



# MANITOWISH WATERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Members and Friends,

We have been producing our newsletter in its current format since November 2018 three times a year in March, June and November. We are taking a break this March with this abbreviated edition as we are in the stretch drive of pulling together the **Northwoods Forest History Experience: More Than a Museum**. We knew that building out a welcome area, six exhibits and an outdoor activity area was going to be a lot of work, but we are excited to con-

## A Word From Our President

tinue our efforts so that we are open to the public in time for Memorial Day weekend.

We will keep you posted on our progress as we get closer to our opening. Watch your email box or your USPS mailbox if you don't have email for updates. You can also follow us on Facebook for news, including the details on our Grand Opening in June.

For now, we hope to whet your appetite with a couple of items you'll find in the Experience below. Looking forward to seeing you there this spring!

Frank DiLeonardi, President



## Northwoods Forest History Experience More Than a Museum

The "Big Idea" for the Experience is to "Get Out and Explore Our Evolving Forests," and we will do that with the aid of an app called Clio, which turns your smartphone into a docent, guiding you on historic hikes, bikes and paddles. Here's an example of a Clio destination to a little-known Northwoods town that was literally wiped off the map by a forest fire: [Buswell](#). You

may want to click the green text to audio button in the upper left corner to check out Clio.

Exhibits will have **digital content** to help you learn more about a subject. Here's a two-minute video on a day in the life of a [lumberjack](#). You can learn about the NFHE [here](#).

## MWHS 2025 Accomplishments

As we do every year, we have put together a report on what we were able to accomplish last year. We are proud of what we have achieved in support of our mission to collect, preserve and share materials and information related to the history of Manitowish Waters and the surrounding area so that we engage, educate and excite our members and community.

You can find our 2025 accomplishments [here](#).

### Off to a Hot Start

We've already had nine presentations at our partners in the area and via Zoom, reaching nearly 500 members and friends. And [here](#) is our 2026 event schedule. Hope to see you soon!