



# CRISP POINT LIGHT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## SUMMER CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

This year's Crisp Point Summer Conference featured renowned speaker Ric Mixter. Ric is an authority on the many shipwrecks that have taken place on the Great Lakes. He spoke about Storms of 1913 wrecks, the Edmund Fitzgerald and went as far back as to the Griffon, which has not yet been found. Ric as always was entertaining with his wonderful speaking abilities and stories.



*Ric Mixter*

Rick Brockway, the president of Crisp Point Light Historical Society, introduced the board members and gave informative updates on the many happenings at Crisp Point.

Once again local businesses

supported the raffle by donating a wide variety of goodies including motel rooms, dinners, pictures and many other items. A total of 85 attended this year.

Hope to see you there next year, July 16, 2016.



*Rick Brockway with John John drawing the winning numbers as little sister Maggie looks on.*

**Please see Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Grant Update on Page 7**



## THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR DONATIONS TO THE SUMMER CONFERENCE

The Antlers Restaurant-Sault Ste. Marie  
Applebee's-Gaylord  
Arnold Mackinaw Island Ferry-St. Ignace  
Bay Mills Resort & Casinos-Brimley  
Berry Patch Gifts & Bakery-Paradise  
Brown Fisheries / The Fish House-Paradise  
Call of the Wild-Gaylord  
Castle Rock/ Souvenir Barn-St. Ignace  
Comfort Inn,-Newberry  
Darrow's Family Restaurant-Mackinaw City  
Deer Ranch-St. Ignace  
Firekeepers Casino & Hotel-Battle Creek  
The Galley Restaurant & Bar-St. Ignace  
Garlyn Zoological Park-Naubinway  
Gobblers of Gaylord-Gaylord  
Goetz Lockview Restaurant-Sault Ste. Marie  
Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society-Sault Ste. Marie and Paradise  
Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum-Mackinaw City  
J.W. Westcott Co.-Detroit  
Kalamazoo Wings Hockey-Kalamazoo  
Kewadin Casinos-Sault Ste. Marie  
Magnuson Grand Hotel-Paradise  
Mackinaw Parasailing-Mackinaw City  
Marge Ellenberger-Onaway  
Mystery Spot-St. Ignace  
Nancy Cornwell-Pickford  
Oswald's Bear Ranch-Newberry  
Paradise Recreation Sports / Bearadise Gift Shop-Paradise  
Quality Inn Lakefront-St. Ignace  
Riverstone Gallery-Sault Ste. Marie  
Sault Historic Sites-Sault Ste. Marie  
Tahquamenon Falls Brewery & Pub at Camp 33-Newberry  
Tahquamenon Falls Riverboat Tours & Toonerville Trolley-Newberry  
Turkey Roost Restaurant-Kawkawlin  
Village Fabric & Crafts-Paradise



*Rick Brockway President CPLHS*

### Thanks to those who helped with the 2015 conference with set-up, clean-up, food etc..

Terri Brockway  
Dianne Sweeter  
Joe Sweeter  
Barb Hilts  
Sarah Harbison  
John & Cindy Briggs  
Elaine & Larry Watson  
Inge Spaulding  
Cameron Lovett  
Shelley Guy  
John John Raths  
Rachel & Morgan Muscott  
Mike & Helen Cook  
And anyone else who helped out in any way



*Jars used to collect raffle tickets*

# THE TWO SISTERS THAT WERE STUCK IN THE SNOW RETURN TO SEE CRISP POINT

Lee and Leslie, the two sisters that had gotten stuck in the snow back in April came back to Crisp Point on August 9th. This time they had no trouble getting to see the

lighthouse. Ladies we hope you can come back again soon.



From Left to Right: Rick, Elaine, Lee, Leslie, Larry



## UNUSUAL VISITORS THIS JULY

We want to thank the Luce County Road Commission for the great job they did on CR-500 and CR-412 to the Lighthouse. We had a tour bus out at the Lighthouse this July and they were very happy with the road condition. There was only one spot they had a little trouble getting up a hill because of the switch back and incline all in the same place. However it only

took three tries and they were on their way again. The US Lighthouse Society out of Washington State organized the Bus Tour. There were just under 50 on the bus.



US Lighthouse Group from Washington State



County Road 500 in great shape

## MANY THANKS

**Thanks to:** Gloria Fitzsimmons, Mary & Faith Piontek for donating hand made items for fundraisers.

**Thanks to:** John Rath for making the display holder for the Lake Superior Maps and Shipwreck Maps. Sales have increased significantly since being installed.

**Thanks to:** Rod, Renae & Ryan Dood for helping install the shelves upstairs in the visitor's center

**Thanks to:** Chris Brockway, Jeremiah Hartwell, Don Rauschenberger & Larry Barre for helping to install the shelf around the Visitors Center. We can now display

the glass items that have been found around the Crisp Point area.

