



THE BAYFIELD COURIER

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Downtown Bayfield in the aftermath of the flood of 1942 - Gil Larsen, photographer (BHA: 1980.2.356)

RAGING WATERS: BAYFIELD FLOOD OF '42 DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE JULY 24!

Our award-winning exhibit on the Bayfield flood of 1942 has culminated in a documentary film - a vivid retelling of the disaster that reshaped our little city forever. Come see the story brought to life through first-person accounts and a wealth of archival images.

The Bayfield Flood of '42 will premiere at Big Top Chautauqua on Sunday, July 24, at 1:00 pm, part of the free family matinee series. We look forward to sharing this experience with all of you, our friends and neighbors. We especially hope to be joined by those involved in making the film and all flood of '42 survivors.

The flood exhibit has been one of our most popular, and this film is the perfect way to celebrate the exhibit's final season. Come visit the exhibit for one last look before it closes this fall.

DETAILS AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, July 24 at
1:00 pm

Big Top Chautauqua
32525 Ski Hill Road

Free Admission!

Follow BHA on You-
Tube to watch the
documentary online
after the premiere!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A note from Board President Jerry Phillips

Friends, I've missed you. That's why I'm so pleased we're getting back in the swing of things. Our summer season at the museum is just around the corner, and I can't wait to see you there.

We all learned just how powerful technology can be at keeping us connected these past couple of years, and I'm proud of how BHA stretched! Boy, did we pour our hearts into it. The new website, virtual exhibits, John Matthew Black lectures held live online. We really grew online, because we had to, and I'm thankful for what we accomplished.

But there is nothing like being together in person - a friendly smile, a warm handshake. Nothing replaces a real-life community, and I treasure ours here in Bayfield.

I like to focus on the good, so as much as I love history, today I'm all about the future and moving forward. It's time to open the museum five days a week. It's time for all our usual get-togethers - tailgates, picnics, nights on the town. This cool and quiet spring is about to give way to a happy, busy summer. I'm ready - aren't you?



BHA Board President Jerry Phillips (right) with board member Dan Wilczek, enjoying the Sand Island exhibit and good company at the Bayfield Heritage Center

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May 31 Preview Day

The Bayfield Heritage Center will be open for all seven "cruisy Tuesdays," the dates that Viking cruise ships will visit Bayfield in 2022! May 31 is the only date that falls outside of our summer museum season. We consider it a preview day for locals, as well! Come visit us between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 31, ahead of the summer crowds.

June 6 & 13 Road Scholar Private Tours

Did you know we host private tours at the Bayfield Heritage Center? Get in touch with us if you'd like to bring a small group through after-hours! It's a great chance to see areas that are not normally open to the public.

June 7 Volunteer Orientation

In anticipation of our summer season, we will welcome all museum volunteers to an orientation day, Tuesday, June 7 at 1:00 pm. Our incredible volunteers are the ones that keep things running smoothly, from the museum and Fountain Garden Park to educational programming, Pike Research Center and our board of directors! We love our volunteers. Contact Marisa Lee if you are interested in volunteering but cannot attend on June 7.

June 21 Opening Day

The Bayfield Heritage Center opens for the season on Tuesday, June 21! Museum hours are 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

July 24 The Bayfield Flood of '42 Premiere

Our new documentary film on the flood of '42 will premiere at Big Top Chautauqua on Sunday, July 24, at 1:00 pm. See cover story for more information.

September 11 John Matthew Black lecture

The '22-'23 season of the John Matthew Black lectures series will begin in September, with an overview of our local apple orchards and in-depth look at the history of Hauser's Superior View Farm. More details to come!

GETTING TO KNOW MARY JO

BHA gained two new board members this spring: Mike Spence and Mary Jo Fairbanks. Watch this space in the next edition of the Courier for Mike's introduction!

