

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1922 - 2022

- 1922** ■ After years of fundraising, the Walter T. Best Women's Club, led by Allie Mae Best, completed construction of the building.
- 1939** ■ The building is given to Michigan State University for use in its summer art program. It is a period that defines the strong cultural identity of Leland and Leelanau County.
- 1989** ■ The MSU summer program closes. The Michigan Historical Commission places the building on the State Register of Historic Places.
- 1992** ■ Urged by community supporters, Leland Township leases the building from MSU.
- 1994** ■ The Leelanau Community Cultural Center Board is formed under the leadership of Amy Chatfield and Sally Biggs to protect and revitalize the historic Landmark.
- 1998** ■ To fund an office addition to the Old Art Building, the first Capital Campaign is initiated.
- 2006** ■ The *Ann Hall Artist in Residence* program is established with a generous gift from the Hall Family.
- 2011** ■ The Leland community supports a second Capital Campaign in response to increasing facility usage. Expanded meeting, office, kitchen and storage spaces are completed. State-of-the-art interactive digital audio-visual equipment is installed.
- 2019** ■ *All Points North Foundation* funds installation of 60 solar panels on the roof of the Old Art Building, providing power throughout the year.
- 2020** ■ The Leelanau Community Cultural Center signs a purchase agreement with Michigan State University, thus initiating the *Owning Our Future* campaign to purchase the Old Art Building. The campaign is successful, and the purchase is finalized in December.
- 2022** ■ The Old Art Building turns 100 years old!



OLD ART BUILDING