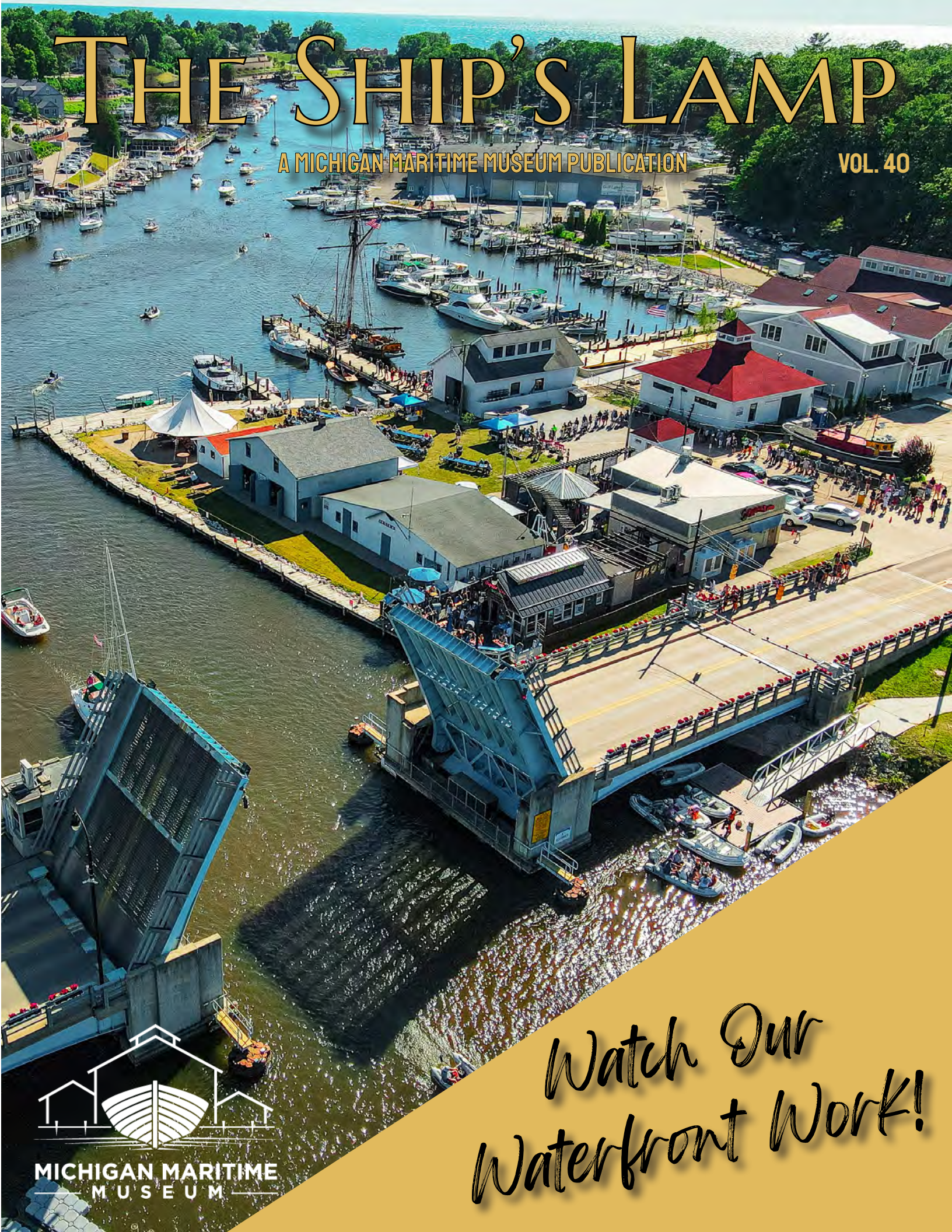


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Watch Our  
Waterfront Work!





*Patti Montgomery  
Reinert*  
**Executive Director**

## *A Note From the Director*

It's amazing that as we start the 2023 season, what a difference a year makes. The Michigan Maritime Museum is connecting fresh water with people, past, present, and future while having a blast as we grow into our new expanded campus and the new Maritime Heritage Center! In this issue, Watch Our Waterfront Work, we hope you will get a glimpse of what is possible and how our new spaces are enhancing everything we do. We are introducing new programs and developing new partnerships as well as deepening existing collaborative relationships. In less than one year of moving into this stunning new facility, we are now giving it the personality of a museum and oh what a difference it is making!

