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**Welcome**

Please welcome Sam Gangi as President of the Board of Directors of the Lake County Historical Society. Sam has served on the Board for three years prior to being elected president. Sam and his wife Kim have made Two Harbors their home since 2003. He is currently employed



by HDC, and also serves on the TH Arts and Beautification Committee, and is active with the Northshore Writers Guild.

**Edna G Commission**

Members: Michael Lackore, Jack Kangas, Thomas Koehler, Mel Sando, Councilor Mary Rosati

**Work Plan for 2012**

- Repair floor in galley
- Have a new fire cannon cover made
- Gunwales repair-contracted with Larry Ronning
- Install a new tire onto the pier to protect tug (old one fell off of pier) request assistance from City TH Public Works
- Contact Missabe Railroad Historical Society, see if they have a complete set of Edna G construction drawings
- Tugboat Tours will officially open Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 but maybe sooner weather permitting.
- Made electronic copies of the 1978/1991 plans to have the Edna G displayed on land, these still require some editing (cont'd page 6)

**Thank You to Our Supporters**

Last Quarter

**Individual/Senior/Student (\$20)**

Allen County Periodicals	
Burke, Dennis	Carlson, Donna
Eberhardt, Edward	Eide, Marie
Ekstrom, Lori	Falls, Jon
Ferguson, Ruth	Gunsolus, Joan
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Hoganson, Harry	Jeronimus, Pete
Johnson, Lenore	Kempffer, Nina
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Kragseth, Herbert	Larson, Margaret
Martell, Judith	McGregor, Carmen
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Sande, Peter	Swanson, Arlene
Thureen, Louise	Thureen, Ron
Truscott, Beverly	Woehrlin, Molly
Zastera, Jody	

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 Holbeck, Philip & Judy  
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 Moen, Morrie & Elaine  
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 Voyageur Motel  
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### Living History cont'd

This plan would be the basis for several other plans in 1985 and again in 1991, largely focused on displaying the Edna G in what had become Van Hoven Park.

In an effort to encourage the use of its fisheries on Lake Superior the MN Department of Natural Resources chose Agate Bay as a location for an improved public boat launch in 1988. This required the razing of the last few boathouses from the fishing village as fishing on the big lake shifted focus from commercial to sport fishing. This parking area, coupled with the Army Corp of Engineers allowing pedestrians on the break wall and the Historical Society developing the light station into a museum and bed & breakfast, turned Agate Bay into a destination.

More recent events are best left to the thoughts and opinions of the individual residents of Two Harbors. Two Harbors appears to be a conflicted community, while most people support development like the Sonju and other walking trail systems in the community, most have yet to come to terms with how best to proceed with the further development of Agate Bay. Like in 1978 civic leaders in partnerships with other government institutions, are working hard to create a development in Agate Bay that will bring about reinvestment in the Historic Waterfront District.

Whether you support tourism in the Historic Waterfront District or not, the fact remains that Agate Bay is visited by over 30,000 people each year. Like welcoming a neighbor into your home we should at least be hospitable, present a clean and well kept waterfront, and share our community our with guests.

### Edna G Commission cont'd

After a site visit and assessment by Mike Ojard on the tug he suggests:

The mooring line in the water be replaced

Cross lines on the dock side be installed, he added he might have some aircraft tires we can put on the dock

The biggest threat to the tug is the rust on the INNER hull down in the shaft room, or throughout. The tug started with a 5/8ths inch hull but is much thinner now. Moving the tug into a closed water slip will accelerate electrolysis (?) unless fresh water is allowed to circulate.

Getting the steam boiler running is "unrealistic", suggest a diesel retro fit if you want to sail her.

