



## A Note From the Chairman

*Dear Members and Friends,*

There is much to talk about in this issue! We are eager to share with you highlights of what has been happening at Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear, and provide you with dates for upcoming projects and events that we hope you will be a part of this summer.

We have been in our new home in the Olsen house for one year now and have found it to be an effective venue for communicating our mission to the public. Last summer 15 volunteers were recruited to our inaugural volunteer docent program and we hope to involve volunteers in other areas that will help us grow. Currently, we are involved in expanding our board with wonderfully qualified individuals who bring experience and energy.

We are extremely grateful for the financial contributions of our members. We encourage you to consider increasing your level of giving and hope you will tell your friends about us. We are working hard to become financially strong through obtaining grants, increasing our membership base, offering new exhibits and programs to educate people on our mission, and working effectively with new partnerships.

Read on to get the details on our grant awards, projects, programs and events. Please note our need for matching grant funds and do what you can. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you this summer.

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## Preserve Receives Grant Awards

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**Michigan Historical Center** – Preserve is the recipient of an \$8000 bricks and mortar grant award from the Michigan Historical Center to complete four 2005 preservation projects in the Lakeshore. The projects include stabilization of the Olsen House Root Cellar and restoration of the Martin Basch Granary in the Port Oneida Rural Historic District; and on South Manitou Island, stabilization of the Hutzler Chicken Coop and restoration of the Hutzler and Beck historic agricultural landscapes. Preserve will be conducting these projects from June through September of 2005, and we are in need of volunteers, materials, and cash donations. Please see the calendar of dates and volunteer opportunities, and Matching Fund Needs listed on page two.

**Michigan Humanities Council** - A grant for a fully functioning and effective website, a professionally designed educational exhibit at the Olsen House and the printing of a redesigned brochure was funded by the Michigan Humanities Council/National Endowment for the Humanities. This grant award to Preserve was for \$15,000 which will

partially fund these projects. Preserve is fortunate to have Main Street Design from Boston, a firm nationally recognized for its high quality interpretive exhibits in other units of the National Park System, working on our exhibit. Leelanau communications of Leland, also well respected, will be helping us develop our website. In today's world, a well-designed website is an effective and necessary tool in getting your message out. Preserve has had only a domain name and an "under construction" page to date. Thus, a new website is a much needed and greatly anticipated addition to our programming. Preserve will be working on these projects throughout the summer and into the fall, and we are in need of matching funds as cited on page two.

**Management and Organizational Development (MOD) Grant** - The Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation (GTRCF) has awarded Preserve a \$5000 grant for the hiring of a fundraising consultant to conduct an initial assessment of our fund-

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# Cherry Republic Teams Up with Preserve

## Adopts Agricultural Landscapes

In partnership with Preserve, Cherry Republic has adopted the preservation of historic agricultural landscapes as a local corporate project. Come early September, Cherry Republic staff will join Preserve to clear farmland at the Hutzler and Beck farmsteads on the South Manitou Island farm loop.



Bob Sutherland  
Owner, Cherry Republic

This is an inaugural landscape maintenance project for Preserve and Cherry Republic; the first step in what will be an ongoing partnership over several seasons, to remove invasive

species threatening the integrity of these historic landscapes throughout the National Lakeshore.

“In my mind, there is nothing more important than preserving this farm heritage and its unique connection to our maritime history. These farm fields are being overtaken and if we don’t do something, we are going to lose them,” said Bob Sutherland, owner and founder of Cherry Republic in Glen Arbor.

Bob has always made known his love of the Leelanau landscape and the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. He has been instrumental in creating a more lucrative market for the local cherry industry by building a multi-million

dollar business of selling cherry products. And he finds ways to use his success to further his ideals of farmland and open space preservation.

We are thrilled about this new partnership which is a wonderful example of how corporations can contribute to our preservation effort. We anticipate great camaraderie and significant accomplishment working with Bob and his staff.

Approximately eighty acres on the farm loop are in need of maintenance. Thus, Preserve will be seeking additional volunteers for this and other volunteer work projects in 2005, please see page 3 in this newsletter and contact us to get involved.

### *(Preserve receives grant awards continued...)*

-raising potential, assist us in developing funding strategy and a two-year business plan. The grant requires a one-to-one cash match. Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear has established a temporary fund at the Community Foundation which will allow donors to make contributions to the fund. The fund is advertised on the Community Foundation’s website at [www.gtrcf.org](http://www.gtrcf.org) and accepts on-line donations. The Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation was established to receive and administer funds for various charitable purposes in the Grand Traverse Region.