Although our journey to raise funds and finish Phase II is not quite complete, we want to take a breath and savor what we have accomplished so far and recognize the enormous steps we are taking. We are astonished by the generosity of so many people who have helped to launch this legacy, but also to those who understand we need resources to grow our programs and the staff to make it all come together.

As we continue our Capacity Building journey and our pursuit of defining the future and strategizing a plan to move forward, we are grateful for the support of the DeVos Institute, as well as a dedicated Board of Directors and staff. The time invested today will ensure a healthy, viable, and financially secure future for the Michigan Maritime Museum.

Today is tomorrow's history. It sure feels good to know we are doing our best to keep it meaningful and most interesting! Just watch our waterfront work!

*Patti Montgomery-Reinert*

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# A WORKING WATERFRONT

The people who have made their living among the waves and along the shore are the backbone of Michigan's maritime heritage. The property our Museum campus occupies today embodies just such a legacy of waterfront work in the fishing, manufacturing, and tourism industries.



Join the Michigan Maritime Museum for a year of programming highlighting the ways in which people have interacted with waterfronts for water-dependent commerce and industry. Watch our own waterfront work and grow so we can tell this story for years to come!

*Watch Our Waterfront at Work!*



# Engaging Young Minds

We could not be more pleased with the opportunities to offer educational programming inside the Maritime Heritage Center through the winter and spring. Never before have we had the space to provide the programs we always dreamed we could. Thanks to our new spaces, like the Jerry Mason Learning Center, we have been able to offer special children's events AND K-12 programs for school group on field trips. We have also been able to collaborate with various organizations to expand our offerings and enhance the learning we provide. We're excited to be entering into a new era of educational programming at the MMM!



Each day during winter break, we had hands-on activities for kids and families featuring topics that ranged from the fur trade to artifact exploration. Visitors of all ages enjoyed mini lessons in one-on-one sessions with our educators.



One of our busiest Ice Breaker Festivals yet! We had a screening of the Finest Hours, partnered with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and had Coast Guard activities in the Learning Center.



Spring Break was a blast featuring collaborations with the South Haven Center for the Arts, Van Buren County Conservation District, local author Pam Cameron, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary to bring ideas of stewardship and Great Lakes history to visiting families.



We were able to start our new Maritime Children's Library and warm up the space thanks to a generous donation by Jim & Donna Stuck. Many thanks to Cottage Home for the donation of the handcrafted bookshelf, made of Timeless Timber milled from lumber found at the bottom of Lake Michigan.





We hosted ALL of South Haven Public School 1st graders, over 130 students from Lincoln and Maple Grove Elementaries, for our new Lighthouses & Waves program. First graders learned about light, water, and sound waves through activities that explored lighthouses in a variety of hands-on ways. We could not be more pleased to be serving students with these fun and educational programs right on the waterfront.

Some schools, like the YFC Goals Homeschool group below, just want to come and explore the Museum and exhibits. Often, these schools range from K-12 in the same group and are looking to experience fun and educational places all together in their surrounding communities. We love that they included us in their learning!



Otsego High School brought their special education students to learn about water safety and the Coast Guard during our recently launched Rescues & Heroes program, a collaboration with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Over 30 students participating in the Agriscience program at the Calhoun Area Career Center came for a visit and program about historic commercial fishing. These students just finished their Salmon in the Classroom program and released close to 100 salmon into the Black River then headed to the MMM to learn about the history of the Great Lakes Fishery and tie it all together with their program.



Heritage Christian Academy in Kalamazoo brought their high school History Club for a guided tour of the Museum. They learned about the age of steam on the Great Lakes, commercial fishing, and Coast Guard history.





# Summer Program & Event Calendar

## June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4				8	9	10
11				15		
18					23	24
25				29		

## Recurring Programs



### Fish Tales | Mondays 11 AM

A book reading from our new children's maritime book library.



### Maritime Makers | Tuesdays 10 AM - 1 PM

A maritime themed make-and-take arts and crafts program for all ages. \$



### STEAM Labs | Wednesdays 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM

Educator-led programs featuring a variety of maritime themed hands-on activities to promote STEAM learning and education. \$



### Yoga on the Water | Jun 16, Jul 14, Aug 18 | 9 AM

Yoga instructor Laurie Hogan-McLean will teach a 1-hour family-friendly yoga class on the boardwalk of the Museum. \$

### Kids' Yoga on the Water | Jul 21 | 9 AM \$



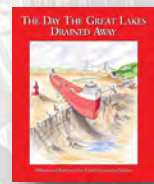
**Summer Lecture Series | Jun 22, Jul 20, Aug 17 | 12 PM**  
Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a maritime history lecture presented by first-rate speakers.