### Donations In Memory of

Victoria Johnson    Eleanor Olson    Ted Wahlberg    Joe Zastera

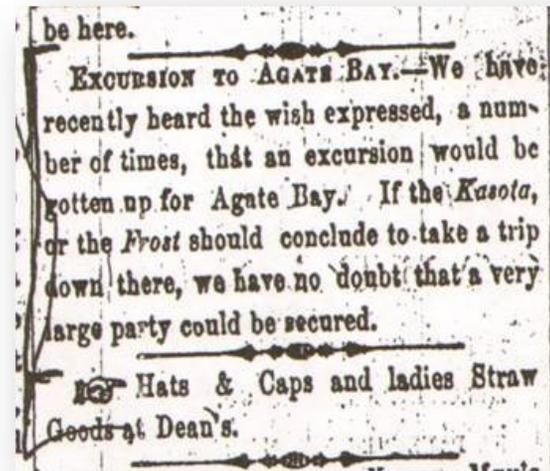
#### Acquisitions

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

Mary Antonich    Fred & Betty Holbeck    Cheryl Holm    Cass Kane  
Thomas V. Koehler    Kevin Morsette    Ron Peterson, O. D.    Ruth Wahlberg  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church    Lawrence University    Scott County Historical Society

### Living History

I would like to feature some history that is relevant to current events in the newsletter. Later this winter our civic leaders will be traveling to the State Capitol to try and secure funding for the marina development in Agate Bay. This development is seen by many as the cornerstone to revitalizing the businesses in and around the Historic Waterfront District. The notion of Agate Bay as a place for recreation has been in debate for over one hundred years.



As far back as 1875 there is a record in a twin ports newspaper recognizing Agate Bay as a destination;

Of course Agate Bay would become the terminus for the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad beginning in 1884. Almost as soon as the railroad began to settle in at Agate Bay the residents of the village also began to see Agate Bay as a place for respite. The bay was busy with industrial activity and this drew a lot of attention from residents and visitors alike.

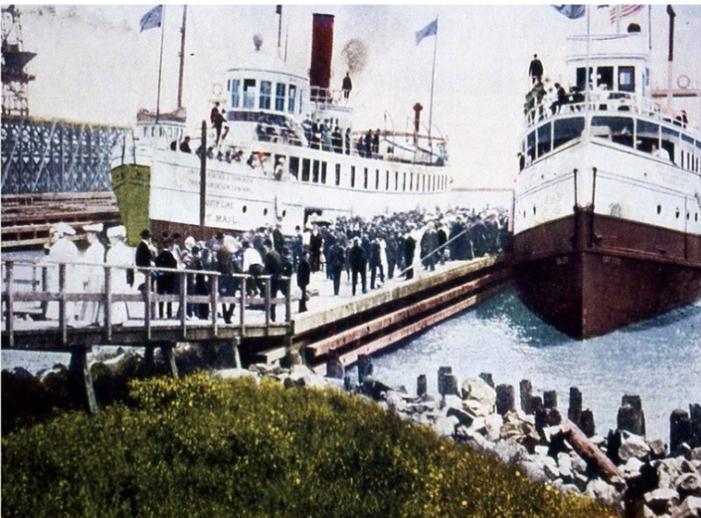


## Living History cont'd

Recognizing the importance of the waterfront as a destination for local people as well as tourists the D&IR would donate the land along the shoreline to create Voyagers Park. This helped to create some green space along a very industrial waterfront that included a sawmill, pulp wood storage yard and dock, a coaling facility, and a commercial fishing village. The Coast Guard, then stationed in Agate Bay, would often open their vessels, the Crawford and the Diligence for tours to visitors



Like any good capitalist railroad, the D&IR would haul anything that would make some money including people. As the D&IR created more excursions along the *Vermilion Route* schedules were synchronized with passenger boat service to help vacationers on their way to the great fishing and hunting found around the Lake Vermilion Area. Passenger service to Agate Bay and Two Harbors brought day trips and tourists on a regular schedule throughout the summer months.