### **Matching Funds Needed**

While we are delighted to be the recipient of these grant awards so crucial to our progress and success, they do require varying degrees of cash match contributions. We need your help to raise these funds. Summary of matches needed:

- \* **Michigan Historical Center - \$8000**
- \* **Michigan Humanities Council/NEH - \$15,000**
- \* **Grand Traverse Reg. Comm. Fdn. - \$5,000**

Please consider a contribution to the area of your choice as noted on the “Come Join Us” form on page 5.

**Would you be willing to donate any of the following ?**

- Digital Camera
- Conference chairs
- Copy Machine
- TV/video or DVD combo player

## *Preserve and MIMS work together on South Manitou*

Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear and the Manitou Island Memorial Society (MIMS) are pairing up to coordinate efforts, direct funding and support each other’s projects on South Manitou Island. The two organizations have previously discussed ways to partner, sharing a common goal to preserve historic buildings, sites and landscapes on both North and South Manitou Islands. The stabilization and maintenance



*Hutzler Chicken Coopn on South Manitou to be worked on*

projects Preserve and MIMS have planned for South Manitou this summer provide a perfect opportunity for such a collaborative effort. Preserve received funding from the Michigan

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# PRESERVE HISTORIC SLEEPING BEAR

## Calendar of Events

*Port Oneida*

### June

**Saturday & Sunday, June 18 & 19 8:30 am—4**  
**Martin Basch Granary Volunteer Project/Workshop**

Each year Preserve co-sponsors a barn restoration workshop with Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and the Michigan Barn Preservation Network. This year's workshop, the Martin Basch Granary, will include hands-on training in replacement of deteriorated hewn sills, log joists and floor boards; adz hewing, framing and siding replacement; window and door repair and equipment safety. The Lakeshore and the Network will provide skilled carpenters. Preserve is providing materials, volunteers, on-site project support, and partial funding through Preserve's Martin Basch Farmstead David Seitz Memorial Fund. We welcome unskilled workers. Tools & materials to be provided; bring sturdy shoes, gloves and sack lunch. Come for as long as you like, meet at Basch Farm off of M-22 north of Port Oneida Rd., follow signs. \* An additional work project will be scheduled later to finish the Granary. Call Preserve for date.

### July

**Friday, July 15 6 pm**  
**Membership Potluck, Olsen Farm**—We want to meet you! Members of Preserve and their friends are invited to a potluck. Come for dinner, meet fellow members, and share your ideas with our board and exhibit designer. Please bring a dish to pass and a folding chair. Hotdogs and beverage provided. 3164 W. Harbor Hwy (M-22) just south of Port Oneida Road.

**Wednesday, July 20 9 am—3**  
**Path to Page: A hiking/creative writing workshop**  
Hike the trails and explore select historic farms of Port Oneida while learning how to create imaginative writings based upon historic facts provided. Instructor is Anne-Marie Oomen, creative writing instructor at Interlochen Center for the Arts. Cost: \$65, includes gourmet box lunch. Register now on page 5.

### August

**Friday & Saturday, August 5 & 6 10 am—5**  
**Port Oneida Fair: A Celebration of Rural Culture**  
A two-day cultural fair demonstrating rural crafts, skills, traditions and history at six historic farmsteads. Oxen, rugmaking, oral history, horse and buggy rides, woodworking, quiltmaking antique bicycles, blacksmithing, barn dance and more.

**Friday & Saturday August 5& 6 10 am—5**

**Olsen Root Cellar Project Demonstration**

During the Port Oneida Fair, come watch skilled crews work on stabilizing the historic root cellar at the Charles Olsen Farm.

**Wednesday, August 10 9 am—3**

**Path to Page: A hiking/creative writing workshop**  
(see July description, register page 5)

### All Summer

**Interpretive History Exhibits in Olsen House.**

Hours: Mon-Sat. 11 am—4 Visit the exhibits in the Olsen House and hike trails to historic sites.