**Thanks to:** the US Lighthouse Society from Hansville, WA for including the Crisp Point Lighthouse on their recent tour of Michigan Lighthouses and the Luce County Road Commission for making sure they had the best road possible for the tour.

**Thanks to:** Everyone who have donated their used ink cartridges for recycle. We earn money from them to be used to purchase supplies for the VC such as Toilet Paper and cleaning supplies

## NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY

On National Lighthouse Day August 7th Crisp Point was fortunate again this year to have Pam Sanderson Meinke playing her Dulcimer. Crisp Point thanks you for taking time to visit

and play wonderful music. Thanks to Elaine Watson for arranging for Pam to visit Crisp Point.



*Pam Sanderson Meinke playing her Dulcimer*

## INK CARTRIDGES NEEDED

We thank all those who have donated used ink cartridges. We will continue to accept all donated cartridges. In addition to ink we also accept used toner cartridges. You can send or deliver them to our home office or bring them to the visitor's center in the spring after we re-open.



*Pam playing her Dulcimer*

# MEET OUR VENDORS INSTALLMENT

In the early 80s, my husband, Jim, retired from GM. As a hobby, he began making things out of wood. I thought some of them would look better if they were painted. I sent for some books and bought some paint. I taught myself how to paint by looking at pictures. We started going to craft shows and selling things that we made. After several years, my husband said that he didn't retire just to stand in his barn and constantly make wooden things. I didn't want to stop painting though. I sent for a big box of dried gourds and books on how to make gourd bird houses. I spent many years

making gourd bird houses and small gourd Christmas ornaments. I would take them to farmers markets and craft shows. In 2004, after my husband had battled cancer for twenty years, we moved from our home of 40 years in Byron, Michigan, to a new home on our daughter's property in Fowlerville so that she could help with hospice care. I still painted gourd bird houses and gourd ornaments, but about seven years ago, I got sick of painting the bird houses. I had so many books with wonderful pictures that could be painted on other things but I didn't have the supplies. I thought about stopping painting all together. My wonderful neighbor, Raymond Bessert, brought me four pieces of wood and asked me if I could paint something on them. His act of kindness changed my life. My love for painting was renewed.

I started painting on leaves, birch bark, paper, and all kinds of wood. Before Christmas in 2009, Raymond brought me a brick from Crisp Point Lighthouse, and asked me if I could paint a picture of the lighthouse for Rick and Terri Brockway as a Christmas gift. In the spring, Rick came and

told me that he would buy anything from me that I could paint the lighthouse on. He brought me more bricks, and rocks from Lake Superior. I now paint it on birch bark, slate, leaves, wood, bricks, and rocks. I enjoy every minute of it! Raymond Bessert does a lot of the work to get things ready for the items I paint for Crisp Point. He tumbles the rocks, sands the bricks, and makes the bases for the slate. I am always thankful for his help. I am 78 years young, and painting keeps me happy and busy!

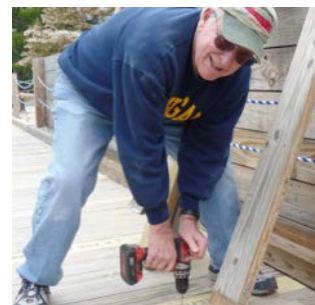
Marda Lucas, Artist



Marda Lucas, Artist

## Thanks to the Following for their help during the Memorial Day Family Camping Event.

Elaine & Larry Watson  
Mary, David & Faith Piontek  
John & Cindy Briggs  
Terri & Rick Brockway  
Inge Spaulding



Larry Watson

## CPLHS attending the 20th Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival

CPLHS will be attending the 20<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival on Oct. 8-11, 2015 in Alpena, MI. The four day event provides activities for the young and old including lighthouse tours (aerial, boat or personal vehicle), entertainment, and vendors, including lighthouse preservation groups. Although the main site of activities occur

at "The Sanctuary Inn and Conference Center", 1000 US 23 North, Alpena, MI. Many additional activities are held throughout the community from Tawas to Mackinaw City. Please visit: [www.lighthousefestival.org](http://www.lighthousefestival.org)



David Piontek

## New members

Carla Alexander - Kearney, NE  
Cheryl Cain - Bolingbrook, IL  
Caroline Diem - Newberry, MI  
Carol Farchmin - Duluth, MN  
Marcella Ford - Newberry, MI  
Gary Umstead & Judy Koehler - Southfield, MI  
Randy & Leslie Kooienga - Paradise, MI  
James Lyon - Ovid, MI  
Scott VanDuine &  
Becky Mahoney - Grand Rapids, MI  
Pat & Donna Morgan - Indian River, MI  
Gary Moyle - Laurium, MI  
Peggy Nieman - Blissfield, MI  
Lewis & Katie Palmer - Martinsburg, WV  
Patricia Sanders - Clinton, MI  
Lynden Sexton - Flushing, MI  
Ron Shimek - Manitowoc, WI

