

ART GUIDE

'Leelanau Portraits' inaugurates renovated museum

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There is quite the bubble of excitement around the Leelanau Historic Museum these days.

First, the museum has undergone a slick renovation. Gone are the old floors and worn walls; in their places are beautiful hardwood floors and white walls boasting exhibits.

Second, and equally important to the excitement at the museum, is the current exhibit by artist Frederic Petroskey. Titled "Leelanau Portraits by Frederick Petroskey: The Artist and His Community," it's a collection of portraits of people from around Leelanau County. Petroskey used different techniques to create them, some having been oil on canvas creations, and others pastel on paper.

Some of the subjects in the

collection the museum has assembled are well-known around the area, and some are just people who piqued Petroskey's interest.

"I look at them and I say, 'This area would really miss this person,'" said Petroskey, explaining how he selected his subjects.

Some exhibits on display at the museum are projects Petroskey was commissioned to produce; others are portraits he painted for himself.

Petroskey graduated from Western Michigan University in 1962, majoring in art. He had been painting in his free time, but was attending graduate school to be a journalist.

Then a self-directed question changed Petroskey's direction. He wondered, "If I had all of the money in the world, what would I do?" The answer was "paint." So Petroskey scrapped his

journalistic aspirations and enrolled in art classes, where he found plenty of success.

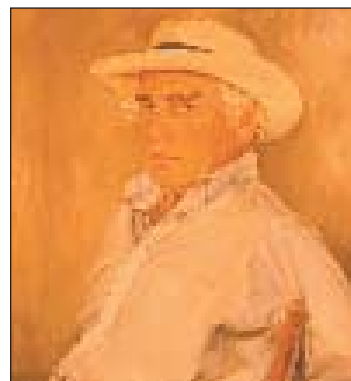
Petroskey spent 17 years teaching in Lincoln, Massachusetts. Meanwhile, he maintained a studio, too, where portraits were his best-sellers.

Some of the paintings in the Leelanau Historical Museum's collection are pieces that Petroskey hadn't seen in some time.

"Some of them I hadn't seen in 15 to 20 years," said Petroskey. "It comes as kind of a shock."

It should come as a shock to no one to see such fine work in the Leelanau museum, though, where the goal is to display captured moments in the history of the area.

The Leelanau Historical Museum is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Sat. For more information, call 256-7475.



Above, the **Van Raalte Generations** by Fred Petroskey, oil on canvas. Left, **Dean Robb** by Fred Petroskey, oil on canvas. The Leelanau Museum currently has a collection of Petroskey's portraits on display, many of which are being loaned by private owners.

Art Galleries

Americana Collection of Leland

104 River St., Leland. 256-9350.

Amy Jo's Folk Art Studio Open 1-6 p.m. Wed.-Fri., 6995 Center Rd., TC. 941-1181.

Art & Soul Gallery Open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., 5754 U.S. 31, Acme. 938-5900.

Asher Gallery & Framing 445 E. Front St., TC. 932-8638.

Bay St. Gallery 109 Bay St., Northport. 386-7428.

Becky Thatcher Designs Main and Pine; Glen Arbor. 334-3826.

Bella Galleria at Old Mission Tavern Works by Marilyn

Spencer; open daily; in the Old Mission Tavern, 17015 Center Rd., TC. 223-4142.

Bel Lago Winery Open noon-5 p.m. Thu.-Sun.; 6530 S. Lake Shore Dr., Cedar. 228-4800.

Belstone Gallery & Gifts 321 E. Front, TC. 946-0610.

Blue Heron Gallery 131 Ames St., Elk Rapids. 264-9210.

Center Gallery Lake St. Studios, Glen Arbor. 334-3179.

Corners Fine Contemporary Art By

appointment; 6920 Putney Rd., Arcadia. 352-7389.

Coyote Woman Gallery 160 E. Main, Harbor Springs. 526-5889.

Crooked Tree Arts Center Gallery 445 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey. 347-4337.

Crystal Lake Art Center Gallery 1-4 p.m. Sat.; 111 10th, Frankfort. 352-4151.

