

Leelanau Community Cultural Center
SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

Celebrating 95 Years
of the Old Art Building

and 25 Years
of the Leelanau Community Cultural Center



Welcome New Board Members



Hillary Voight is a proud native of Leland and is grateful to create her adult life in northern Michigan. She spent endless childhood hours at the Old Art Building as a member of Dance Leelanau, and is thrilled to revitalize Dance Leelanau by leading the ballet program in Leland. Hillary earned her B.S. in Communications (emphasis in Marketing & PR) from Grand Valley State University. She currently resides in Traverse City with her husband, Matt, and their Irish Terrier, Paul.

Zach Mikowski was born and raised in Leelanau County. He grew up at the Covered Wagon Farm Market (now 9Bean row) and now resides in Suttons Bay. After traveling around the U.S. and world chasing snow and tuning skis for the U.S. Ski Team, he returned to Leelanau to coach the Grand Traverse Ski Club. He is also a Realtor with Keller Williams Greater Grand Traverse and he still tends bar around the county from time to time.



Marlis Mann visited Leland in 1966 and naturally fell in love with the "Land of Delight". They became permanent residents in 1987. She served on numerous boards which included VP at ShareCare, Traverse Symphony Orchestra, Suttons Bay-Leelanau Rotary Club's first woman president and second Youth Exchange Officer. She enjoys giving speeches to schoolchildren at various Clubs. Leland is in her heart and she volunteers wherever she can.



Welcome Our New Employee

As the newest staff addition, **Earlene Hill** really isn't a newcomer to the activities at the OAB. She volunteered to help plan the second annual Fiber Festival in 2002, and has helped organized other fund raising events over the years. You'll often see her working in the office on anything needing attention, including cleaning the refrigerator, floors and windows!

Earlene was born and raised in northwest Detroit, received her bachelor's degree in business management and her master's degree in adult education in St Louis where her and her husband Doug spent 26 years. After many years in the non-profit sector, she formed her own meeting planning business, specializing in medical conferences. The Hills moved to the Leelanau Peninsula in 2004 as full-time residents. Since that move she founded By-the-Bay Garden Club of Suttons Bay, was a member of the Bingham Township parks and recreation committee, and served as deputy clerk for Bingham Township overseeing elections in the precinct. Her hobbies include garment sewing, knitting and gourmet cooking.



Winter Picnic Fun

It was a cold and blistery day. . .

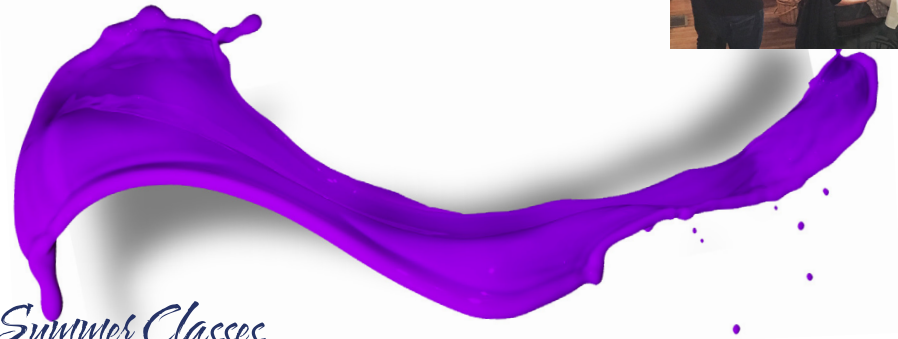
A perfect day for a picnic!!



On February 25 the Old Art Building hosted a Winter Picnic. YES, it was inside and it was a blast. Ping Pong & Corn hole were the activities of choice, music set the mood, Warren Miller films on the big screen kept the adrenalin flowing. The picnic baskets ran the gamut from the gourmet to the lunchable—ask our favorite Post Master what he brought for his picnic :-)



A BIG thank you to Hop Lot for Beer and Good Harbor for Wine.



Summer Classes

The summer programs are coming together. Watch your mail for the 2017 summer catalog, but just for a peek at what's up. . .

Drawing - Joan Richmond
Birch or Willow Lamp and Footstool Making - Cathy Siterlet
Creative Writing - Holly Wren Spaulding & Johnston Mitchell
Children's Ballet - Hillary Voight
Watercolor - Charles Passarelli & Susan Lingg
Ceramics - Shelley Greer & Carrie Hoddapp
Tile Making - Shelley Greer
Pastels - Mary Fuscaldo & Jane Ditri
Plein Air - David Westerfield
Alla Prima - Neil Walling
iPhone Photography Workshop - Karen West



And We're Just Getting Started!!!