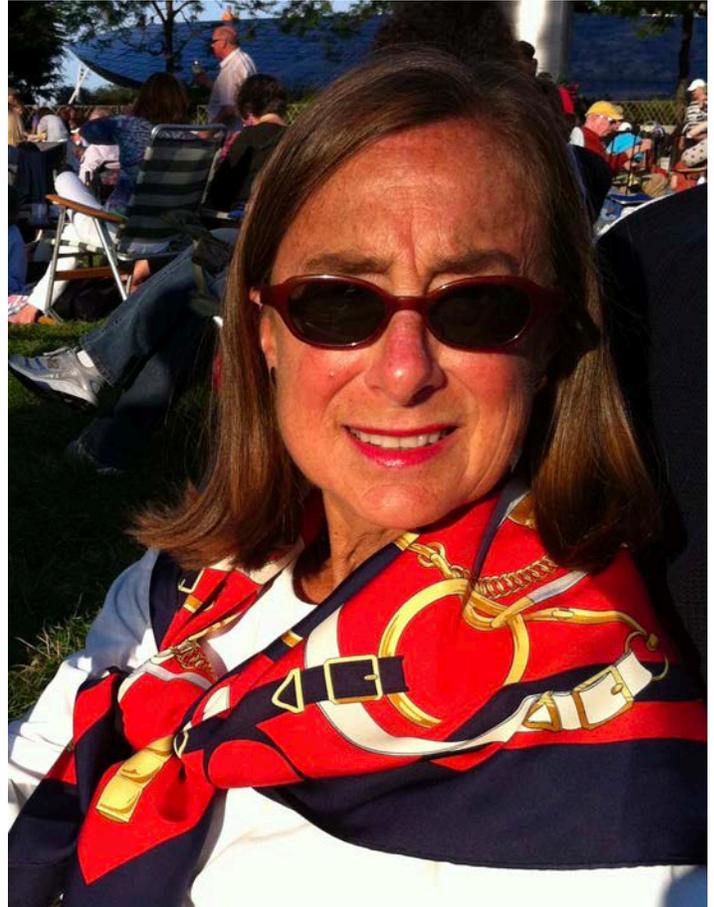
Mary Jo Fairbanks brings a broad range of experience to her role on our board of directors, and her thoughtful questions and practical wisdom are already a great contribution. She retired in 2012 from a 35-year career in banking, including leadership roles and consulting work for large international law firms.

Mary Jo became a full-time Bayfield resident in 2020, while her husband, Bill, splits his time between Bayfield and Chicago, where he practices law. In addition to joining the BHA board, Mary Jo also serves on the board of the Bayfield Community Education Foundation.

Mary Jo began volunteering in our museum last year as a way to get connected with the community and learn more about our history. "It just piqued my interest," she said of becoming a museum docent. "It was something I'd never done."

It must have been a challenge to identify something she'd never done, because Mary Jo's volunteering experiences span decades and a stunning variety of activities. "I always have (volunteered), starting as a candy-striper in the 1960s," she said with a light-hearted laugh.

When she's not busy building up the community, she enjoys running and birding. We count ourselves very lucky to have her on the team here at BHA. Welcome, Mary Jo!



Mary Jo Fairbanks is one of two new BHA board members

Past Volunteering Highlights:

- Junior League of Chicago
- Teaching ESL to Hispanic women new to Chicago
- Dog-assisted therapy for physical injury rehabilitation
- Birds in My Neighborhood class for elementary students
- Board Director of several not for profit organizations and her church's vestry

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Jerry Phillips | **Vice President** Marilyn Van Sant | **Secretary** Sue Gerzina | **Treasurer** Marti Peterson
Kristin Connell | Mary Jo Fairbanks | Ellen Hauser | John Klungness | Mike Spence | Dan Wilczek

MEET MARISA

Introducing Marisa Lee, BHA Executive Director. She joined us March 1, 2022. Here's a bit about her, in her own words:



Hello, BHA friends and family! Many of you have already gotten to know me, in person or online - but recognizing that some folks are not local and not everyone "does" social media, I'd like to introduce myself one last time.

I am a lawyer, writer, and wildflower fanatic, with a background working in non-profit and educational settings. My volunteer work gets me into the great outdoors to enjoy the natural beauty of this place.

My husband, Lawrence, and I live on the "fruit loop" just outside Bayfield. We have two teenagers at home and two grown kids leading adventurous lives in Portland and Minneapolis.

Thank you so much to the Board of Directors, volunteers, and everyone who is a part of BHA in one way or another! You have all given me the warmest welcome and gone out of your way to set me up for success.

I absolutely adore this organization and am blown away by the quality of the exhibits, programs, and online presence developed by dedicated volunteers, talented partners, and my brilliant predecessor, Megan Boyle. I look forward to building on the successes of the past and helping BHA grow into the future.

HISTORIC BUILDING LOST TO FIRE

On April 16, Bayfield lost one of its oldest buildings to fire. Originally known as the New Brunswick Hotel and located on the waterfront, it was later moved to the corner of Manypenny and South Broad Street. The building served different functions over the years. Most recently, it was home to fifteen of our neighbors. The outpouring of support in the wake of the fire speaks to the true spirit of Bayfield, yet we know from our past that recovery from such a loss is a long road. We'll walk it together.



