



Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum

*Dedicated to keeping History Alive
in the Cable/Namakagon area!*

History Now The New IPC/SMART Door Exhibit

The recently acquired IPC/SMART Door is a celebration piece commemorating the International Paralympics Nordic World Championships (IPC) held in Cable in January 2015. The athletes left messages and their signatures on the doors for the community and took keepsakes home to remember their visit to the Northwoods. The keepsakes were items representative of our local culture and natural resources, including Lake Superior agates, deer hide pouches, hand-painted birch disks and Native American dream catchers.

Five full-size doors were made by Drummond School students. The main IPC door was autographed by over 200 paralympians from around the world and their coaches. Four of the doors featured symbolic Ojibwe clan animals, Lake Superior and a Dream Catcher, all connected with a Native American abstract floral design. The Fish Clan Door is signed by many of the amazing volunteers that made it possible to hold the Nordic World IPC championships in Cable.

More detailed information about the door and the community's efforts and interactions with the Paralympic athletes are described in the new **"History Now"** exhibit.

The IPC/SMART Door project was generously sponsored by the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation, Hayward, Wisconsin and hosted by Lakewoods Resort. SMART (See My Art, Inc.) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 Wisconsin corporation whose mission is *Using Art to Empower and Inspire*. SMART is *Unlocking Doors and Opening Minds* through art, the internet, social media and select community events. Visit us on Facebook and at www.seemyart.us.



Over 200 IPC athletes and coaches from around the world signed the door now on display at the Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum.

NEW  **DATES**

We are happy to report that we will now be open five days each week. Our opening date is Saturday, May 28 and thereafter we will be open Tuesday-Friday from 11AM to 3PM and Saturday 10AM to 1PM.

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS

We wish to thank everyone who has continued their membership in the Museum. Because our admission is free, memberships continue to be one of our main sources of revenue. Annual memberships run from July 1 through June 30, so it is time for annual members to renew. If you need to renew, there is a red "R" next to our return address label.

Membership costs are listed on the back page. Our business members are listed below. Please support them whenever you can!

Once again, we greatly appreciate your support in keeping the history of the Cable/Namakagon area alive. Hope to see you this summer!

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Life Time Fitness
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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We extend heartfelt thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers. We could not keep our history alive without you! As mentioned in "Prez Sez," we encourage others to consider helping out.

We are looking for additional docents. This is an interesting and undemanding job, with shifts running 2 to 4 hours on Tuesdays through Saturdays. Pick your day and you will meet friendly visitors and learn some local history at the same time. If you are interested, call Carol Elliker at 715-798-3706. You, too, can be an historian!



First and foremost, I need to extend deep gratitude for Roger Dreher's work for this Museum. He recently left his post as a board member, after serving a number of years as the president. Roger led us through many ups and downs and will be greatly missed. With that said, the

Museum continues to provide new and exciting exhibits highlighting the history of the Cable/Namakagon area, keeping in mind that we are creating history today. We will be extending our hours this summer and will be open Tuesday through Saturday.

We welcome any volunteers willing to spend time in the Museum greeting our visitors and sharing knowledge and information with them. Just stop in and we will get you on the schedule and answer any questions you may have. It is always amazing what questions and stories arise.

We are once again looking forward to hosting many school children in May and June. And we hope to see YOU this summer too!

Ideas and suggestions are always appreciated. Be sure to check us out on Facebook and at our website, www.cablehistorymuseum.com for information about the Museum and our upcoming events.

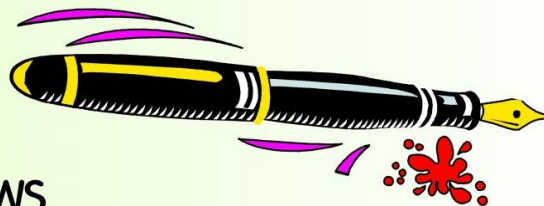


EXHIBIT NEWS

We kept busy during the winter months revising existing exhibits and creating some new ones. Our existing information and artifacts about explorers, logging and farming have been combined to create a "Cable in Transition" exhibit. This exhibit shows the progression of settlers in the Cable/Namakagon area, how and why they came here and what they did to survive and make a living. We have organized many of our antique tools within this display, along with descriptions and pictures of how they were used.

The IPC/SMART Door is a new acquisition this year and is described in detail in another article in this newsletter. Also, two entirely new exhibits are in the works. One is an exhibit on medical care in Cable. Did you know that at one time we had two doctors who lived and practiced here? They were Dr. Neer and Dr. Kate Kelsey. Learn how they were a part of our history.

The second exhibit being developed honors the Cable/Namakagon residents who served in the military. We would greatly appreciate and

welcome any information or photos of residents during their time in the service! We hope to see you this summer!





CABLE – An Early Fire

The small settlement of Cable began when the railroad arrived in the fall of 1880; it was platted by the railroad in spring 1881. Soon, several stores, warehouses, and hotels were built, as well as six saloons, and a few houses. Then, in spring 1882, a fire burned most of the business district.

"No stores, no people, no hope! In 1883 as few as five families were left in Cable." This statement, found in the *Cable Cullings* centennial book, caused a person who had read the book to ask a museum director the following question: "Who were these families?"

The short answer is that we don't know. One possibility is the Joshua Colson family.

Joshua was a contract logger for the Rust Owen Lumber Company. He bought 80 acres on the southeast side of Cable Lake, logged it off and sold the logs to Rust Owen. Joshua had a daughter, Flora Belle, who moved to Cable in the early 1880s. She was sent to Eau Claire in 1886, at age 14, to live with a sister and finish her schooling. According to the *Cullings*, "It was there she became acquainted with William Parent, and they were married in 1891. In May of 1894, they moved to Cable, and for a time lived on the Colson farm on Cable Lake. Their store was one of the well-known businesses of Cable for many years. The Parents had five daughters: Opal; Mizpah (Weigle), Nello (Atkinson), Foi (Van Camp), and Willa (Walker)." The Colson farm later became part of the Rust Owen livestock farm, which later transitioned to the Frank Drummond farm, and is currently owned by the Wald family.

The first question generates a second. What was --- is Cable? In 1882 Cable was in Section 33 of an unnamed congressional township in Bayfield County. It was the third settlement in the county, following the Red Cliff Reservation and the small city of Bayfield. In 1882, one would have had to walk from Mason to Bayfield to reach the closest Governance. All the land in Section 33, including the platted settlement of Cable, was owned by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad and was sold at their discretion. The settlement of Cable was only a few acres and had three streets: Oak (Motyka Lane); Spruce (still in existence); and Pine (CTH M). Cable did not gain self-governance until 1904.

If anyone has information about early Cable or Namakagon that they would be willing to share, we would be very grateful to receive it. Copies of pictures, stories, family histories and yearbooks are always welcome.

COMING THIS SUMMER! SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

In honor of National Root Beer Float Day on August 6th, we are happy to announce our 2nd annual Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social! Last year's event was a great success! It's a fun way to meet and greet your neighbors and visitors alike.

Come enjoy a delicious ice cream treat! We'll be serving root beer floats and ice cream sundaes. Relax and enjoy the music of Simple Gift! We will also be showcasing some of the new exhibits that we worked on this past winter.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Museum, allowing us to continue to improve the exhibits and protect the rich history of the Cable/Namakagon area.

Ice Cream, Music, Fun and Friends, what a great way to spend a lazy Summer Sunday afternoon! Stay tuned for more details!



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Saturday, May 28, 2016

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