Sponsored in part by the Nielsen-Wells Grant Fund.

## July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2					7	8
9				13		
16						22
23		<b>STEAM CAMP</b>				29
30						

## Special Events



### Maritime Story Walk | Jun 6-10

In collaboration with the Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum, the story walk takes place on their campus and features a different book each week. The MMM will be providing an activity June 6th to kick off our featured book. FREE



### Antique & Classic Boat Show | Jun 16 | 10 AM - 4 PM

This event celebrates all kinds of antique and classic small craft from power boats to paddle boats. Fun for the Whole family! Sponsored by the Bergman Family.



### Water Music on the Water | Jun 30 | 7 PM

This collaborative concert between the MMM and the South Haven Performance Series celebrates the 306th anniversary of the first performance of Handel's Water Music Suite performed on the MMM waterfront. \$



### Dog Days | July 6 | 11 AM - 3 PM

This event has pet adoptions, a dog costume contest, a book reading of *Sport: Ship Dog of the Great Lakes*, and an educational presentation about working animals on and around boats.



### Fish Boil Fundraiser | July 15 | 5 PM - 8 PM

Enjoy this traditional Great Lakes meal and festivities while raising funds for the MMM. Join us for a delicious meal, great company, and the best harbor views! \$



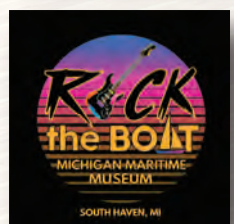
### Rain Gutter Regatta | August 11 | 1 PM - 3 PM

This STEAM event for the whole family has participants designing and building a water bottle sailboat out of recycled materials and then race it against others to victory!



### Make a Splash with Trash | August 19 | 9:30 AM - 12 PM

This event showcases how conservation, science, and art, are a perfect combination. The event promotes Great Lakes stewardship and creativity in a fun way.



### Rock the Boat | August 25 | 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Get ready to rock at the MMM during this family-friendly concert with 80's cover band *The 1985*. Come rock out with an evening of fun, food, music, and definitely dancing! \$

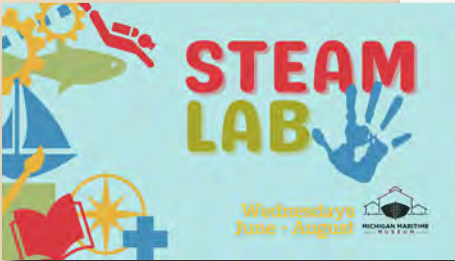
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# Programs at Work

Our public programs are an important part of our goal to connect freshwater with people past, present, and future. In addition to expanding already existing programs like our popular lecture series, we're offering some fun new programs and events this summer that you won't want to miss! Many of our new programs are made possible by the generosity of the Parker Family Foundation. Bring the whole family and celebrate freshwater together!



We're starting new programs all summer long! Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday we have programs and activities planned in the Jerry Mason Learning Center for children and families. Fish Tales is a collaboration with the AAUW and the Scott Club with book readings from our Maritime Children's Library, Maritime Makers is a make-and-take craft program, and STEAM Labs will feature hands-on activities promoting Great Lakes topics.

Work out on our waterfront with Yoga on the Water! Instructor Laurie Hogan-Mclean will teach family-friendly yoga throughout the summer. We even have a special yoga class just for kids!



Dog Days is a collaboration between the MMM, children's author Pam Cameron, Al-Van Humane Society, and Decadent Dogs. The program features an adoption event, a book reading, pet costume contest and an educational presentation about working animals on and around boats.



We had record attendance for our Steamship Lecture Series. A total of 600 came people over the 7 part lecture series. We were even able to bring out some artifacts from our own collection and host a few from other collections to enhance the experience. These lectures have been so popular, it prompted us to offer summertime lectures as well!

STEAM Camp is always a popular program each summer. This summer camp, being held July 24-28, was filled within hours of opening registration! We also opened up a few more spaces to accommodate even more kids. Campers learn different maritime topics each day and end the week with a voyager paddle on the Black River.

