

BAYFIELD MODEL RAILROAD EXHIBIT ROLLS ON TOWARD THE LAKESHORE

Have you ever looked at the Bayfield Model Railroad and scratched your head for a minute, trying to get your bearings? With the new extension, completed in late August, you can now orient yourself to the lakeshore and Madeline Island in the distance! With photography by Jeff Rennie and modeling by Cynthia Arbure of Museum Professional Services, the model railroad now flows on into the horizon.



Above: The Bayfield Model Railroad was first developed by Larry Reiten in his home. He later donated it to BHA and has continued to generously support the exhibit's maintenance with ongoing funding. The exhibit shows a section of Bayfield in the 1910s-1920s, plus a composite of the surrounding landscape, with logging and quarrying. Few of the commercial buildings in the exhibit still stand in Bayfield today, but many of the private residences remain.

Left: The new extension, highlighting the lakeshore and beautiful Bayfield views, was funded by a grant from longtime BHA supporters Lin and Walt Pomeroy.

HISTORY QUIZ!

Robinson Derling Pike was among the earliest settlers in Bayfield, arriving in 1855 as a teenager with his parents. The Pike family lived in the house now known as the Pinehurst Inn, along Pikes Creek.

Test your knowledge: What industry was Captain Pike known for? Go to page 3 to find out!

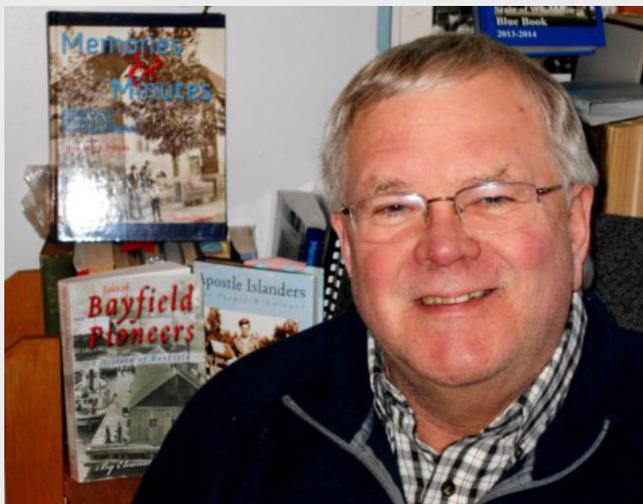
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RECENT EVENTS

As we wrapped up a successful museum season with more than 1,000 visitors, we kicked off the John Matthew Black lecture series and enjoyed a couple of wonderful celebrations.

Board member Ellen Hauser along with her sister-in-law Becki Hauser Carnahan presented "On the Hill: Flowers, Fruit, and Festivals (The Hauser Story)" on September 11. This fascinating presentation is available at bayfieldheritage.org and our [YouTube](#) channel! While you're on our YouTube channel, be sure to subscribe for notifications of new videos as they become available!



Retired board member Bob Nelson was honored with the Jerry and Mary Phillips Bayfield Award for Volunteerism at a reception September 21st. Well deserved! See Summer issue of the [Courier](#) for more about Bob Nelson's volunteerism and this award.

On September 24th, a gathering was held at the Van Sant home to recognize the many volunteers who keep things moving at BHA, from museum docents and Pike Research Center archivists to the Wednesday Weeders keeping Fountain Garden Park beautiful for all. Special thanks to the Van Sants for hosting!



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UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENT: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 1:00 PM



**FLORANTHA
THOMPSON
SPROAT**

**FROM LA POINTE
TO DULUTH**

**PRESENTED BY:
BOB MACKRETH**

Life at La Pointe in the 1830s and 1840s transformed Florantha Sproat from a proper New England lady to a bold adventurer. Among the most notable events of her time in this area was a boat trip along the south shore and up the St Louis River to Fond du Lac. Her letters back home include some of the earliest written descriptions of the picturesque cliffs and sea caves she saw along the way.

This program will be presented by retired National Park Service ranger and historian Bob Mackreth in collaboration with TJoseph Media, with a live Q&A session immediately following the presentation.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89975195979>

Our John Matthew Black series will return after the holidays with in-depth looks at two historic fisheries.

HISTORY BRIEF: "PIKE'LL PAY FOR IT!" A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF R. D. PIKE

Captain R. D. Pike had his hand in several of the industries that helped establish and grow the city of Bayfield, so this was something of a trick question! Pike operated lumber mills and a quarry, as well as serving in the Civil War and the Black Hawk War.

He partnered with William Knight to form a telephone company. He and his father, Elisha Pike, were operating a small fish hatchery at home, which eventually became the state fish hatchery through land donations by Pike and others. He was also involved in transportation, shipping, and commerce generally.

Although he struggled through the early days along with the other pioneers, his persistence paid off with many successful endeavors, eventually giving rise to the saying of this early Bayfield benefactor, "Pike'll pay for it!"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - A TRIBUTE TO BUMPY SENSE, 1934 - 2022

When Mary and I returned from our years in Santa Barbara, I went to see the new BHA building. When I walked in, I immediately saw Bumpy. He was grumpy - a state I came to recognize as he went from one difficult wiring problem to a issue with the plumbing - or the HVAC system or one of any number of other issues one deals with in a new building. But Bumpy's relationship to the new building was quite different from the other board members.

The building was put up and the exterior was finished - and so was the money that BHA had. So Bumpy, with the help of his wife, Lucy, went on to wire and plumb the building, build the interior walls, put in the trim and doors, finish the wood, paint the walls and much more. I often heard members say that the building simply would never have been finished had it not been for Bumpy.

Bumpy was a talented man and spent his life as an electrician in Minnesota, retiring in Bayfield where he grew up, the son of the sheriff. He loved the history of the community and soon became involved in BHA. He was determined to help to find a home for BHA after we moved the museum out of the Old Bayfield County Courthouse in order to give more room for the needs of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore headquarters.

Building a new BHA Museum was a dream that the board and supporters turned into reality, even though they didn't have the funds to complete. But this small matter didn't deter Bumpy. He simply started where the money left off. He was unfazed by the project, having worked on many building projects in his career. He knew all these trades and was comfortable with finishing the interior.



BHA is appreciative of the many years of dedicated service by both Bumpy and Lucy as long-time BHA Board Members. We value their significant investment of time and talent associated with the construction of our current building at 30 North Broad Street.

- Jerry Phillips

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Bill & Marilyn Van Sant - *In memory of Bumpy Sense, George Hansen & Chuck Ludwigsen*
Marilyn Winterer - *"To the dear people who have passed in the last several years" and are a part of Bayfield's Heritage.*
Generous Museum Visitors!

IN MEMORIAM: HONORING THOSE WE HAVE LOST OVER THE PAST YEAR

Chuck Ludwigsen 1937-2022
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