*South Manitou Island*

### September

**September 1—14 Spend a day or up to two weeks**  
**South Manitou Island Volunteer Work Projects**

- **Hutzler and Beck Historic Landscapes**  
Spend time on the Island helping to maintain our cultural landscapes—historic farmscapes that are being overtaken by invasive trees and bushes, diminishing the historic integrity of the viewshed. Preserve needs volunteers with experience operating equipment such as tractors and backhoes, to operate stump pulling equipment. We also need volunteers to gather, remove and assist with disposal of the trees, bushes and related debris.
- **Hutzler Chicken Coop**  
Volunteers will stabilize the chicken coop with historic detail and accuracy using as much of the remaining structure as possible. Preserve needs both skilled construction workers and non-skilled volunteers to conduct this project.

*Volunteers will be transported to-from the island from Leland via the Manitou Transit. Free housing in National Lakeshore facilities is available on a first to volunteer, first served basis; the group campground will also be available free of charge. Water and snacks will be provided at the worksite, volunteers are responsible for their own meals. Registration required. For information and registration call Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear at 231-334-6103.*

#### CONTACT US:

**Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear**  
3164 W. Harbor Hwy., (M-22, 3 miles N. of Glen Arbor)  
334-6103 phsb@leelanau.com

# MAP OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES IN LAKESHORE

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

## YOUR NAME HERE!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Yes—I would like to help save the historic buildings in the Park.*

\_\_\_\_ **Volunteer**—please sign our volunteer sheet & check out our needs below.

\_\_\_\_ **Donate**—use our donation envelope, brochure or put money in the big ball jar

\_\_\_\_ **In-kind** donations are needed— please see our wish list & talk to our Greeter.

\_\_\_\_ **Programs**—sign up for our Path to Page, a writing/hiking program

## Membership

*Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear depends upon the financial support of its members. We are a 501 C 3 tax exempt organization.*

\_\_ Subscriber \$25      \_\_ Patron \$500  
\_\_ Supporter \$50      \_\_ Benefactor \$1000  
\_\_ Contributor \$100      \_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Donations

We welcome your gifts anytime of the year.

- Unrestricted Funds (*operating & project mgmt*) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Restricted Matching Grant Funds
- GTRCF MOD (*funding strategy*) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- MHC (*exhibit/website*) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mich. Hist. Ctr. Bricks/Mortar \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(*2005 S. Manitou, Olsen, Basch Projects*)

## Memorials

A wonderful way to honor the memory of a friend or relative. A card will be sent to the family of the individual for whom the donation was made and is also noted in the newsletter.

## In-Kind Gifts & Services

Donate office equipment or furniture; building materials & equipment for projects, including a tractor and trailer; your painting or photograph of the Lakeshore's historic buildings or landscapes for our annual art auction.

## Matching Employer Gifts

Take advantage of your employer's matching program to increase the impact of your gift.

## Program Registration

- Path to Page Hiking/Writing Program
- \_\_ July 20  
    \_\_ August 10  
    \$65 per person includes lunch.

## Volunteer

*We hope you will consider getting involved and meet others who share your love of these historic landmarks.*

- Office Help (mailing, etc.)
- Special Events  
(planning committees and during event)
- Docents (greeting visitors at the Olsen House)
- South Manitou Island Work Project 2005  
Yes, please sign me up and send information
- Other Work Projects (send me info)
- In Kind Services
- \_\_ Builder, contractor, construction trade  
        to supervise work projects  
    \_\_ Computer technician      \_\_ Caterer  
    \_\_ Accountant      \_\_ Attorney  
    \_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:**

**Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear**

P.O. Box 453, Empire, MI 49630

231-334-6103      phsb@leelanau.com

*Sign up Now!  
 Inside: Calendar of events, projects, programs*



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Historical Center for several work projects in the National Lakeshore, two of which will take place on South Manitou Island. One is to stabilize the Hutzler Chicken Coop. The second project is to remove invasive species to restore open field management of historic agricultural landscapes at the Hutzler and Beck farms (see calendar for details). MIMS plans to stabilize the August Beck farmhouse, rehabilitate the schoolhouse interior, and conduct joist and roof repair on the Harrison Hays fishing shanty.

In addition to Preserve's and MIMS' collaboration, they are acting in partnership with the National Lakeshore and Cherry Republic who has adopted farmland preservation as its local corporate project. "There is more to be done than any one partner or the National Lakeshore can do. South Manitou's historic resources and its visitors will benefit tremendously from the work to be accomplished on South this summer," said Michael J. Matts, Preserve's Project Coordinator.

Additional volunteers, materials and cash donations are needed and most welcome; please contact us at 231-334-6103 or via email at [phsb@leelanau.com](mailto:phsb@leelanau.com).

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**BE A VOLUNTEER!!**

