

## Area museums

Looking for something to do to get out of the sun and still have fun? Here's a sampling of museums in the region.

**Heritage Center** Traverse City. Summer exhibits include fabric of the ages, antique buttons, scale model trains, Victorian parlor and sewing machines; also costumed re-enactors and a kids' corner; Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; admission charge \$3.00 for adults 12 and up, \$1.50 for kids five and up, kids under five are admitted free. 322 6th St. 935-0313.

**Denno's Museum Center** Traverse City. "Wit and Wine; A new look at Ancient Iranian Ceramics from the Arthur M. Sackler Foundation" until Sept. 5; "Stop It! Sculpture for the Wine Bottle" until Sept. 5; "Nomadic Images: The Patina of Time - Paintings and Assemblage by Delbert Michel" until June 20; permanent Inuit (Eskimo) prints and sculpture; Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; \$4 adults, \$2 children. Northwestern Michigan College, 1701 E. Front St. 995-1055.

**Grand Traverse Lighthouse** Northport. Climb the 47-foot tower for a view of the Fox Islands and the Manitou Passage. The complex includes the 1858 lighthouse building (now a museum), fog signal building, an oil house and beachstone planters. Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit required for entry to lighthouse grounds. Daily pass for parking is \$6. Museum admission charge: \$2, adults; \$1 children; under five free. Open in May 12 p.m.-4 p.m., from June to Labor Day 10 a.m.-7 p.m. 386-7195.

**Leelanau Historical Museum** Leland. Historical displays about early settlement of and life on the Leelanau Peninsula, including a hands-on display of old toys. Portrait exhibit by Fred Petroskey. Currently under renovations. Reopening June 28. Summer hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tue.-Sat., Sun. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Closed Mon. \$1 for adults, \$.50 for students; 203 E. Cedar St. 256-7475.

**Empire Area Museum** Empire. Replica of a turn-of-the-century saloon, parlor, kitchen and sewing room, one-room school house, and hose house (fire house) with barn full of horse drawn equipment. Open weekends from Memorial Day to July 1, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; from July 1 to Labor Day, daily., 1 p.m.-4 p.m., closed Wed. Donations accepted. In Empire at corner of LaCore Rd. and M-22. 326-5568.

**Kalkaska County Historical Museum** Kalkaska. Historical relics including an 1898 car built in Kalkaska and a home-

constructed smokehouse made from a hollowed-out cedar log. Open Wed.-Sat. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. in June, July and Aug. Donations accepted. In the Old Depot next to the Trout fountain in downtown Kalkaska. 258-9719.

**South Manitou Visitors Center** South Manitou Island. National Park Service museum depicts history of the island, its settlers and inhabitants; Open daily during daylight hours; free museum admission but Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore park entrance pass required (\$15/yr. or \$7/wk). 334-3976.

**Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor's Center** Empire; Philip A. Hart Visitor center features human and natural history of the Sleeping Bear Dunes area, no admission, Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. 9922 Front St. Empire. 326-5134.

**The Music House** Acme. Restored, automated and rare instruments. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day Tue. until 7:30 p.m. Adults \$8, children ages 6-16 \$2.50, children under six admitted free. Between Acme and Elk Rapids, 7377 U.S. 31 N. 938-9300.

**Sleeping Bear Point Coast Guard Station Maritime Museum** Glen Haven. Features history of U.S. Coast Guard lifesaving and services. Open 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily; park use fee (\$7 week or \$15 year) required for entry. In Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, M-209 near Glen Haven. 326-5134.

**This Ole Farm Museum** northwest of Buckley. Farm setting. Departments for all age groups. Guided tours. Group reservations required. Donations only. 11459 Pavlis Road. 269-3672.

**Fife Lake Historical Museum** Fife Lake. Historical exhibits from lumbering to early farming, including replica kitchen, parlor, bedroom, general store, barber shop and school room; Open Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free; donations are accepted; corner of State and Boyd streets. 879-3342.

**Benzie Area Historical Museum** Benzonia. Housed in a century-old church building. Features artifacts pertaining to pioneers who carved a living from a northern Michigan wilderness. Summer hours (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday; \$2 adult, 50 cents for students ages 5-18. Free admission under age five or museum members. On Traverse Avenue, one block west of U.S. 31. 882-5539.

**Guntzville's Spirit of the Woods Museum** U.S. 31, two miles south of Elk Rapids. North American wildlife and Native American artifacts in a diorama setting. 2 adults for \$5, \$1 students under 12; \$2 high school students and seniors.

Summer hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun., call to confirm. 264-5597.

