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Sticks & Stones, A Blue Sky Project

By Kaz McCue

Last summer, I embarked on a collaboration with Blue Sky Project in Dayton, Ohio to bring a group of teens from the city to northern Michigan, immerse them in a new environment, provide them with new experiences and ultimately craft a collaborative, creative project. Our preparations for the project at Michigan Legacy Art Park was inspired by a migration story we had heard. We embraced the form of a ladder as a symbol of the idea of migration.

As we all stood in the Art Park, looking at the finished piece, documenting our work, and discussing the creative process, we had a great sense of satisfaction. In contrast to the urban environment the students were used to, Sleeping Bear Dunes and Michigan Legacy Art Park gave them the opportunity to experience nature and art in a very unique way, and I hope it will be an experience that none of us forget.

To read Kaz McCue's entire story, please visit www.michlegacyartpark.org/blueskyproject

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Planning for the Future

Exciting changes for Michigan Legacy Art Park are on the horizon.

In the near future, visitors to the Art Park will be greeted with a brand new trailhead, trail to the amphitheater and an expanded learning area at Discovery Grove. These are just some of the ideas that are included in a new master plan developed over the last year. The updates will preserve the rustic and artistic character of the Park while making it easier for more people to access the Park's cultural and educational programs.

The first major change is the addition of a second trail connecting the parking area to the amphitheater and Discovery Grove. The new path will be barrier-free and will meet national accessibility standards to accommodate everyone, from guests in wheelchairs to parents pushing strollers. This will give even more people an opportunity to enjoy the Park's educational programs and performances. The current trail will be kept in place for a more rustic hiking experience.

Plans also call for an expansion of the Discovery Grove area, ultimately creating an outdoor classroom where students can explore Michigan's culture, history and the environment in the Art Park's inspiring setting. Like the new trail, the new learning area will meet accessibility standards to ensure that all children have a chance to benefit from an Art Park experience.

While improved accessibility was a priority in this plan, the Art Park staff and Board also recognized that the rustic character of the Park needed to be preserved. To help balance these needs, the Park enlisted the services of Mark Johnson, a landscape architect with the Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio. In September 2012, Johnson led an intensive two-day workshop with Art Park staff, volunteers, board members and supporters to discuss the issues, opportunities, vision and goals of the Art Park. Johnson captured the details of these conversations in hand-drawn sketches and notes.

The planning process drew on the expertise and resources of individuals and groups throughout Michigan. Gordon Berg, a market research professional, volunteered his time and expertise to facilitate two focus groups and provide us with a detailed written report. Input from community members who use and love the Art Park has proven to be invaluable throughout the master plan process. The development of this master plan was supported by a planning grant from Rotary Charities, and the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation helped to match this grant through the Access to Recreation Fund.

Many people contributed to the development of this exciting document. In the coming months, please stay in touch as we launch a campaign to raise the necessary funds to turn these ideas into reality – opening the Park to more people.

Save the Date

lune 15, 2013

Join us in honoring David Barr and Beth Dwaihy-Barr, the 2013 recipients of the Legacy Award. See page five for details.





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Educational Adventures at the Art Park and in the Classroom

Hundreds of students from across northwest lower-Michigan explore the Art Park each year. This spring alone, field trips were planned for students from Lake City, Fife Lake, Mesick, Bear Lake, Interlochen, Lake Ann, Honor, Thompsonville, Benzonia, and Traverse City. The sculpture and poetry stones serve as starting points for further study in history, geography, science, language arts and the environment; the exhilarating hike gets kids moving, and the hands-on art projects give children a personal and meaningful encounter with art and the environment.

Leland Public School: First Snowshoe Field Trip

Leland Public School scheduled the first-ever winter field trip to the Art Park. All seventy-five fifth and sixth graders tromped through the winter wonderland on snowshoes. Renee Hintz and volunteers Phil and Cindy Cook led the children on a tour that got them talking about art and Michigan history.

Frankfort Elberta Elementary School: Special Places

This spring, Patricia Innis worked with art teacher Kristine Harvey's second grade students on a project that connected with the social studies curriculum. In second grade, students approach social studies through the context of their local community. With this in mind, Innis helped students create three-dimensional models of places in Frankfort or the surrounding area they thought of as special. Students first drew pictures of their special place and then used found materials such as cardboard, bottle caps, pine cones, twigs and pebbles to turn their two dimensional drawings into three dimensional reality. Every student's vision was different and ranged from backyard spaces, to beach and picnic areas to vacation spots. This artist residency was funded by a grant from the Jewel Family Art Fund.

