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In early summer, the museum was presented with a complete SOO Line Conductor's uniform, donated by the family of Dale Carlstrom. Our friendly conductor greets folks as they enter the Railroad Room. Please come and visit him sometime.

The museum's Tourism History received some special gifts this year. Doug Balkam presented the museum with his grandfather's tackle box from the 1920s full of old and interesting lures. A trip to the Fishing Hall of Fame, and we had them all identified! A second gift, from Steve Welk, consisted of several very old rods and reels – some bamboo, some steel, and some fiberglass. An interesting fact here – the eyes on some of these rods hold small polished agates as the guides for the fishing line.



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THE 1965 B52 BOMBER CRASH NEAR STONE LAKE

The B52 bomber crash in Stone Lake in 1965 brought a group of brothers to our museum to visit the special display on the crash. Five of the seven men were brothers of one of the crew members who perished in this crash and two were nephews. They had been searching the internet for information on the crash when they came upon our museum site and the crash information. They decided then to make a pilgrimage to Stone Lake and, while at the museum, met with Forester Ross Langham who escorted the group to the crash site. They had a very emotional visit and they couldn't thank us enough for keeping their brother's memory alive. They said our museum carried much more information than their family had ever been given at the time of the tragedy. Did you know that we are still receiving pieces of debris from that crash 49 years ago?

MATCHING GIFT DOUBLES GENEROUS DONATION

This year we received a wonderful gift from Hugh and Mary McNamara. It was \$1,000 - \$500 from the McNamara's and a matching gift of \$500 from Hugh's former employer. Many companies will match charitable gifts of not only their current employees, but also their retired employees. A big thank you to Hugh and Mary!

TRIPP FAMILY REUNION



Family reunions are lots of fun and can be very interesting too. The Tripp family visited the museum this summer when Victor Tripp and family were visiting from Georgia. They found much of the area's early history involved one or more of their relatives. We will happily open the museum for a special visit of this kind, email tncmdc@aol.com or call 715-865-4940.

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TOWN HALL GETS A FACE LIFT



Another big job was accomplished this summer when contractor, Dave Fichter, scraped and painted the south wall of the 1926 Town Hall. It was in very bad shape and when Dave finished, it was just like new! Thanks, Dave!

Work will be done on the depot itself summer, 2015, when some scraping and painting must be done. Volunteers John Clark, Michael Maestri, and Tom McDonnell have plans to begin this work in June and other volunteers are always appreciated.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFERS



If anyone is looking for “stocking stuffers” as Christmas gifts, consider one of the above items from the museum. We have train whistles, conductor hats, museum coffee cups, T-shirts, Mousie Virnich’s book “Childhood Summers on Big Sissabagama”, and the Stone Lake Historical Album. All are reasonably priced from \$3.00 to \$8.00 and their sale helps support the many historical society projects. For information email tncmcd@aol.com and one of our members will help you.

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THE 2014 CRANBERRY FESTIVAL

The 2014 Cranberry Festival was a huge success again this year in spite of cold and snowy weather. Stone Lake woke up to two inches of snow on the ground and temperatures in the 40s. The first surprise came at 7:00 AM when the Fire Department had a record turnout for their pancake breakfast! It seems that once the Cranberry Festival is on a family's calendar nothing stops their visit.



The little red SOO Line caboose joined the parade with four young passengers enjoying the ride. A special thank you goes to Dave Derring for providing the vehicle to pull the float, being the driver, and for storing the float for the coming year.

WINE BY THE GLASS BOOTH



Wine By the Glass Volunteers included: Janine Zeuschel, Steve and Carol Welk, Carolyn Crotteau, Jeff Dejewski, Will and Sandy Ferris, David and Patty VanLandschoot, Cathy Sommer Holz, Linda Arndt, Michael and Christine Maestri, and Bob and Judy Gillette

The Historical Society's Wine By The Glass Booth was very busy all day filling glasses with warm mulled wine to keep the visitors warm. Even though it was quite chilly all day the many volunteers kept smiling until the last glass was poured. The funds raised in this booth provide nearly one-half of the historical society's yearly operating expenses. A huge thank you goes out to Connie and Marlo Schield and their many volunteers.



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CEMETERY WALK



A third Cemetery Walk is planned for Sunday, September, 2015 at Evergreen Cemetery in Stone Lake so please mark your calendars. Hopefully, we will have this great group of musicians again, Steve Kozak, Peggy Wood, and Steve Trude, to help make the occasion special!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015

Saturday, May 2, 2015: Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner to be held at the Stone Lake Fire Hall from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Friday, May 22, 2015: Stone Lake Museum Complex opens at noon for the season. Hours are noon to 4:00 PM each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through October 3, 2015, when the museum complex closes for the season.

Sunday, July 12, 2015: Pie & Ice Cream Social at the Stone Lake Lion's Park from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Live music and a good time for all ages!

Saturday, August 1, 2015: Stone Lake Museum Complex OPEN HOUSE from noon to 4:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, September 13, 2015: The third Cemetery Walk at Stone Lake Evergreen Cemetery from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Saturday, October 3, 2015: Visit the historical society's "Wine By The Glass" booth during the exciting Cranberry Festival in Stone Lake. The booth is located at the top of the hill on Main Street, near the Lion's Hall. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year, and lots of help is always needed and appreciated! Later that same day, at 5:00 PM, the museum complex closes for the season.

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