**Boyne City Historical Museum** Boyne City, town memorabilia, photographs, vintage bottles and tools, among other antiquities, Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, also 12 p.m.-4 p.m. weekends. Free admission; donations accepted; located at south end of the City Hall building, 319 N. Lake. 582-2839 or 582-6597.

**Manistee County Historical Museum** Manistee. Extensive collection of local history, logging, railroad and maritime antiques. Victorian period rooms including a country general store and drugstore. Lyman Building. In May, open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June through Sept., open on Mon.; Admission \$2 each or \$5 family. Waterworks Building: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat. (July through Aug. 31), donations accepted. 723-5531.

**Elk Rapids Area Historical Society Museum** Elk Rapids. Historical exhibits include photographs, paperwork, books, an 1800s piano and the township's 1883 jail. Opens Memorial Day Tue., Thu., Sat. and Sun., 1 p.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment; Free, donations accepted. Lower level of renovated township hall, 401 River St. 264-5692.

**Otsego County Historical Society Museum** Gaylord. Exhibits of Otsego County's past, including reproductions of a kitchen and bedroom. Housed in an old cigar factory with a tin ceiling. Donations accepted. Open Tue.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m.-4 p.m., located at 320 W. Main. 732-4568.

**Charlevoix Historical Society, Harsha House Museum** Harsha family history (once prominent family in area), large photo collection, research library, and other Charlevoix history; spring hours: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, summer (mid-June-Labor Day) hours: 1-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday; Adults \$1, children 12 and under free; 103 State Street; 547-0373.

**Charlevoix Railroad Depot Museum** Display of maritime and resort life and historic hotels, as well as area railroad history, 305 Chicago Avenue, Depot Beach area; call for hours; 547-0373.

**East Jordan Portside Art & Historical Museum** East Jordan, historic photos, turn-of-the-century clothing, memorabilia from agriculture and lumbering industries also featured, summer hours: Thu.-Sun. 1 p.m.-4 p.m., free, but donations accepted, Elm Pointe Estate off M-66 South toward Charlevoix (located on the lakeshore). 536-2393.

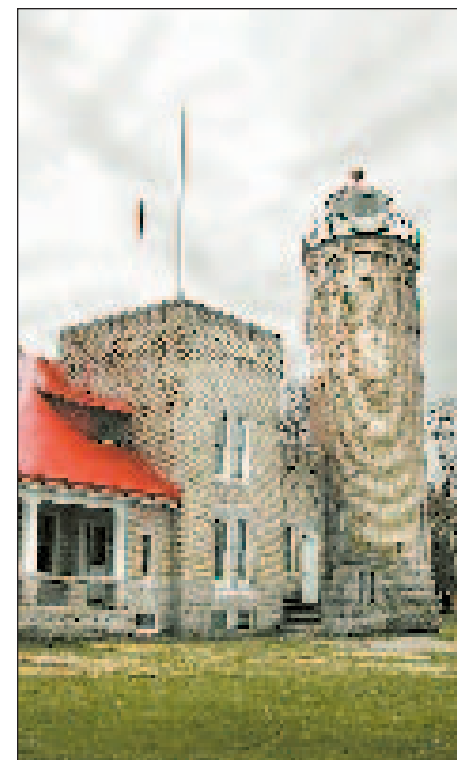
**Little Traverse History Museum** Petoskey, Ottawa artifacts, exhibits on early lumbering, and personal papers of

Ernest Hemingway featured, museum housed in former train station built in 1892, Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sat., closed Sun. \$1 adult, children free; At the Waterfront. 347-2620.

**Raven Hill Discovery Center** East Jordan, hands-on museum with emphasis on science, history and the arts, features exhibits of old tools, toys and games, quilts, paintings and sculpture, displays of skulls, furs, and shells, room with live animals (spiders to ferrets) to touch. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 12-4 p.m. Sat., 2-4 p.m. Sun. or by appointment, \$4 admission, 4503 Fuller Rd. 536-3369.

**Bellaire Area Historical Society Museum** Bellaire, houses artifacts, pictures and maps of Bellaire area from 1865 to 1965, also features extensive newspaper collection from that period, Open through Aug.: Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. Free, donations accepted, 202 N. Bridge St. 533-8631.

**Alden Depot Park and Museum** in Alden on shore of Torch Lake; 1908 structure features artifacts and photos of the area from mid-1800s, this year's exhibit features photography and photographic equipment; admission is free donations accepted. Open through Aug.: Thu. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Sat. and Sun. from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. 331-4274.



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**With its grand reopening on June 26, the Old Mackinac Light Station becomes another attraction for history-seekers.**