## Living History cont'd

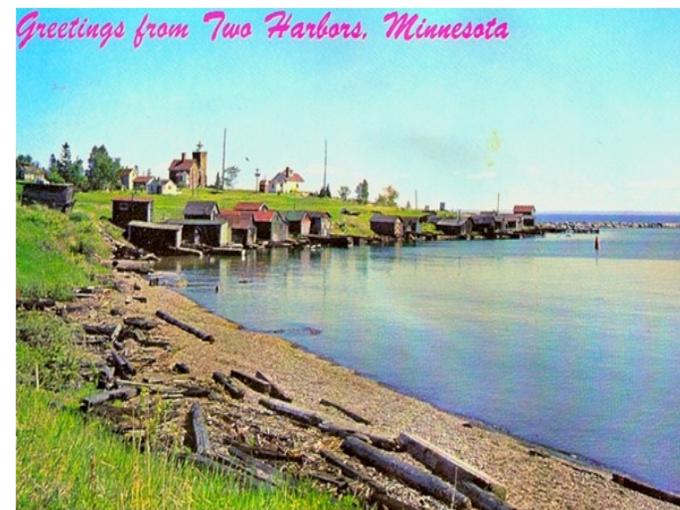
Tourism would begin to play a larger role in the economy of the north shore as the automobile became more popular and roads were improved. The construction of the International Highway between Duluth and Thunder Bay would encourage travel and see more businesses develop to service the automobile tourist.



Eventually economic pressures including the destruction of commercial fishing by the invasion of sea lamprey and Black Friday in 1963 would quiet Agate Bay.

In an effort to combat fluctuations in the steel industry, civic leaders began to embrace tourism as an industry, however very little would be developed around Agate Bay to create a tourist destination.

In 1978 the City of Two Harbors invested a great deal of time and money in a visionary plan called the Two Harbors Waterfront Economic Development Program. This plan envisioned a marina in Burlington Bay, a historic fishing village, a pedestrian plaza on First Avenue, plans for the Edna G to be displayed on land,



and a new display and enclosure for the Mallet and 3 Spot locomotives. Under scrutiny during some very turbulent economic times this plan was passed over in City Council Chambers by one vote.

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The Society has a Life Member Bylaw which states that "A Life Membership shall be given to any person who donates \$600.00 or more to the Society's Endowment Fund". If you would be interested in becoming a Life Member, please contact us. **\*\* Remember, the Lake County Historical Society is a non-profit organization and memberships and extra donations are tax deductible \*\***

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# FLASHIES

## LAKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PROGRESS REPORT

January 2012

### From the Director

Welcome to 2012! I want to start by thanking everyone that has sent in their memberships already. We can't be a society without our members. Kudos once again to Daryl Johnson and the Johnson Piano Service for being the first business to renew their membership.

Even though our revenue was decreased from last year we maintain an aggressive work plan and are staying focused on our goals.

### Short term planning;

We will be having the official dedication of the Mallet Locomotive and Kiosk on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2012, this is also the day the museums open.

I am hoping to get the Dwan Building 3M Museum resided before spring, Steve Twining and the crew up at Louisiana Pacific have agreed to make a donation worth \$2600 to the Society to see this project completed.

Caboose #22 and ore car #241 repainted this summer.

The historic ore blocks need to be properly displayed.

Work needs to start on the patio at the light station. Phase I of the B&B expansion.

We are resurrecting the Historical

Walking Tour Brochure. We will try and be better about greeting the train guests as they arrive in Two Harbors, this is a partnership with the Chamber.

Volunteers are needed to staff the Historic Sites and Information Booth.

### Long Term Goals:

We are contracting with Wagner and Zaun Architects to design the plan for the installation of a Vertical Platform Lift in the Depot. Creating accessibility to the second floor is Phase I of our long term plan to create an archival research center in the Depot sometime between 2015 and 2018 depending on availability of grant funding.

### Reception

Please join us in saying Thank You to Ann Zastera for her (and Joe's) many years of service to the Lake County Historical Society at a light reception at the Light House Bed & Breakfast on Saturday January 28 2012 from 12 noon to 2 PM. Congratulations Ann on your retirement!