



WCHM News

Newsletter of the Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum

Wild Rice Push Pole & Knocking Stick Workshop March 28 - March 30

Interested in making your own tools for wild ricing? The Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum and Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary are teaming up to sponsor a Wild Rice Push Pole & Knocking Stick Workshop on March 28-30, 2023. From 6-9 pm daily in this three-evening class in the museum workshop, your instructor Gary Dunsmoor will help you make a tamarack and maple push pole and a set of white cedar knocking sticks to use for wild ricing using traditional hand tools and techniques.

Tools and materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own hand tools (such as: a draw knife, wood plane, and wood rasp) and personal protective equipment (safety glasses and gloves). You may work individually or bring a partner for the same price. Registration required by March 27; Limit: 8 individuals or couples (If you sign up as a couple, you only need to register and pay for one of the two people). The program fee is \$50/pair of knocking sticks & push pole. To register go to <https://hunthill.org/event/wild-rice-push-pole-knocking-stick-workshop> or call Hunt Hill at 715-635-6543.



Get Ready For The 2023 WCHM Canoe & Wooden Boat Show May 27

WCHM invites participants for its 14th annual Canoe & Wooden Boat Show, to be held in conjunction with Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Day on May 27, 2023. This one day free event will also include museum tours and open house, the unveiling of new displays, ongoing activities in the canoe workshop, and live music and food and beverage in the beer garden. Now is the time to make plans to be an exhibitor and display your canoe, wooden boat, or other canoe related items of interest.

Wooden boats of all shapes, sizes, and designs are welcome, both classic and modern, as well as all kinds of classic and vintage water and paddling related items. Whether you have items to sell, or you just have something to show off, there will be many interested folks attending this free event. Exhibitors can include individuals, commercial entities, non-profits, authors, government agencies, educators, crafters, and businesses whose products or services are relevant to wooden boats and canoes.

Booth space is free and reserving a space is easy. You'll find a link to an online reservation form at www.wisconsincanoeheritagemuseum.org/boat-show. Or request a reservation form by emailing to info@wisconsincanoeheritagemuseum.org or calling 715-635-2479. Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Day is produced by WCHM each year on the Sat of Memorial Day weekend.

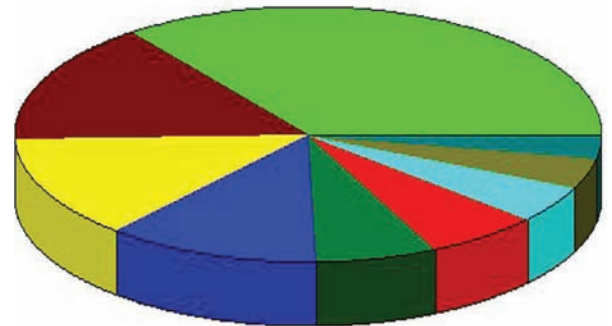


WCHM Finishes Another Year With Positive Financial Results

The Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum completed fiscal year 2022 in good financial shape. Total revenues for the year were close to \$66,000, with exhibit hall admissions and raffle sales both showing significant and welcome gains over the previous year. The exhibit hall was open a record 96 days over the four months of the summer season and recorded 643 visitors in that time, both numbers being up about 11% from the previous year. One negative in 2022 was the loss in the value of the WCHM Endowment Fund as a result of the poor investment climate during the year. "It's frustrating when losses like this occur due to circumstances beyond your control," laments WCHM Executive Director Jed Malischke, "but it's a consolation to know that our investment gains over the past three years far exceed the loss we incurred this year."

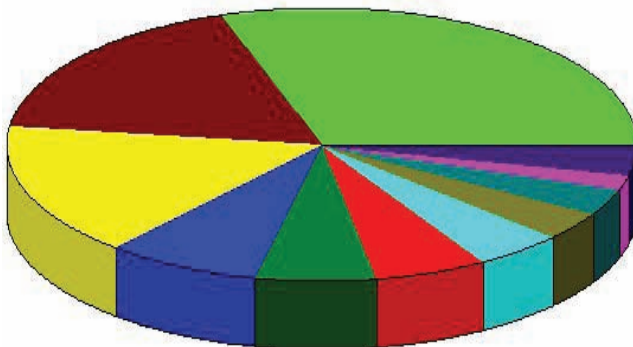
Expenses for WCHM in 2022 totaled about \$60,000, with some one-time consultant fees (marketing and legal advice) as well as increases in building and facility costs (utilities and collection storage furnishings). Otherwise it was business as usual and WCHM was left with a surplus of over \$6,000. Adding that surplus to the net worth of the organization has increased it by 5% to over \$134,000. "We feel good about these results," says Malischke, "and we're looking forward to the New Year to make more gains towards our long term goals in 2023."

