

MWHS 2018-19 Accomplishments

The Manitowish Waters Historical Society had a very good year. Here's a list of what was accomplished. We would like to thank all of our members for your continued interest in our mission.

- More than doubled our members since April of 2019
- Added new committee chairs for communication, membership and newsletter
- Added Nancy LaPorte as an adjunct to the Board to record minutes and Board actions
- Hired a summer intern who added to both the quantity and the quality of MWHS archives
- Hired Sarah Krembs as a digital archiver
- Increased documents archived in PastPerfect 1300% since Sarah started in February
- Published three high quality newsletters on time
- Created a MWHS flyer, both printed and web-based
- Compiled mailchimp accounts for quick communications to both MWHS members and interested community members
- Developed a binder of images and documents for the Rest Lake Dam, distributed to the Pea Patch, Parkside Tavern and Aurora Borealis for customer viewing
- Launched the first MWHS Fun Night and Jeopardy game
- Recognized four new MWHS Leaders in Historic Preservation
- Added two new pontoon tours for Alder/Wild Rice lakes and the Turtle Flambeau Flowage
- Collaborated with North Lakeland Discovery Center (NLDC) on six pontoon tour events (with 13 trips) and a Big Lake kayak tour; added a private pontoon tour for a cash donation
- Developed four Saturday presentations at Koller Library (three presentations were new)
- Created a new presentation on MW Pioneers
- Conducted a Chamber After 5 presentation and continued the series on MW Mysteries
- Made Spider Lake Town history presentation by John Hanson
- Added several family/business collections to archives: Tisol's, Dillman's, Koerner's ledger from Kaufman's, Fawn Lake logging site and artifacts
- Created the Dillman's Family Presentation
- Purchased two new computers
- Purchased tour guide system with two transmitters and 30 receivers
- Implemented remote access to PastPerfect so archiving can be done anywhere
- Completed the logging web page with images from PastPerfect
- Developed a large document scanning solution
- Published over 40 MW Chamber Booklets on line
- Received three large donations from benefactors to support the MWHS mission
- Participated in the 4th of July parade with new historical banners for our float
- Collaborated with State Archaeologist and LDF Historic Preservation Office Archaeologist for a Rice Creek National Register of Historic Places Nomination
- Mapped the Fawn Lake logging camp to prepare a Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) report
- Created flowcharts for digital archiving protocols
- Conducted numerous oral history interviews
- Answered a few dozen email inquiries regarding MW history from the public
- Recorded a new archeological site with the WHS for Big Lake Dam

- Coordinated with Kay Krans outreach and ongoing research on Big Lake histories
- Developed an historic naturalist hike with the NLDC near Toy Lake
- Conducted the Sherman Historical Society presentation and workshop
- Received approval for FE University course at Camp Mercer by NHAL and DNR Historic Preservation officer
- Taught FE University Class on the Flambeau Trail and Turtle Portage
- Provided archaeological support for Camp Mercer from the WHS and Cindi Stiles
- Made Iron County presentation on CCC and Camp Mercer at Conservation on Tap series
- Discovered, archived and published 39 Mercer monitor newspapers for Camp Mercer
- Discovered and archived nearly 100 unique (unpublished) photos of Camp Mercer

Whew! On to 2020!