

President's Letter

February 2022

Dear Member:

2021 was a very good year for the Museum despite a continuing Covid 19 environment. This is one of the things I am most proud of about the Museum.....the ability of its staff and volunteers to consistently adapt and grow its programming and outreach over many years. I think you will find it interesting that in just 2021, the Museum had 3342 website views, 11,065 direct email posts and 155,359 Facebook connections. The total of these is almost 170,000 where the year before it was 112,000. It is heartening to know that the Museum's treasure trove of artifacts, photographs and documents are accessible without anyone having to leave their house.

I wanted to recognize Tina Cadwallader and Dale Kropf for their excellent work recording, editing and organizing our many oral histories. The number of these first-person accounts continues to grow and the quality is excellent. These are very popular and in 2021 there were 916 online views of the Museum's oral histories.

The ABC's of Lowell continues to be of great interest and the Museum has compiled the first two rounds of the alphabet into a wonderful book. This book is large format, filled with colorful illustrations and is now available in the Museum's gift shop.

Plans are underway to complete a second book of these ABC's in the future. Shantell Ford and Luanne Kaeb are the creative genius behind these interesting histories. I think their concise writing, pertinent historical facts and short format have been just what readers are looking for.

As we look to 2022, the Museum's calendar has been set and there are many interesting programs and events for you to look forward to attending. (see in these pages) There are five educational programs and another nine events to take part in.

The Museum's year-end fund drive was its most successful ever raising nearly \$17,000. Thank you for your generosity and your sincere desire to make the Lowell Area Historical Museum the Best Small Town Museum in the USA.

Have a great 2022!

Sincerely,

Jim Doyle
President

Museum Immersion Education Program Resumes in Person

After two years of virtual programming, the Museum Immersion program resumes this year. Murray Lake Elementary visited the Museum in January. Cherry Creek and Alto have visits soon.

Each third grade class in Lowell visits the Museum for two days to learn about local history. Teachers select a wide variety of activities designed to engage the students in our past..





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Upcoming Events

March 10 1:00	Joint Program with Library- Emma Cole, Early Local Botanist at Lowell Township Hall
March 26	Lowell Expo at High School
April 19, 7:00pm	Archaeology of the Fur Trade Talk at Vergennes Township Hall
April 30-May 1	Spring Into the Past
July 7-9	Riverwalk Festival
August 19 6:00	Summerfest on Showboat
September 10 1:00	Oakwood Cemetery Tour
September 17-18	Fallasburg Festival
October 20, 7:00pm	Madame LaFramboise Talk at Vergennes Township Hall
November 18-20	Christmas Through Lowell

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Lowell Area Historical Museum Newsletter

Winter 2022

A New Year

As we start a new year we look forward to new opportunities to share Lowell's past with our members and community.

In November the citizens of Lowell voted to renew the millage that helps to support the Museum's operations. We thank everyone for the support.

2021 was a year of adapting. Some of our public programming resumed and some continued virtually. During the course of the year the Museum saw 33,135 people in person and an additional 171,156 people interacted with us online through the ABCs series, website and other offerings. This is a huge number for a small museum and is evidence of the impact local history can make.

The ABCs of Lowell History series has been a popular weekly series of local history articles that began in 2020. The Museum will be publishing these in two volumes in 2022. The first volume is now available. Copies can be purchased at the Museum or on our website www.lowellmuseum.org.

Public programming is scheduled for 2022. In March we have a joint program with the Friends of the Library. Learn about the life of Emma Cole. Cole had roots in Lowell, growing up in Vergennes.

She went on to become a teacher in Lowell and Grand Rapids. She is most remembered for her work in the field of botany. She received a degree in botany from Cornell shortly after they opened the school to women.

In April, Lynn Chapman and Jessica Yann will discuss research on the archaeology of the fur trade in the Grand River Valley and Lowell in particular. Experts in their fields, this talk will share insights into the world of the fur trade here in our area.

September will see the return of the popular Oakwood Cemetery tour. Join us to learn about citizens who once lived here.

Museum staff Luanne Kaeb and Shantell Ford will present on the life of Madame LaFramboise in October. Both have spent considerable time researching the life of this fascinating woman who lived and worked in Lowell. She was a prominent member of the fur trade and made a lasting impact on Mackinac Island.

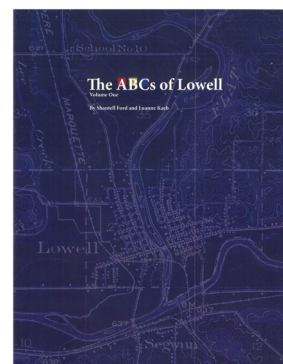
Join us for this exciting line up of public programming. Also consider joining us as a volunteer this year. We are looking for people to welcome visitors at the Museum on weekends. Sign up for one 3 hour shift a month. Contact us to learn more.

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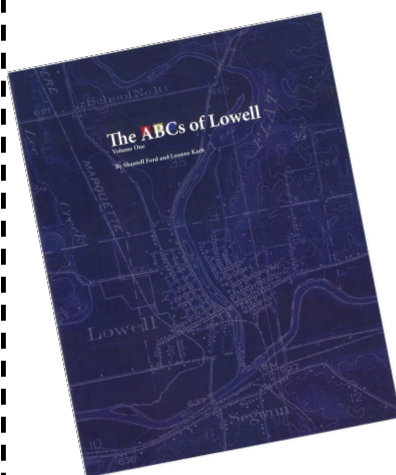
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