

## President's Letter

July 11, 2021

Dear Member:

Happy summer! It sure does feel good to get back to doing all the things we were used to. The Museum is now open to visitors and we are thankful for our many docents and volunteers for their time and dedication. If you are out for a walk in Lowell Township's Riverfront Park later this summer look for four more historical information boards that will feature: Clamming on the Grand River, Early Steamboats that once plied the Grand River, Railroads and Lumbering. Our rivers are really the genesis of our community and it is nice to see them featured today in our civic planning. After being quarantined for the better part of the last fifteen months I think we are all appreciating the nature around us a bit more.

Although the Pandemic cancelled many of our events last year, we are making every effort to reestablish them in 2021. Our recently held summer camp for children featured an emphasis on Native American culture and was well attended. The setting for this camp was the early trader's cabin and pavilion in Lowell Township Park. The Thursday night, Summer Concert Series on the Riverwalk is back and we are once again selling burgers and hotdogs at the Museum's food booth. Please stop by and grab a snack, drink, or dinner.

We are once again holding our Summer Fest fundraiser in August, and it will be better than ever. A special thanks goes out to our sponsors and food and beverage vendors for helping make this possible. Tickets are now available and like most year's will likely be a sellout.

This Lowell Area Historical Museum opened its doors 20 years ago on September 22, 2001. This followed the fateful 9/11 terrorist events of 11 days earlier. At that time, many events were cancelled but we decided to persevere, and push ahead with the opening. We have been pushing ahead ever since. This fall we plan to celebrate this 20-year milestone with an event that will feature the formal opening of our special exhibit on the Graham Family. Robert Graham was the original builder (1873) and owner of the Graham building, his family's home and now home to the Museum. More information will be forthcoming on this event.

We hope you have great summer and can attend one or more of our events.

Thank you for your support!

Jim Doyle  
President

## 2021 Raffle Winners

The annual raffle helps support the services of the Museum.

### Prizes:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Stacy Langlois

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Glenn Bailey

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Diana Bittrick

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Bill Dommer

## 2021 Youth Summer Camp



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## Summer Events

**Oral History Series 92.3 FM**  
Sundays 8:00pm

**Fur Trade Cabin in Township  
Park Open June-August**  
Thursdays 1-3:00



**Summer Concert Food Booth**  
Thursdays 6-9:00pm

**Summer Fest Fundraiser**  
August 20 6:00-9:00pm

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# Lowell Area Historical Museum Newsletter

Summer 2021

## Museum Fundraiser Returns

The Lowell Area Historical Museum has reopened. The Museum building is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 1-4:00pm. The Fur Trade Cabin in Lowell Township Park North is also open Thursday afternoons during the summer.

In addition, public events are back underway. The Museum participated in Lowell Expo and The Riverwalk Festivals. We are also at the Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series this summer with the fundraising food booth. Plans are underway for public programs this fall and for the school year.

The main fundraiser for the Museum is our Summer Fest fundraiser. This fundraiser features food from local restaurants and caterers. Beer from local breweries and beer and wine from Michigan.

Food options will be provided by Big Boiler, Flat River Grill, Heidi's Farmstand, Larkins Catering, BC Pizza and Miss P's Catering. Beer from Big Boiler and New Union along with other Michigan breweries and wine from Michigan wineries will be served.

Tickets to this fundraiser include admission, all food and drinks and a souvenir glass. Join us for an enjoyable evening supporting the Museum.

Thank you to our sponsors who help to make this a great event: Addorio Technologies, Chimera, Edward Jones, Rick Seese-Greenridge Realty, River Valley Credit Union, Reagan Family Dentistry.

To order tickets call 616-897-7688 or visit the Museum Facebook page or website.



The Lowell Area Historical Museum receives funding from:



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## Lowell Showboat VI Makes Debut

A new piece of history has joined the long story of the Showboat in Lowell. The sixth version of the boat was officially opened on June 11, 2021. The Grand Opening Gala featured speeches and a ribbon cutting followed by a reception on the boat. The next day the new boat was open to the public at the Lowell Expo.

The first Lowell showboat was built in 1932 in an effort to lighten spirits and bring visitors to Lowell during the Depression. Over the years, the boat has been replaced several times. The new boat will provide a backdrop for community events and is available for renting.



## Volunteers Needed

The Museum is open and in need of volunteers. All of the programs and events that the Museum offers during the year are presented in part by volunteers. Volunteer options are very flexible. Sign up for one event a year, or one a week. Training is provided. Our volunteers are a wonderful group of people and make the Museum a great place to be.

Consider joining us!

### Weekend Greeter/Docent

Welcome guests to the Museum, share information. Weekend volunteers work from 1-4pm.

### Education Volunteer

Education volunteers present programs to 1st through 4th graders. We have multiple programs ranging from Museum tours to the Immersion program to programs at Heidis and the Wittenbach. Training provided for all programs. Choose one or more.

### Event Volunteers

Event volunteers staff the Museum's booth at community events like Expo and Riverwalk Festival. They also staff the Museum for events including Girl's Night Out and Christmas Through Lowell. Choose one event or many.

### Summer Concert Booth

Volunteers staff the Museum's fundraiser food booth at the Thursday night summer concert series. Cook burgers, pop popcorn and hand out water. Volunteers work 6-9pm Thursdays in the summer. Choose one or more weeks.

### Fallasburg Festival Booth

Volunteers staff the Museum's fundraiser food booth at the Fallasburg Festival. Sell apple dumplings at this fun event. Festival is open the third weekend in September. A variety of shifts available.