

Mason County Historical Society

HISTORIC WHITE PINE VILLAGE • PORT OF LUDINGTON MARITIME MUSEUM

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Upcoming Events

May 10, 17, 24, 31 & June 7 - History in Action Days  
(Village)

June 10—Maritime Museum Celebrates 1 Year Anniversary

June 22 & 23 - Civil War Muster & Pioneer Days



Your Mason County Historical Society has been around for over 80 years!

We are a vibrant, dynamic organization which operates *Historic White Pine Village* and the *Port of Ludington Maritime Museum*, an extensive *Research Library*; maintains the Mural Society's many paintings; and hosts the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame.

**Village** - Opening day is **Saturday, May 5th** and will be open Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ticket sales close promptly at 3:30 p.m. Most visitors spend over 2 hours touring our buildings and grounds!

**Maritime** - Will be open **Saturdays in March; in April & May Tuesday - Saturday, open daily Memorial Day—Labor Day** from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The **Research Library** is accessible by appointment only.



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

**Veterans** (1 veteran and Spouse) - \$40; Unlimited admissions at both museums for the year

**Individual Membership** (1 member) - \$60; Unlimited admissions at both museums for the year

**Individual-Plus Membership** (1 member + 1 guest or 1 member and spouse) - \$75; Unlimited Admissions at both museums for the year

**Family Membership** (2 parents and all children ages 17 and below) - \$100; Unlimited admissions at both museums for the year

**Grandparent Membership** (2 grandparents and all grandchildren ages 17 and below) - \$125; Unlimited admissions at both museums for the year

**Donor Level Membership**  
Unlimited admissions at both museums for the year and other VIP benefits to be determined (behind the scenes tours, reception, etc.)

**Silver** - \$1,000 - \$2,499

**Gold** - \$2,500 - \$4,999

**Platinum** - \$5,000 - \$9,999

**Sustaining** - \$10,000+

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## Honoring our commitment: "Bringing History to Life"!

This summer we will have several 1st Person Interpreters who will be able to interact with visitors to tell the story of our intrepid pioneer forbears from Mason County.

They will provide visitors with a real life interpretation of living in the Burn's farmhouse, attending Marchido school, running the Cole's store, healing the sick and infirm out of our Dr. office and much more! They will be in costume and in character roles from the late 1800's to the early 1900's timeframe.



MCHS has been awarded a matching grant of \$11,275 from the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA), with additional funds from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), to fund this project.



## Historic White Pine Village

**Spring has our volunteers brimming with excitement to work on our two newest displays: the Military Museum and the re-creation of the M & O Railroad!**



We are currently accepting small military related items. We are especially in need of artifacts from Desert Storm and the Korean War.



The M&O Train will undergo sandblasting and repainting this spring. We will also be installing a steam-whistle and adding a flat car carrying lumber over to the sawmill. Fundraising is still on-going for this exhibit. If you're interested in donating please contact the office at 231-843-4808.

## Port of Ludington Maritime Museum

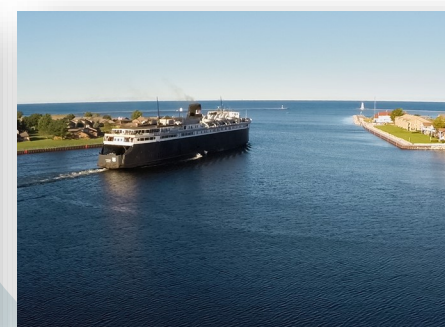


### Successful maiden voyage!

The Port of Ludington Maritime Museum had an excellent first season after opening the evening of June 10th to a crowd of over 700 people eager to visit Ludington's newest cultural attraction and the newest maritime museum on the Great Lakes.



Our dedicated crew of volunteers was a large part of our successful first season and contributed greatly to the visitor experience for guests of all ages. We look forward to seeing our returning volunteers for a new season, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact our site manager Eric Harmsen. Email: [eric@plmmhistory.org](mailto:eric@plmmhistory.org)



### The Badger exhibit is coming!

We are excited to announce a new exhibit for this summer. An exhibit specifically on the story of the Badger and its service from Ludington will open early this season. The exhibit will be located on the 3rd floor of the maritime museum and will tell the fascinating history of the Badger as the last of the carferries and a National Historic Landmark.



### Coming this Summer!

### A trip through time: Ludington's Maritime Heritage Trail

Coming this summer, the Maritime Heritage Trail will guide you along Ludington's historic waterfront as you learn the rich history of each stop along the way.

Featuring 12 locations of significance to Ludington's maritime heritage, each location will have an exhibit quality sign explaining the history of where you are standing and what you are seeing.

This trail brings these stories out into public places where individuals can visit these locations and discover the history that is all around them.

