "TURN BACK THE CLOCK" -WITH- LEE TRACY BEE CLARKE PEGGY SHANNON</p> <p>OCTOBER 22-26 "DON'T BET ON LOVE" -WITH- LEW AYRES GINGER ROGERS</p> <p>NOVEMBER 1-2 No children under 16 allowed. BARBARA STANWICK GEORGE BRENT -25- "BABY FACE" ALL SEATS 25c</p> | <p>OCTOBER 6-7 "PRIVATE DETECTIVE NO. 62" WILLIAM POWELL EUGEN DONNELLY MARGARET LINDSAY</p> <p>OCTOBER 12-14 "CAPTURED" -WITH- LESLIE HOWARD DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. FAYE EDGAS MARGARET LINDSAY</p> <p>OCTOBER 18-21 "THE NARROW CORNER" -WITH- DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. PATRICIA ELLIS RALPH BELLAIRY</p> <p>OCTOBER 27-28 CALENDAR NITE An October calendar for 35c admission 100 persons. "HEROES FOR SALE" -WITH- RICHARD BARTHELMUSS LORETTA YOUNG</p> <p>WEEK NITE SHOWS Performance 7:15 p. m. Sunday nite shows commence 7:45 p. m.</p> |

A monthly calendar of shows and times from the State Theater October 1933

We have one more part time opening for a host at 3M and a tour guide on the tug.

Project Updates

Depot Basement Excavation, Waterproof Membrane, and Drain Tile

I will be making a Pre-Application Request to the MNHS for funding. Pre-Apps are due May 2 2014 with the hope to secure funding for the 2015 summer season.

Depot Window Restoration Project

Old World Windows have come and removed our windows! They will be rebuilding our windows throughout May. Even though we haven't got a dime to our name I think we should just say the hell with it and let them fix the last window that needs to be completely rebuilt. I didn't add this in the grant app as I had to keep the total cost under \$10,000 for the grant. The second phase of this project is to replace the aluminum storm windows with replicated wooden screens and storms.

Crusader II Exhibit and Property

The Lake County Historical Society Board of Directors has made a formal request to the City of Two Harbors for a donation of the .3 acre parcel of land that is currently occupied by the Crusader II Fishing Tug. At a meeting of the City of TH Public Works Committee Mayor Bolen made the motion to request the City Council have the City Attorney review the option to have the City of TH give the LCHS Custodial Control over the property.

It is our hope that we may enter into a partnership with the City of TH, the MN DNR, and the LCHS to create a ADA compliant paved entrance to our Light Station Museum.

Oral History

Sharon Erickson Ropes has been racking up some miles collecting Oral History from people around Two Harbors. We are still working out some techno-bugs but she is collecting histories from people in both audio and video format.

Veterans Kiosk

With the new computer we are looking to add more people to the Veterans Kiosk. If you or you know someone please stop in and get a form. Once you fill that out return it with a photo and we will include you in the Veterans Room. All entries are subject to verification by the Lake County Veterans Service Office. AFFERMATIVE!

July 31st 2014 marks the 150 Anniversary of the first shipment of ore from the Vermilion Range. Mr. Ken Buehler of the North Shore Scenic Railroad has submitted a proposal to the Canadian National Railroad to commemorate the 150 anniversary of the first shipment of ore on Minnesota's Iron Range. In his proposal Mr. Buehler asked the CN to let the North Shore Scenic Railroad, the Lake County Historical Society and the Mesabe Railroad Historical Society help them celebrate this milestone with an excursion run from Duluth's Union Depot to Two Harbors and on up to Allen Junction. We hope the CN accepts our invitation.



Hon. William E. Scott Archives and Research Library

The archives / library is slowly coming to life. Tom Fritz has designed a database for us and we have begun entering data. The first 50 entries happened last week...only 12,000 or more to go!

I started sorting through the filing cabinets this winter. Beginning with the records for the LCHS business operations, I learned a lot about the organization and the struggles over the years. Moving into actual history files I made it up to the D's when I hit the wall. You can image how many things start with D&IR and DM&IR. Subdividing these large groups is very time consuming. I bought several cases of manila file folders and we already ran out.

Acquisitions

The following people have donated to the permanent collection.
We would like to thank them for their generosity.

