

2021 MWHS Accomplishments

Added 40 new YouTube videos to the MWHS Channel

- 23 historic videos from Koller Library
- 13 videos produced jointly with WJFW Channel 12
- 3 videos from Zoom presentations (2 more scheduled for November and December)
- 1 oral history on 1960s Skiing Skeeters

113 YouTube subscribers to MWHS Channel

Installed 23 signs for the Camp Mercer Trail in collaboration with the DNR, WHS, ICORE, and others; to create a new Northern Highland American Legion forest interpretive trail

Cleared trails at Camp Mercer with support of ICORE

Will install 7 signs for the Youth Conservation Corps on the North Lakeland Discovery Center campus in May of 2022

Continued to record several oral histories

March 1 Gaylord Roe

May 28 Barbara Mitchensen

June 23 K'Anne Meinel

June 28 Delf Schafer

Conducted 3 presentations at Koller Library

- MW Railroads and Early Commerce
- Southgate Canal System
- Camp Mercer CCC

Conducted 3 Zoom presentations in February, March and April

- Logging Impacts on the Manitowish Waters Area and Land Policies
- Early History of Vance (Dam), Sturgeon and Benson lakes
- Rest Lake's Early History and Legacy

Created 3 MWHS newsletters with articles and calendars

Added newsletter contributors and family stories into archives

MWHS membership grew from 80 to 135

Succession planning in progress for new leaders and committee members

Several leaders attended the Local History Conference in October as well as the Recollections Wisconsin Digital Readiness webinars this summer

Thankfully, resumed public events while respecting public safety with Covid 19

Continued to add to our digital archives:

Digital records currently in PastPerfect 1348; added 207 since last retreat (16%). Some records have multiple images and attachments

Over 2216 online searches of our digital collection in the last year

Exploring new podcasting, webpage and digital video standards

Coordinating with the Federal bureau of Investigation and Wisconsin Historical Society to create a State Historical marker for fallen FBI agent Carter Baum.

Successfully, completed a \$50,000 fundraising effort with over 150 donors to support MWHS interns document MW history digitally.

Facilitated a 4 summer interns (equivalent of 2.1 full time interns)

Accepted donation from Barbara McFarland's of her new Giclee print of Sarah Vance for fundraising

Updated our archival storage area at the town hall and Koller Library room

Collaborated by presenting to businesses, community groups historical societies, libraries, and art communities

- Boulder Junction Library and Historical Society
- North Lakeland Discovery Center
- Dillman's Lodge
- Winchester Library
- Manitowish Waters Athletic Club (2 presentations)
- River's Edge
- MW Women's Service League
- Camp Jorn
- Iron County Outdoor Recreational Enthusiasts
- Natural Resource Foundation
- Wisconsin Historical Society
- Ye Old Shillelagh
- Recollection Wisconsin-Digital Readiness
- Lady Yakkers

- Forest History Association of Wisconsin

Supported the Wisconsin Historical Society's legislative outreach event in January

Responded to dozens of documents and photo requests

Recorded 4 new historic sites on the Archeological Site Inventory for preservation and protection

Conducted a MWHS Fun Night and Jeopardy game at town hall on June 24

Worked with leadership at Koller Library to consolidate MWHS documents and technology

Engaged additional members to share their talents or documents in supporting our mission

Grew the MWHS Facebook page up to 787 Likes and 853 Followers

Collaborating with the NLDC on developing a concept for a Northwoods Forest History Museum

Collaborated with the Vilas County Land + Water Conservation Dept on Rice Creek Research Project

Added new pontoon tour curriculum for Stone, Fawn and Clear lakes

Conducted 5 private historic pontoon tours

Conducted 43 public pontoon tours, hikes, van tours and outdoor events:

Event	Number of hikes or tours
Rest Lake Pontoon Tour	4
Dillinger Pontoon Tour	12
MW Boat Show Tour	5
Alder & Wild Rice Lakes Pontoon Tour	3
Spider and Island Lakes Pontoon Tour	3
Clear, Fawn & Stone Lakes Ponton Tour	3
Big Lake Pontoon Tour	2
Manito Island Mystery & Pontoon Tour	2
Turtle Flambeau Flowage Pontoon Tour	2
Toy Lake Hike	2
Plum Lake Hemlocks Hike	2
Partridge Lake & Creek Hike	1
Camp Mercer Interpretive Trail Hike	2
MW Pub Crawl Hike	1

Vilas County Land + Water Conservation Dept. Rice Creek Tour	1
Manitowish River Kayak Tour	2