



DMX 2022



2022 trip participants from left to right: Jess (DMM), Peggy (TX), Liz (MN), Doris (Guide), Lynn (CO), Deb (MN), Mary (AZ/MN), Sharon (MN) & Rosie (CO) in front/center.

Dear Fiends,

It's been a cool spring but it finally feels like summer. It was a little iffy when Ma and I were flying back from the Gulf (of Mexico) to Knife Lake – we heard there was still ice the first week of May! We didn't know if we'd have to make a layover on a river or if the lakes in the Border Country would be open by the time we arrived. Thankfully, we arrived with perfect timing to open water and have been really enjoying the last few weeks of warm temps – it already hit the 90s!

The other day, I was hunting minnows between Robbins Island and the Isle of Pines and who do I see? A group of gals who had paddled up to Knife specifically to visit Dorothy's old stomping grounds. Based on the conversations, one of them had spent a considerable amount of time visiting with Dorothy in the 70s and 80s while guiding Girl Scout trips, and another worked at the Museum. They had seven other women from all over the country with who were pretty excited to be in the same space that Dorothy occupied so many years ago, walking the same trail and enjoying

lunch where Dorothy's summer tent used to be.

They kept saying they were not just on a canoe trip, they were having a true wilderness experience. They experienced challenges like portaging an 80lb food pack and paddling through 25MPH headwinds, as well as joys like swimming in the cool, clear waters of Knife Lake and gazing into the clear, dark night at the night sky. Through it all, they seemed to be having a wonderful time!

I better get back to Ma and give her a break from nesting. May the wind be always at your back! 🐾

Louie the Loon



If you'd like to learn more about the annual **Dorothy Molter Experience: Women's Canoe Trip**, a fully outfitted and guided 3 night /4 day BWCAW trip contact Jess Edberg at jess@rootbeerlady.com

Message from the Director



Dorothy's Director, Jess Edberg.

It is too early to celebrate a return to ALL of our in-person gathering events? We've successfully held three so far this year: **Annual Meeting** of the Members on May 6, the **Dorothy Molter Experience: Women's Canoe Trip** June 21-25, and the return of our annual **Dorothy Day Open House** on June 26. We are looking forward to **Donuts at Dorothy's Open House** on July 31, a possible return of **Cocktails at the Cabins** on August 18, the **Ely Marathon** weekend of events in September, and our Annual **"Plaid Tie Event"** Fundraising Dinner this February. I don't want to count our chickens but 2022 is looking like our closest return to pre-Covid normalcy yet and I'm optimistic it will carry through into 2023. In fact, as much as I'm trying to live in the moment this season, I'm even more optimistic for next year – the **Museum's 30th Anniversary**.

What a testament to the impact that Dorothy had on others and the interest her life's story garners to see a tiny little museum in the pines not only surviving for the past 30 years but thriving. As those who knew Dorothy personally are decreasing in number, those are newly discovering Dorothy's story of persistence, integrity and perseverance is growing. Whether we recognize it or not, Dorothy is an icon for independent and progressive thinking in terms of the heteronormative gender roles of her time on this earth. At every stage of her life, Dorothy's choices often went upstream against the current of societal expectations for young, middle-aged and elderly women as she navigated through her life.

Although her story is one from history, it is still inspiring to young and old alike, and I am here for it. I hope you will be too as we move forward into the **Museum's 30th Year** and what would have been Dorothy's 116th year. 🍷

With optimism,
Jess Edberg
Executive Director



SUMMER HOSTESS

Distributing Dorothy's



In addition to local Ely Area businesses, attractions and camps, our root beer is also available in the following distribution areas:

- **Capitol Beverage Distribution,**
Rogers, MN (Twin Cities)
- **D&D Distributing,**
Brainerd, MN (Central Lakes Region)
- **Michaud Distributing,**
Duluth, MN
(Duluth/Superior, North Shore)
- **Starkovich Distributing,**
Virginia, MN (Iron Range)
- **L&M Supply**
Locations in Virginia
and Grand Rapids, MN

If you are interested in being able to buy our root beer near you, talk to your local grocer, restaurant or beverage shop and have them contact us. If you're a business owner and are interested in carrying our root beer, we have no minimums and can coordinate shipping of pallets (60 cases) almost anywhere in the Continental U.S.