Elements 107 Bridge St., Charlevoix. 547-5820.

Evergreen Gallery 531 W. Front St., TC. 929-9522.

Fired Earth Pottery Studio Art

Gallery 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 121 E. Nelson St., Cadillac. 775-0888.

Handiworks of Beulah Art, clothing and shoes, 253 S. Benzie Blvd., Beulah. 882-9579.

Hands On Art Paint your own pottery studio, 144 Hall St. (behind the Lighting Center), TC. 941-5071.

Hattie's of Suttons Bay 111 St. Joseph St., Suttons Bay. 938-2163.

Ice House Gallery/Cafe Bravo 113 Benzie Blvd., Beulah. 882-9081.

Interlochen Arts Academy Visual Arts Gallery Open 11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 7-8 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; Interlochen Center for the Arts, M-137, Interlochen.

Jordan River Arts Center 302 Main,

East Jordan. 536-3447.

Kaleva Art Gallery Cooperative Noon-4 p.m. Fri. & Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.; 14459 Wuoksi Ave., Kaleva. 362-2749.

Kejara's Bridge 302 Main, Lake Leelanau. 256-7720.

Koucky Gallery 325 Bridge St., Charlevoix. 547-2228.

Lamplight Inn M-88, Central Lake; for off-hour viewing times, call Mary Ellen. 544-6443.

Les Sirenes Galerie D'Art of Frankfort Hours 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Thu., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun., 338 S. Main St., Frankfort. 352-7640.

Long Lake Grocery Store 9352 N. Long Lake Rd., TC. 946-4249 or 995-9105.

Main St. Gallery Hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; noon-4 p.m. Sun., 307 S. Main St., Leland. 256-7787.

Manistee Art Institute 101 Maple, Manistee.

Michigan Artist Gallery 309 St. Joseph, Suttons Bay. 271-4922.

Montessori Children's House Studio Art Series 5363 N. Long Lake Rd., TC. 929-9325, Ext. 41.

Mullaly's 128 Studio & Gallery 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4

p.m. Sun. Aug. 23; Trunk Show by jewelry artist Amy Slater 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; 128 River, Elk Rapids.

264-6660.

Next Door Gallery Main and Pine, Glen Arbor. 334-3826.

North Peak Brewing Co. 400 W. Front St., TC. 941-7325.

North Star Gallery Open Tue. through Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. with

extended summer hours, 1123 E. Eighth (next to Nawbin), TC; 946-5636.

Oberschulte Gallery (Formerly Gallery 544.) Fine art, open 1-6 p.m. Wed.-Sat.; 544 E. Eighth St., TC. 946-0424.

Participed Painter Studio and Gallery 106 Mill St., Northport. 386-7019,

participed@traverse.com.

River St. Gallery 384 River St., Manistee. 398-4001.

Rubini Gallery 1047 Michigan Ave., Benzonia. 882-2787.

Ruth Conklin Gallery Hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. 6632 M-109,

Glen Arbor. 334-3880.

Secret Garden Gallery 10206 Front St., Empire; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. 326-5428.

Synchronicity Gallery 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun. through Oct. 31;

Reservations required. M-109,

Glen Arbor. 334-4732.

Tamarack Craftsmen Gallery 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; noon to 5 p.m. Sun., M-22, Omena; call for

hours. 386-5529.

Traverse Area District Library 610 Woodmere, TC. 932-8500.

Trick Dog Gallery Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily throughout the summer, Elberta Beach Rd., Elberta. 352-8364.

Tvedten Fine Art Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-3, 284 E. Third St., Harbor Springs. 526-2299.

Vigland Gallery U.S. 31, Benzonia. 882-7203.

Watermelon Sugar Gallery 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu. and Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun.; 153 E. Front St., TC. 929-7426.

West Michigan National Bank Frankfort. 352-9655.

Woody Hill Gallery and Pottery Studio 4303 County Rd. 633,

three miles south of Grawn, up

hilly drive into woods. 276-9816.

Wright Gallery Summer openings, 5-8 p.m.: Hours: noon-6 p.m. Wed.-Sat. and by appointment. 210 Mill St., Northport. 386-7445.