John Gregor Keith Larson
Margaret Thilmary Neighbor to Neighbor

In Memoriam:

For April 2014 newsletter;

\$30 – Mom & Dad – Jody Zastera
\$20 – Morgan Hoseth – Mabel Hoseth
\$30 – Carola Russell – Joe and Barbara Russell
\$10 – Pearl Sande – Peter Sande
\$100 – Brandon Olson – Judy and Phil Holbeck
\$257.69 – Class of 1944
\$100.0 – Richard F. Hill – Mark R. and Pamela S. Hill

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| Pearson, Dory & John | Daehn, Dawn & Jeff | |

FRIEND (\$55)

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| Burke Consulting, LLC | Clark, Gloria & Willard | Events & Marketing Specialists |
| Northey, Lyle | Spurbeck, Carol | Superior Shores Resorts |
| West Star Accounting | Voyageur Motel | The Lake Bank |
| Iverson, Dr. Dan & Marie | Falk, David & Kathleen | Ek, Harold & Jean |
| Erickson, Timothy & Karen | Engman, Elmer | Ellstad, Rnady |

FAMILIES (\$30)

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|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Zinter, Gary & Betty | Saeger, Judith & Tom | Ronning, Todd |
| Jummer, Jim & Margie | Johnson, William & Mary | Gangi, Kim & Sam |
| Ranta, Adrian & Donna | Detlefsen, Jolynn & Mike | Erickson, Paul & Irene |
| Egger, Gerald & Louise | Ronning, Brad & Luanne | Swanson, Charles & Jean |
| Ganser, Gary & Barb | Maki, Jr., Ed & Cindy | Jeronimus, Peter & Mary |
| Jones, Brad & Janelle | Johnston, Deborah | King, Maggie |

Individual/Senior/Student (\$20)

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| Sande, Peter | Saari, George | McGregor, Carmen | Hagen, Mary |
| Grudnosky, Audrey | Ferguson, Ruth | Eide, Marie | Woehrlin, Molly |
| Kolberg, Elsie | Kempffer, Nina | Johnson, Aileen | Sando, Mel |
| Truscott, Beverly | Norlen, Karin | Dahlberg, Emil | LaBelle, Irma |
| Hoffman, Deel | Sperling, Robert | Gustafson, Gweene | |

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| Family | \$30 | _____ |
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| Sponsor | \$100 | _____ |
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| Lifetime | \$600 | _____ |
| Benefactor | \$1000 | _____ |

Your Membership Benefits include:
Free Passes to the Museums
10% off gift shop merchandise
10% off stays at the B&B
Invites to Open Houses
Newsletter

FRIENDS OR FAMILY
COMING FOR A VISIT?
YOU RECEIVE **10% OFF** ALL
STAYS AT THE
LIGHTHOUSE
BED & BREAKFAST
WITH YOUR
MEMBERSHIP.

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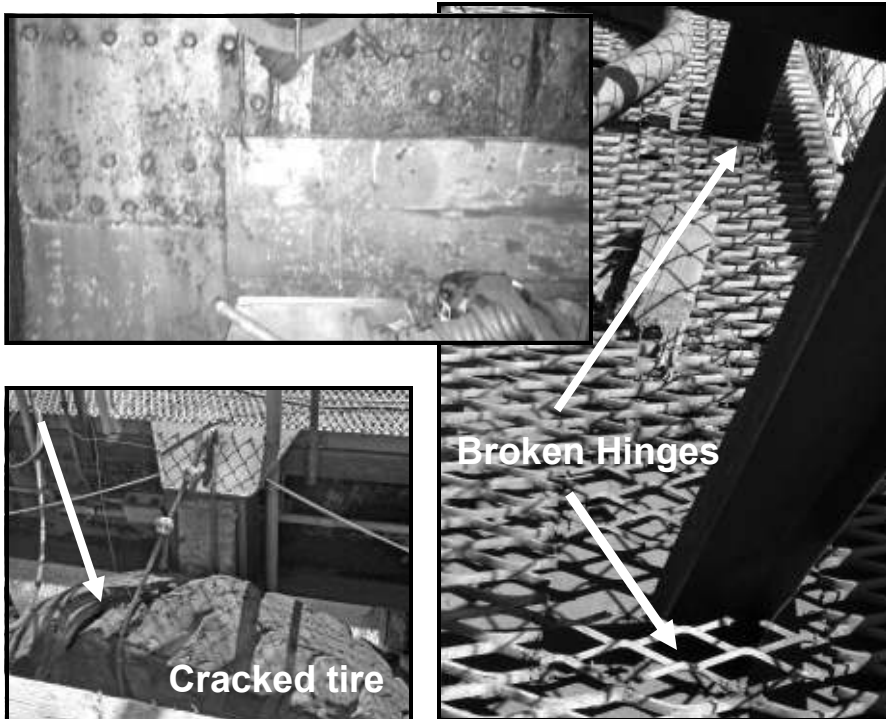
EXPERIENCE HISTORY

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Edna G Commission Report

It was a cold and windy winter for the Edna G. The gangplank broke off the dock, one of our new fender tires cracked in two, and the engine room needs to have the rust removed and painted. Other than that she made it through another year!



DID YOU KNOW?

On the 50th Anniversary of the first shipment of Iron Ore, Thomas Owens reminded those gathered for the monument dedication at the Soudan Mine that the contractors finished the railroad completed with only a day to spare to receive a \$50,000.00 bonus from Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Jr. Mr. Tower it was reported "rendered all possible assistance" so the contractors would receive this bonus.