Elk Rapids High School: Sea Gull Mound and Flying Birds

Patricia Innis was selected to create an artwork for Walk of Art at Elk Rapids Day Park. Like her work Robins! at Michigan Legacy Art Park, Innis created Sea Gull Mound out of top soil. Sea Gull Mound has a wingspan of twelve feet, a body length of four feet, and is two feet high. Elk Rapids High School art teacher Luke Johnson took the opportunity for his honor students to work with Innis to create the mounds.

Innis continued to work with the students to create their own environmental art - birds made of branches and twigs and other things they found in nature. These birds are suspended over or near the mound creating a truly collaborative work of art. Sea Gull Mound and Innis' work with the students was funded by a grant from Art Rapids.

Traverse City College Preparatory Academy: Community Service

On May 2, twenty students from Traverse City College Preparatory Academy and their teachers helped clear the trails at Michigan Legacy Art Park after the ravishes of winter. They spent nearly three hours working in the morning and after lunch they toured the Park. Norm Ling, Park volunteer who supervised the cleanup effort, said "The students did a wonderful job and a lot was accomplished."

estoring the Fort

Since Art Park founder David Barr stepped down from his position as artistic director in November 2010, keeping up with the maintenance needs of the sculpture collection has been challenging. That is until last summer, when Dewey Blocksma offered to care for Stockade Labyrinth - the impressive fort situated at the highest point in the Park. The Fort, as it is fondly called, is the destination point for most school field trips and is the highlight of the hike for visitors of all ages. David Barr is proud to have Blocksma, a nationally-recognized artist, care for the Fort and has encouraged Blocksma to "make it his own." On your next hike through the Art Park, check out the Fort to see Blocksma's artistic restoration work for yourself.

Because of the outcome of the Fort restoration, Dewey Blocksma now serves as sculpture conservator for the Art Park, monitoring the condition of each work of art and making repairs as needed. Of this new position, Blocksma notes "One would think that taking a sculpture off its pedestal and moving it outdoors would be relatively simple, but with wind and snow, not to mention falling trees, nature can confound. I look forward to the challenge of extending the lives of the wonderful objects in the Park with attention to developing guidelines for future projects. The fun begins when the obvious approach fails, and you have to find a more creative solution. With input from artists and their audience I am sure we can approach these objectives in the coming year."



community foundation

Endowment

Consider making a Legacy Gift to the Michigan Legacy Art Park Endowment at the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation. The Community Foundation is home to the Endowment to benefit the Art Park, ensuring that its purpose and goals are met forever. The Community Foundation staff is available to offer guidance as you consider a planned gift to benefit the Michigan Legacy Art Park Endowment.

To make a Legacy Gift to the Michigan Legacy Art Park Endowment Fund today, visit: gtrcf.org/give/our-funds.html/230/ or call the Community Foundation at (231) 935-4066.

To learn more about planned giving, please follow this link: gtrcf.org/give/

Wish List

Michigan Legacy Art Park is always in need of volunteers, building materials, and financial support. Here are some of the projects currently underway that need your help. Please contact Renee to pledge your support.

Six-passenger all-terrain vehicle = \$12,000

Noted as a priority in the master plan, this vehicle will allow for tours of the entire Park for those who are unable to hike, and will facilitate the maintenance of the art and trails.

Land survey = \$2,000

A survey of the trailhead and amphitheatre areas is needed to accurately design a new barrier-free trail.

Looking to Learn = \$2,000

Support the continued development of theme-based booklets that help teachers link the sculptures in the Art Park with the Core Content Curriculum.

Field trips = \$350 each

Sponsor a class to explore the Art Park, create art, and deepen student understanding of Michigan history.

When you become a volunteer, you join a great group of people who love art, nature, history, live music and children. There is always a need for more people to help with school field trips, grounds maintenance, special events, the Summer Sounds concerts and in the office. View our current volunteer opportunities online at michlegacyartpark.org/support/volunteer/ or call the Park office

Show Your Support – Become a Member Today!

Your annual membership will fund new art, support learning opportunities for children, and maintain the Art Park for future generations to learn, explore and be inspired.

Member Levels & Benefits

- \$50. Basic
 - Complimentary year-round admission to the Art Park
 - 10% discount on Art Park merchandise
 - 20% discount on all workshops, tours and Summer Sounds concert admission
 - Invitation to reception before the first concert of the Summer Sounds series
- \$100, Family Members receive all of the above, plus:
 - Complimentary admission for two adults to any one Summer Sounds concert
- **\$250, Friend** *Members receive all of the above, plus:*
 - 20% lodging discount at Crystal Mountain when booked within 14 days of arrival
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- Private guided tour of the Art Park for twelve
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Your gifts directly benefit the Art Park's mission-driven activities. From sculpture installation and maintenance to concerts and youth outreach programs - you make it all possible!