Income Summary
January through December 2022



4340 - Direct Public Support	40.88%
4710 - Membership Dues	17.68
4350 - Endowment Investment Changes	\$-11,817.00
4650 - Raffle	13.67
4660 - Event Revenue	7.78
4750 - Shop Revenue	7.51
4730 - Store	5.49
4640 - Grants	4.43
4740 - Admissions	2.56
Sub-Total	\$65,990.31

Expense Summary
January through December 2022



6500 - Administration	30.27%
6280 - Building and Facilities	17.68
7000 - Advertising & Promotions	15.82
7500 - Shop	8.08
6550 - Event Expense	6.33
6210 - Business Expenses	5.81
6510 - Other Types of Expenses	4.66
50000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3.34
6300 - Membership Services	3.20
7100 - Fundraising	1.79
Other	3.03
Total	\$59,598.24

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News Briefs & Upcoming Events



WCHM Will Be At Canoecopia March 10-12, 2023

The Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum (WCHM) will be returning to Canoecopia on March 10-12, 2023. Sponsored by Rutabaga Paddlesports and held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison (WI), Canoecopia is the largest paddle sports consumer event in the world. The WCHM booth usually features the first of the annual canoe raffle tickets on sale, plus one or two canoes from the WCHM Collections on display. For more information about Canoecopia visit www.rutabaga.com/canoecopia.

WCHA Assembly Returns To Paul Smiths College in 2023

The Wooden Canoe Heritage Association (WCHA) has announced that its National Annual Assembly will return to Paul Smith's College in Paul Smiths, New York, on July 11-16, 2023. The theme of the 2023 event will be Carlton Canoes. In addition, the FreeStyle Paddlers group will hold their annual Adirondack Canoe Symposium in conjunction with the Assembly. Watch for more information at www.WoodenCanoe.org.

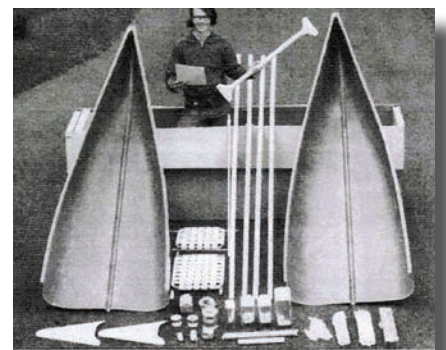


2023 WCHM Canoe Raffle Will Feature Two MacKenzie-Yost Models

The 2023 WCHM Canoe Raffle will be underway shortly (the first tickets will be available at Canoecopia). This annual fundraising activity will once again feature a choice of two canoes, and this year both canoes will have been constructed on MacKenzie-Yost forms in the WCHM shop. Both canoes are 16' cedar canvas canoes; one a solo canoe built in 2020 on the MY Nakoma form and the other currently being built on a MY Duet form. The drawing will be Sunday September 24, 2023 during the fourth annual Canoe & Brew event in Spooner. The holder of the winning ticket will have choice of one of the two canoes previously described. To find out how you can get tickets contact WCHM at info@wisconsincanoeheritagemuseum.org.

Every Canoe Has A Story To Tell

A recent WCHM newsletter featured an article about the donation of a Trailcraft kit canoe to WCHM by Tim Miller of Florence WI. The article was the inspiration for Dennis Jorgenson of Rapid City SD to write his own story about building a similar Trailcraft kit canoe as a teenager. "I saw a Trailcraft canoe kit advertisement in Boy's Life magazine. As I recall the cost of the kit was \$125 shipping included. That was for the Trailfinder 16' fiberglass canoe kit" writes Jorgenson in the story. We thank Dennis for his reminiscences; his canoe story and photos will be included with other documents preserved with the Miller Trailcraft canoe at the museum.



1st Annual Birch Bark Canoe Rendezvous Sept 14-17 in Maine

A first annual Birch Bark Canoe Rendezvous is being planned to coincide with the Living History Heritage 2nd annual "Long Weekend" to be held on Hardwood Point near Harrington, Maine, on September 14-17, 2023. The Long Weekend features period encampments and regalia from the 1600s to 1700s, as well as "grand jollifications" (music and entertainment). The Birch Bark Canoe Rendezvous is expected to feature canoes representing the Abenaki, Maliseet, Mi'kmaq, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot traditions, as well as additional canoes brought by attendees. Modern camping for tents and RVs is available the week prior. For more information contact Arthur Langley at arthur_langley@me.com or 207-459-6410.

Marquette Jolliet Expedition On Mississippi to be Recreated For 350th Anniversary

This year is the 350th anniversary of the 1673 expedition by Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette's landmark expedition that led to the claiming of the entire land and water mass interior of what we now know of as America for Louis XIV, King of France. In May the French Heritage Society, as part of the French Heritage Corridor Initiative, plans to celebrate the anniversary by re-creating the expedition. The Jolliet-Marquette Expedition 3 will start from St. Ignace Michigan on May 17th, 2023, and its seven participants and two canoes will live the voyager life as they travel by water south to the confluence of the Mississippi and the Arkansas rivers. For more information visit <https://jollietmarquette350.com/> or contact Greg Taylor at gregtaylor408@gmail.com.



Museum Exhibit Hall Seeks Volunteer Keymasters

The Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum (WCHM) in Spooner is seeking volunteers to join its team of Keymasters. "These are the folks that dedicate three or four hours every couple of weeks during the summer to open the museum exhibit hall to visitors," explains WCHM Executive Director Jed Malischke, "No special knowledge or skills are required, just a friendly attitude and a willingness to be prompt and responsible."

The museum exhibit hall is a pleasant place to spend your time while helping keep this Northwest Wisconsin institution open. The exhibit hall opens for each summer on Memorial Day Weekend, when the WCHM puts on its Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Day. After that date the exhibit hall is open from Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Sundays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Keymasters work either half a day or a whole day, whichever they wish, and set their own schedule of days. Inquiries for more information can be made to Jed Malischke at 715-635-2479 or by writing to jed@wisconsin canoeheritagemuseum.org.

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