## New Lifetime members

Stephen Black - Arlington, VA  
Charles & Diane Brandstetter - Indianapolis, IN  
Ron & Brenda Hershberger - Okawville, IL

## Crisp Point Rocks Donations!

Barbara Boerger  
Robert C. Campbell  
Gloria Fitzsimmons  
John & Elda Grade  
Mark Keech  
Mary Klein  
Quinton Kuebler  
Janice Meagher  
James & Barbara Nicholson  
Stewart Warren

# MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Membership</b>	_____ New	_____ 1 year Single \$20.00	_____ 2 year Single \$35.00
	_____ Renewal	_____ 1 year Family \$30.00	_____ 2 year Family \$50.00
Would you like your quarterly newsletter sent to your Email? (Circle one)			Yes      No

<b>Annual Conference</b>	-Saturday, July 16, 2016	Number of people attending: _____
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<b>Donation</b>	I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____
A lifetime family membership comes with a donation of \$500 (may be tax deductible, consult your tax adviser)	

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CPLHS  
Mail to: CPLHS, Rick Brockway, 450 W. Marr Rd., Howell, MI 48855

## A GPS Guided Trip to Crisp Point

Honey, let's go to Crisp Point tonight for the sunset.

Let's punch it into the GPS so it can guide us there the quickest way.

O' Look honey the GPS says it is only two more miles to the Lighthouse.

The GPS says to turn right ahead.

Well' now that we are stuck in this water hole and it is almost dark, I think we should build a fire and spend the night out here in the

middle of no where and walk to the lighthouse in the morning and hope we can get some help.

Lucky for this couple there was a keeper at the lighthouse (Jay N.) that had a four wheel drive vehicle and a large tow strap and that Rick Brockway happen to be taking his motorcycle out to the lighthouse down trail 8 so he could show them how to get back to their Ford Explorer that was stuck on the south side of Browns Lake. The entire rescue took over three

hours. Even though they were less than two miles from the lighthouse it was more like 15 miles to get to their car by passable roads through the woods.

FOLKS!!! This is why we tell you time and time again do not follow your GPS while in the UP. Especially when heading to Crisp Point from the Paradise Area



## Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Grant Update

On April 8, 2015 the Michigan Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) advised the Crisp Point Light Historical Society (CPLHS) that we were awarded a \$25,000.00 Grant through the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program. As of August 15, 2015 CPLHS has yet to receive the grant paperwork from SHPO. Once the paperwork is received and signed, the project can get underway. Before any work on the actual tower can proceed, our Architect's plans to repair

the tower must be approved by SHPO. After these plans are approved and a bid process is approved, we can then put the project out for bids. Once a contractor is selected and approved by all parties, a work schedule will be put together. The Crisp Point Light Historical Society is responsible for 100% of the project's cost as the project progresses through completion. Only after the project is completed and approved by SHPO will CPLHS

receive the \$25,000.00 grant money that can then be used for future projects. Thank you for your continued support as we proceed through the Grant process. Every donation, Membership (new / renewal), and merchandise sale is greatly appreciated and goes towards the continued upkeep and restoration of the Crisp Point Lighthouse and grounds.

## Crisp Point Rocks!

The shore west of the tower has been eroded away by the higher lake levels and strong storms. The bricks on the tower have been there for 110 years and are deteriorating rapidly. In order to raise the funds to place large rock along the shore and repair, seal and paint the tower, we are asking for your help. Those who contribute at least \$75 to this fundraiser will receive a limited edition T-shirt. (photo below left) Donors of \$150 or more will receive a limited edition sweatshirt. (photo below right) Anyone who gives \$300 or more will receive a custom jacket in their choice of color. (below center) These items will only be available to donors for this project, they will not be sold at any time. Please fill out the form completely and mail with your check, or visit our website: <http://crisppointlighthouse.org> and donate using PayPal.



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**XXL and XXXL SHIRTS AND ALL JACKETS MAY TAKE UP TO 6 WEEKS TO DELIVER**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Limited Edition T-shirt. Light blue shirt with navy screen printing.  
Please circle a size: Small Medium Large XL XXL XXXL

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 Limited Edition Sweatshirt. Light blue with navy screen printing.  
Please circle a size: Small Medium Large XL XXL XXXL

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300 Limited Edition Jacket  
Please circle a size: Small Medium Large XL XXL Tall-Large Tall-XL  
Please circle a color: Red Forest Green Black Khaki Royal Blue Navy Blue

\_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation of any amount

Make checks out to: **Crisp Point Light Historical Society**

Please mail check & form to: Rick Brockway, 450 W. Marr Rd., Howell, MI 48855  
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