Left: A recent photo prior to the fire. Below: The old New Brunswick Hotel on the waterfront c. 1900 (BHA: 1980.4.113)



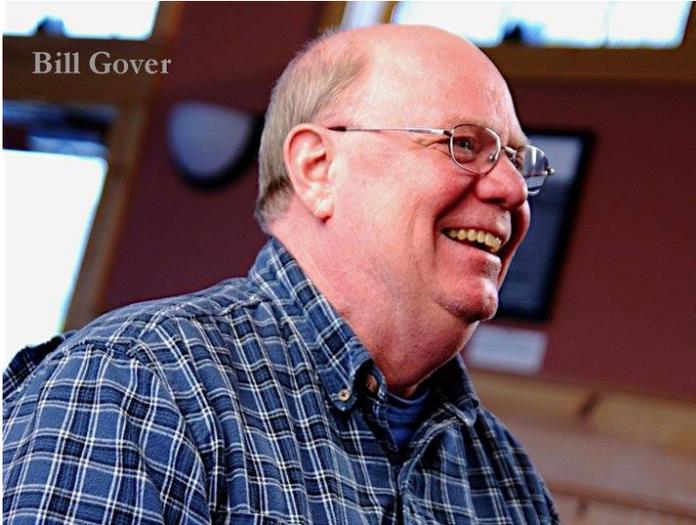
BUILDING BLOCKS OF AMERICA

Our most recent event in the John Matthew Black lecture series explored the historic brownstone quarries of the Bayfield area. It was presented by BHA board member Dan Wilczek and recorded by media consultant Tony Jeannette. That's right - whether you missed it or just want to see it again, Building Blocks of America is available on YouTube!



The two figures standing at the top of this quarry give a sense of scale. Massive amounts of stone were cut and shipped during the relatively brief brownstone boom.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: A FAREWELL AND A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!



Bill Gover devoted many hours processing photographs into our collections and responding to inquiries from community members at our Pike Research Center. We need more volunteers to take up this important work!

Bayfield Heritage Association loves all the amazing volunteers who keep this place running! It sure is hard to see them go when life calls them to their next adventure.

Bill Gover has been the heart of the Pike Research Center. In 2018, he received the Jerry & Mary Phillips Bayfield Award for Volunteerism. Bill and his wife, Barb, recently relocated to the Appleton, Wisconsin, area. The Govers will both be dearly missed.

Curious about getting involved? We have a range of volunteer opportunities, from one-time events to regular ongoing posts. Get in touch with Marisa Lee or come to our June 7 volunteer orientation to learn more!

The Jerry & Mary Phillips Bayfield Award for Volunteerism was established in 2014. The award recognizes those who have given their time and talents over an extended period, making a positive impact on the Bayfield community and inspiring others to service. It is administered through the Bayfield Heritage Association and is open to all non-profit volunteers in the immediate Bayfield area.

Past recipients include: Jerry & Mary Phillips (2014); Dr. John Telford & Shirley Bodin (2015); Don Albrecht (2016); Mary Hepner & Shirley Johnson (2017); Bill Gover (2018); Mary Rice (2019); Bayfield Community Essential Workers (2020); Nancy Bussey (2021).

To make a nomination, mail this form to BHA, 30 N Broad St, Bayfield, WI 54814, or email your nomination to bayfieldheritageED@gmail.com no later than June 15.

Name of nominee:

Nominee's Nonprofit, Volunteer and Community Activities:

Tell us why you believe this nominee deserves this award:

Your name & contact information (optional):

YOURS IN GRATITUDE – THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Donations and Memorials

Suzie Arn

Mary & Lars Carlson

Richard & Darlene Charboneau

Catherine Clover

BJ & Jim Collier

Louise Dobbe

in memory of Tom Trant

Clifford Hadland

in memory of Harvey Hadland

Jan Lips

in memory of Tony Schrier

Lisa Ludwigsen

Debbie Olin

Walt & Lin Pomeroy

Mary Tippet

in Memory of Dick Tippet

Peter Tropman & Virginia Graves

Dan & Teresa Weber

in memory of Harold & Bertha Hyde

Bill and Marilyn Van Sant

Grants and Special Projects

John and Sue Gerzina *Brochure Publication*

Walt and Lin Pomeroy

- *Fountain Garden Park*

- *Bayfield Model Railroad*

- *Media Innovation and 3D Technology*

Larry Reiten *Bayfield Model Railroad*

in memory of Howard “Bud” Smith

Bill and Marilyn Van Sant *Media Innovation and Virtual Exhibits*

BHA Expansion Fund

Mary H. Rice Foundation – Farewell Gift

Donation of flowers for museum: Ellen Hauser and family; Dan and Liz Wilczek.

A Very Special Thanks to John Gerzina for his referral and Stacy Johnston of Audacity Human Resources for her professional guidance in BHA’s search for a new Executive Director.

MUSEUM OPENING FOR THE SEASON JUNE 21!

We will be open summer afternoons and all day on cruisy Tuesdays!

Regular hours beginning June 21:
1:00 - 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday

We are looking forward to another season with you!



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