These lists have been populated with the names of those who gave financial support between May, 2012 and April 2013.

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Michigan Legacy Art Park by David Barr is available for purchase on Amazon.com, at the Peak Boutiqu at Crystal Mountain, Horizon Books in Traverse City, or the Dennos Museum Center in Traverse City.

Michigan Legacy Art Park Inspires **Public Art in Elk Rapids**

Walk of Art is a new, outdoor, sculpture gallery scheduled to open in May 2013. Located in Elk Rapids Day Park on the shore of Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay, Walk of Art is being developed by Art Rapids, a non-profit arts organization.

Sherri DeCamp, a member of Art Rapids says, "Atop the list of attributes that make Northern Michigan such a special place for me are the sublime beauty of the natural world around us and the region's lively embrace of the arts. From its very inception, Michigan Legacy Art Park struck me as an imaginative way to blend these attributes for the benefit of artists, art lovers and the naturalist in us all, and at the same time to introduce "art ideas" to young minds in a playful way they understand. Art and nature are like lovers, each wrapped inseparably in the other, dancing their own steps to the same music. The Art Park understands this, and adheres to high standards. I have experienced it in all seasons; I have seen it ignite the imaginations of children of all ages. When Antrim County made the Elk Rapids Day Park available to us, it was Michigan Legacy Art Park that modeled the way for us."

DeCamp says she read David Barr's book, Michigan Legacy Art Park, for guidance when planning Walk of Art. Unlike Michigan Legacy Art Park, whose collection is mainly permanent, Walk of Art will be a gallery where the artwork is for sale. The gallery will open with work by five artists, including Patricia Innis, Art Park education director, and Bob Purvis, Art Park board member.

Walk of Art's first installation, Hardwoods by Sam Soet. From left: Joe Meyers, associate planner for Antrim County, Sherri DeCamp, Walk of Art chair and co-founder of Art Rapids!, and Sam Soet, sculptor.



Letter from the President



With your help, the Michigan Legacy Art Park has become a large outdoor public art museum, a learning laboratory where young and old gain knowledge about the history of our great state through the visual arts.

Your support matters deeply—it nourishes the mission of the Art Park and helps us meet the organization's strategic goals. The generosity of many donors made it possible for nearly seven hundred students from thirteen schools to explore the Art Park on field trips last year and strengthened the capacity and sustainability of the organization.

Many visitors to the Art Park let us know how delighted they are when they come upon a new work of art as they walk, snowshoe or ski the Park. Thus a goal of the Board of Directors is to install a new sculpture in the Park every year. We are grateful to our supporters who make it possible to commission projects like the Great Lakes Project by Brian Ferriby. A year ago we dedicated Ferriby's Michigan in honor of Gov. and Mrs. William Milliken.

With a generous grant from Rotary Charities, the Board and individuals in the local community recently completed a master plan for the Art Park. The plan articulates strategies and design solutions that will make the Art Park and its programs accessible for every visitor and create a larger area dedicated to art education and exploration.

I invite you to be a supporter of the Art Park and help us tell the story of Michigan's history through nature and the arts. Please be a part of the dream and become a member today.

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Marilyn L. Wheaton, President

Summer Sounds 2013 Concert Series

Entertain your family and friends at a concert in the Art Park this summer. The relaxed atmosphere and great music are a perfect way to enjoy a midsummer evening.

Fridays at 7 p.m.



July 5: Heidi Hepler & Michèle Ramo Group

Defying categorization, this group features the vocal styling of Heidi Helpler and Italian-born guitarist Michele Ramo performing Latin Jazz and World music.

July 12: Miriam Picó & David Chown

Performing original songs and jazz standards this nationally recognized vocal / piano duo hails from Traverse City, Michigan.

July 19: Ruth & Max Bloomquist

With their sincere lyrics combined with folk, bluegrass and country sounds, this duo has been touching hearts for years.

July 26: Fauxgrass Quartet

Recently formed but now a mainstay in the Michigan folk music scene, this quartet fuses experimental sounds and traditional bluegrass.

August 2: Tumbao Bravo

This critically acclaimed horn driven Cuban Jazz combo presents a powerhouse evening of music and dancing.

Tickets: \$10 per adult, \$8 per Art Park member, free for children 17 years and under. Purchase tickets in advance at michlegacyartpark. org or at the Art Park on the night of the concert. All proceeds from ticket sales directly benefit Michigan Legacy Art Park.