Pick-up in Ely is always available! 🍷

If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact us at: wholesale@rootbeerlady.com

Dorothy's Root Beer Run



Youth celebrate after finishing their last 1.2 miles of the kid's marathon.

In conjunction with the Ely Marathon, **Dorothy's Root Beer Run** is a kid's race where youth log 25 miles prior to race day and finish the last 1.2 miles on the official marathon race route where they cross the finish line to receive a race medal, bottle of Dorothy's Isle of Pines Root Beer and a marathon t-shirt. Sponsored in-kind by the Dorothy Molter Museum, this race encourages kids to "be like Dorothy" via physical fitness, dedication and persistence.

In addition to the kid's marathon, the Museum also sponsors the root beer and beer tent as a fundraiser for the Museum. During the race check-in on Friday night and during the Ely Marathon event on Saturday after the kid's race, Museum staff and volunteers will have root beer, beer and seltzers and hot coffee available for racers and spectators with all proceeds going to the Dorothy Molter Museum. 🍷

To learn more, or to volunteer for any of these events, email jess@rootbeerlady.com or visit www.rootbeerlady.com/programs-events and www.elymarathon.com

Helping Hands

The Museum and youth participating in **Ely Voyageur Outward Bound School** courses have been partnering for years on service projects around the Museum during the summer months. This summer the Museum had the pleasure of hosting several youth service groups to help add wood chips to Birds' Landing, our pollinator garden and bird watching area, and help widen and clear **Dorothy's Discovery Trail** to make it easier for visitors using wheelchairs, walkers or strollers to take a short walk in the pines at the Museum. Thanks, VOBS! 🍷

Canoe Raffle

The 2022 Canoe Raffle is upon us! Stop in to purchase your \$5 tickets or mail your check or money order to the Museum with your name, address, email and phone number to ensure you get in this one in a thousand and ten chance to win a brand new **17' Wenonah Spirit II** canoe!

Drawing held at our **Annual Fundraising Dinner** February 9, 2023 at the **Grand Ely Lodge**.

Mailing address: **DMM Raffle**, PO Box 391, Ely MN 5 🍷



LOOKING AHEAD

Donuts at Dorothy's • Sunday, July 31 11 am-2 pm

Cocktails at the Cabins* • August Hours—Closed Monday/Tuesday Aug 15 to 31

Fall Hours Begin • September 6

Ely Marathon & Dorothy's Root Beer Run • September 23 - 24

** Subject to permitting and staffing*

Please keep an eye on www.rootbeerlady.com for additional details, programs and events being added.

Ways to Donate the Dorothy Molter Museum!



For a small, non-profit museum there are never too many ways to contribute! Online donation options are located at rootbeerlady.com, on our **facebook** page, and by using **Amazon Smile**. Do you prefer to make a tangible donation? Check out our "wish list" on **Amazon.com** for ideas or donate bird seed to the community

bird feeding area. Like to get your hands dirty? Spring cleaning is coming up in May, and there always seems to be things to fix or tidy up around the museum... 🍷

Call or email for more information!
218-365-4451 or jess@rootbeerlady.com



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Our Mission

The Dorothy Molter Museum preserves and interprets Northwoods wilderness heritage through learning opportunities inspired by Dorothy Molter, the last non-indigenous resident of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Thank you!

The Dorothy Molter Museum wishes to thank the City of Ely, Vermilion Community College, and The Superior National Forest for their ongoing support.

Membership and Support

Dorothy Molter Museum Members receive our newsletters, free admission to the museum, and discounts in both our museum gift shop and our online store.

Are you already a member? **Consider making a Donation** towards our education programming or general operating expenses. Just fill out the form below!

Thank you.

Share Our Mission with Someone Special



100%
 OF ALL PROFITS
 GO DIRECTLY TO THE
 Dorothy Molter
 Museum
 ELY, MINNESOTA



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