STEAM Camp is proudly sponsored by Ruth Wiser







*We have hosted several professional workshops and small conferences in the Maritime Heritage Center. Jaqua Realtors was one of the first businesses in 2023 to host a workshop at the MMM and become corporate members.*



*Business meetings have been a frequent occurrence in our conference rooms. Jen Sistrunk of the South Haven/Van Buren CVB wanted to showcase the MMM and new building AND have a great environment for the Michigan Beachtowns meeting!*

## Events at Play

Our new spaces are the talk of the town and we certainly love to show them off. We have already hosted corporate events, business meetings, retirement parties, and celebration of life ceremonies; with many more to come! Each group recognizes us as a valuable resource in our community (local and regional) and chooses to support the Museum because of who we are. These private events have already yielded new members as well as growing business relationships that help the MMM on our journey to be a better museum.



*The West Michigan Tourist Association held their annual Partner Reception and Board Meeting at the MMM for approximately 75 attendees. Representatives from various attractions, recreation, and hospitality industry had a chance to explore the Museum and campus while networking with others in their fields.*



## Summer Lecture Series

We are excited to announce our first ever summer lecture series Lunch & Learn. Bring a sack lunch and listen to some fascinating presentations. These lectures begin at noon and continue to be free to our members and included with general admission for all of our not-yet-members.

**Lunch  
& Learn**

**June 22- Art Chavez**

*Turning 70: Looking Back at the Career of the Car Ferry Badger*

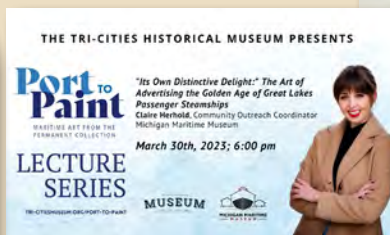
**July 20- Michael McCarthy**

*Ashes Under Water: The SS Eastland*

**August 17- Claire Herhold**

*Friends Good Will: History on the Water*

*Community Outreach Coordinator Claire Herhold has been taking the MMM on the road through a variety of presentations for other museums and organizations. Topics have included our tall ship Friends Good Will and the art of steamship advertising.*





# Membership in Full Swing

A membership is the easiest way to experience, explore, learn, and support the Michigan Maritime Museum. Membership supports engaging and diverse exhibits and programs in an authentic environment where visitors and families can discover and interact together. With just over 1 acre of waterfront campus and boasting a new 18,000 square foot Maritime Heritage Center, there is a lot to be excited about as a member.

## Member Benefits

- **FREE**, unlimited general admission to the MMM
- **FREE** or Member discounts on select programs and events all year!
- Invitations to Members-Only events
- Subscriptions to Museum newsletter *The Ship's Lamp* and e-newsletter *The Ship's Bell*
- **AND 10% discount** on all merchandise in the Ship's Store

## Our Active Keel Club

Our Keel Club membership is truly our backbone of continued financial support of our operations. With over 70 members and growing, we feel honored that our Keel Club members choose to support the Museum through our highest level of membership. Thank you to each and every Keel Club member!

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## Join the Club!



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# Phase II Moving Forward

We have raised the necessary funds to complete Phase II A! This part of Phase II focuses on securing the remainder of our waterfront and making it even more accessible to visitors and watercraft.

While some dredgework was completed in May, this portion of our Launching a Legacy project will begin in the fall and is projected to be completed sometime the following spring.

Let's keep working towards Phase II B! The journey continues with you!



## Fall Plan

- Tear out old docks and pilings
- Complete seawall
- Construct two new piers
- Complete Boardwalk



### LEGEND

1. Event Lawn
2. Concrete Paving
3. Specialty Pavers
4. Decomposed Granite
5. Boardwalk

## Boardwalk in Progress

While the full extent of our new boardwalk has not yet been installed, we just can't wait any longer to recognize those of you who have contributed to our Launching a Legacy campaign by purchasing a commemorative plank. To help honor all of those planks already committed, we will be installing plaques on the completed section of boardwalk along the waterside of the Maritime Heritage Center. Once the entire boardwalk is completed in Phase II A of our campaign, the plaques will be relocated to their final location as requested by the donor. We are so grateful for your support and can't wait to recognize your legacy on our campus this summer!

Haven't reserved your plank yet? Don't worry! There are still many planks available and every plank purchased helps us make Phase II B a reality. You can learn more about our project and Buy a Plank online at: [www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org/launching-a-legacy](http://www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org/launching-a-legacy).







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