Summinar Kickoff

After a stellar year of Leelanau Summinars in 2016, the planning committee has been busy putting together their 2017 line up of educational seminars for July and August. Seminar topics are limited only by the availability of group leaders and their interests and this years developing line up is no exception. Already on schedule for the Old Art Building: Restoring the "Crib" --- 45th Parallel Theater --- Tom Skinner's film *Is America in Retreat?* --- Harry Golson, Music & Stories from My Life --- History of the American operetic contralto, Louise Homer

Save the Date July 2, 5 pm

The Summinar Kickoff will be held Sunday, July 2 at 5 pm at the Old Art Building. Join us for short presentations by the summinar leaders and take the opportunity to sign up for this years spectacular programs.

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Our History

They say that history repeats itself---

The Old Art Building is a prime example of that.



1922 The Walter T. Best Women's Club, led by widow Allie Kaiser Best, raises funds to build a community cultural center, known today as the "Old Art Building"

[Walter T. Best, known as "Maro the Prince of Magic" was a magician of national fame who summered with his wife Allie in Leland in the early 20th century].



1939 - 1989 The Building is given to Michigan State University for use in its summer art program for the next 50 years. It is a period that defines the strong cultural identity of Leelanau and Leelanau County. 1989 the MSU summer program closes and the Michigan Historical Commission places the Old Art Building on the State Register of Historic Places.



1992 Urged by community supporters, Leelanau Township leases the building from MSU. The Leelanau Community Cultural Center board is formed to protect and revitalize the historic landmark, administer events and programs and to ensure its continued original use.

2006 The Ann Hall Artist-in-Residence summer program was established. As a part of this program, Artist in Residence honorees are asked to teach workshops. These workshops are available to the public at affordable prices to allow for a wide variety of attendance with a professional artist.



2011 The community supports a second successful capital campaign in response to increasing facility usage. Expanded meeting, office, kitchen and storage spaces. State of the art interactive digital audio-visual equipment is installed.

2017 The Old Art Building turns 95 years old and the Leelanau Community Cultural Center turns 25 years old.



Thanks for the Feedback

In a survey last fall we asked you

"If you had just one word to use to describe the Old Art Building, what would it be?"

Not too surprisingly, Community came out on top, but here are a few others...

Welcoming *Unique* **A GEM!** **Vital**
ICONIC **a Mecca** **Essential**
and
THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

You said you'd like to see/hear:

~ **More Music**

We've got some great events coming up. Check out the calendar on back, and be sure to let us know if you hear of a group you think we should try to get here.

~ **More Illustrated Lectures**

Do you have a topic or know a speaker? Let us know. And check out the early listings for Summinars in this newsletter.

~ **More Films**

If you have an idea for "added value" to a film we might show, let us know. (Know the producer or film maker, story of how film was made - anything that adds value to viewer.)

As for how you would describe us to a friend:

The Cultural Heart of Leland

A beautiful setting that accentuates
the artistic and positive lifestyles of the area

Outlet for creativity and lifelong enrichment

A cool place for Culture!

That is a lot to live up to! Thank you for your responses and your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!

If you are not already a Member, please join today.

Use enclosed envelope or go to website: oldartbuilding.com

2017 Artist in Residence Exhibit June 23 - 25



Holly Wren Spaulding has been selected for 2017 Ann Hall Artist in Residence. Holly's appointment will mark the 12-year anniversary of this summer program at the Old Art Building. She is also the first poet chosen for Artist in Residence program.

Holly is a poet, editor, and teaching artist based in Williamsburg, Massachusetts, though she maintains deep ties with the Leelanau Peninsula, where she lived until recently. In 2012 she left academia and now runs Poetry Forge, a community-based incubator for writers and their work, and mentors emerging writers through her apprenticeship program. Holly also teaches creative writing for Interlochen College of Creative Arts.

2017 Artist in Residence Exhibit Schedule

Opening reception Friday, June 23 from 5 to 7:30 pm

Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday from 12 to 4 pm

Poetry Workshop: Writing a Series

June 26 - June 28 from 10 am - 12:30 pm



Artist in Residence: a retrospective exhibit September 16 - 21

A committee (Melanie Parke & Joan Richmond) has been busy this winter organizing an exhibit of the Leelanau Community Cultural Center's 12 years of the Ann Hall Artist in Residence program. This retrospective exhibit will be open to the public on September 16 - 21 and will have the works of the amazing artists that have shared their talents with us since 2006. There will also be work, contributed by the Hall family, of the late Ann Hall, in who's memory this program was named.