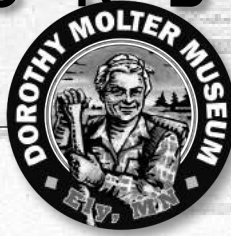


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NEWSLETTER OF THE DOROTHY MOLTER MUSEUM

SUMMER 2019



Historic Preservation in Action



Crew members from the Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps work on reglazing the windows of the Point Cabin.

This August, the Museum hosted the Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps (NBHPC) to work on its ongoing cabin window reglazing project to preserve the original windows of the Point and Winter Cabins, which were built in the late-1920s.

Created in 2011, NBHPC (an AmeriCorps program) helps address maintenance and repair needs of an aging stock of historic structures and landscapes in Minnesota, and creates hands-on opportunities for young adults ages 18-25 to get their feet wet in the preservation trades workforce.

Based out of Duluth, MN, NBHPC provides corpsmembers the orientation and basic training needed to work on an incredibly diverse array of projects, such as reglazing windows, resetting and edging cemetery monuments, using 19th century tools to construct new but historically-accurate shutters, windows or doors, the removal and mitigation of lead-based paint/building materials, chinking and daubing of log

structures, or stone masonry on chimneys and bridges. The breadth and width of knowledge and experience gained through NBHPC for any young adult interested in a career in historic preservation work is amazing and the perfect stepping stone in the industry.

Corpsmembers Addison Galagan, Sierra Lightfeather-Battees, Hannah Pilgrim and Bon mu Htoo spent four days on what they call a "half-hitch" at the Museum and reglazed 12 windows in the Point Cabin. Although they were focused on the physical work, they made sure to fit in a guided tour and sample some of Dorothy's root beer. The Museum hopes to hire NBHPC again in the future to help with mitigating the inevitable ravages of time and climate on Dorothy's historic cabins. 🐻

We invite you to learn more about NBHPC (or apply to be a crew member!) at www.northernbedrockcorps.org

Message from the Director



Dorothy's Director, Jess Edberg.

Dear Friends of Dorothy Molter,

Since our fundraising campaign "Preserving the Legacy" began last fall with Give to the Max Day (which is Nov. 15 this year), the Museum has raised well over \$10,000, PLUS a \$5,000 grant from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, and been able to put new shingles on, level the foundation of and put new, very durable flooring into both the Winter and Point Cabins, as well

as hire Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps to reglaze almost all windows in the Point Cabin. Part of this campaign included an effort to reach out to lapsed Museum Members for membership renewal and (or) a charitable contribution toward our capital campaign to increase our Member base and continue to raise funds for the Dorothy's Cabin Endowment Fund – where all donations made toward this campaign are placed. It has successfully funded the aforementioned projects and will continue to fund the ongoing and inevitable structural maintenance to Museum buildings.

You may have also noticed (or will notice) that our current Member renewal letter includes a request for an additional contribution toward this campaign effort. Your Membership dollars do support some of this work but, not all of it. As much as we try to forecast when a building may need some work, sometimes projects are unexpected and arrive with a severe summer storm or frigid February temperatures. Dorothy's Cabin Endowment Fund will allow for those emergency situations and unpleasant surprises, as well as provide funds for improvements that may enhance our visitor experience for guests of all abilities.

The next phase of our capital campaign is to raise the necessary funds to replace the decking allowing accessible entry to the Winter and Point Cabins. If you have visited the Museum in the last few years, the decks have become lower than the cabins both due to sinking and to the shifting foundation of both cabins. Although it is possible to get a wheelchair or walker into the cabins with light assistance, they should be level and more user friendly so we can give our guests more freedom of movement.

Part of this campaign is seeking out grant opportunities and we have joined forces with a local grant investigator and writer to help us.

However, many available grants for the work we would like to do require a match. So, I invite you to be a part of this effort and make a contribution toward Dorothy's Cabin Endowment Fund with your next renewal – or just because! 🐾

Thank you.

With Sincerity, Jess



SUMMER HOSTESS

Dorothy Goes to Idaho



Dorothy's Isle of Pines Root Beer is expanding its roots and moving out west. In April of this year, a pallet of root beer was picked up from our warehouse in Ely, MN by Fed Ex and shipped to the **Root Beer Store in Sandpoint, ID.**

The store was founded by Corey Anderson who enjoyed making root beer as a kid with his family — utilizing the yeast method of carbonating (similar to Dorothy on the Isle of Pines). Over time the selection of the store's root beer brands has grown from 30 to over 110.

Dorothy's was recently featured as **May's Root Beer of the Month.** "With many great Root Beer histories that we have had (over the hundred that we have written up.), Dorothy Molter definitely takes the cake as the most amazing story!" stated Anderson. 🐾

**Last chance to
get your
Canoe Raffle
ticket!**

Use the form on the back page!



Thank You for helping us Preserve the Legacy

The Museum's Board of Directors and Staff are incredibly grateful for the generous contributions made toward its "Preserving the Legacy" Capital Campaign and Membership Drive.

A special thank you to the following businesses and individuals who have made a charitable contribution to this campaign!

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BEFORE



AFTER

Before and after showing the new, brighter, much more durable, flooring in the Point Cabin.

LOOKING AHEAD

Last Day of the 2019 Season & Canoe Raffle Draw • Saturday, October 26

Give to the Max Day - Online Fundraiser • Thursday, November 14th

Annual Fundraising Dinner & Annual Meeting • Thursday, February 13th

Visit our website for up to date information as these dates approach: www.rootbeerlady.com

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!
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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!

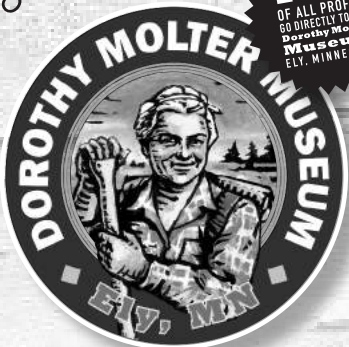
The Dorothy Molter Museum wishes to thank the **City of Ely**, **Vermilion Community College**, and The **Superior National Forest** for their ongoing support.

Membership and Support

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

Become a Member or if you are a member **Consider Making a Donation** towards our education programming or general operating expenses.

Go to www.rootbeerlady.com - click on "Get Involved" Thank you.



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