- Guests are welcome to bring picnics, lawn chairs, or blankets. Art Park folding chairs will be available to rent or purchase
- Snacks and beverages from Hill Top Soda Shoppe will be available for purchase
- · Hands-on art activities for kids
- Rides from the Art Park parking lot to the amphitheatre begin at 6:15 p.m. for those unable to walk the trail
- If raining, the concert will be held indoors at Crystal Mountain

Summer Sounds is underwritten in part by:

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Workshops and Tours

Each program begins at the Art Park trailhead and lasts approximately ninety minutes. Registration is required 24 hours in advance. Fee for each program is \$10 per adult and free for youth under 18 with paying adult. Register online at michlegacyartpark.org and click on "Tours and Workshops" or call the Art Park office at (231) 378-4963.

Birding with Keith

Bring your binoculars and join birder Keith Westphal to spot and listen for birds that make the thirty-acre preserve home each spring.

Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

May 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22.

Hike to the Fort with Dewey

Take a guided tour through the Art Park with nationally recognized artist, Dewey Blocksma. Once you reach the Fort, you will wind through a labyrinth, learning about Michigan history as you go - a fun activity for adults and children.

Saturdays at 10 a.m. June 29; July 13, 27

Photo Fun with Chris

Join photographer Chris Bickes to learn photo tricks that can turn your summer memories into lasting stories. Bring your own camera of any type. No experience necessary.

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

June 19, 26; July 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14

Sketching with Deborah

Artist Deborah Crandell will lead a class in outdoor sketching - studying form in relation to the environment and focusing on wooded landscapes. Artists of all abilities are invited to attend. Materials fee \$3, paid to the instructor.

Thursdays from 10 a.m. to Noon

June 27; July 11, 18, 25

Golf Cart Tours

Explore the beauty of art and nature at Michigan Legacy Art Park from a golf cart. Golf cart tours of the Art Park are available to guests who may be unable to hike the hilly trails. Because the seating is limited to 5 passengers, advanced registration is required.

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

June 18, 25; July 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13.











Featured Programs

NEW Summer Kick-Off 2013: Fairies and Forts Saturday, June 22, 2013 | 2 - 5 p.m.

What better way to usher in the celebration of long summer days than using your imagination in a natural setting. Children of all ages are invited to create their own fort or fairy house, flower tiaras, fairies, flags, and drums from found objects. Materials and light refreshments will be provided. Participants will march to the Fort to participate in the annual raising of the flag, listen to fairy tales, and have their face painted.

Free with general Art Park admission: \$5 per adult, children free Story time is presented by the Betsie Valley District Library.

Journaling for Health and Vitality with Leslie Hamp Thursday, June 13, 2013 | 9 a.m. Saturday, June 15, 2013 | 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2013 | 3 p.m.

It's no secret that many of us are caught up in the busy-ness of life — and experiencing stress because of the hectic pace. In this workshop you'll discover simple journaling techniques to reduce stress and burnout, and enhance self-care and resilience.

\$79 per adult, includes 90 minute session with Leslie Hamp, a journal, day access to the Crystal Spa, lunch at the Thistle Pub & Grille, and a guided hike through Michigan Legacy Art Park. A portion of this fee benefits Michigan Legacy Art Park.

To register, email spa@crystalmountain.com or call 800.968.7686, ext. 7200. There are 3 sessions guests may sign up for. Guests are welcome to attend single or multiple sessions. Prices are based on individual sessions.

About the instructor: Leslie Hamp, creative catalyst, shows busy women and entrepreneurs how to focus their efforts, eliminate barriers, and unleash momentum and success. She is the author of Create the Life You Crave and its companion Beautiful Journal.

Creating Art Inspired Poems with Fleda Brown Friday, July 12, 2013 | 1:30-4:30

Join poet Fleda Brown in an inspiring setting for a unique poetry workshop. Fleda will guide workshop participants in examining Art Park sculptures as models for approaching their own writing. By the end of the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to share their hot-off-the-press drafts with Fleda and each other.

\$85 per adult, includes three-hour poetry workshop with Fleda Brown, day access to the Crystal Spa and lunch at the Thistle Pub & Grille. Proceeds benefit Michigan Legacy Art Park.

To register, visit michlegacyartpark.org and click on "Tours and Workshops" or call the Art Park office at (231) 378-4963. Registration is required before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10.

Youth, ages 13 to 17 who have a great interest in creative writing, are welcome to accompany a parent free of charge to the workshop – some age restrictions apply at the Crystal Spa.

About the instructor: Fleda Brown is Professor Emerita, University of Delaware, a faculty member of the Rainier Writing Workshop, and 2001-2007 Poet Laureate of the State of Delaware.

Sunday, October 6, 2013 | I - 4 p.m.

Bring the entire family to explore the Art Park this color season. Hands-on art projects, live music and scavenger hunts will keep everyone having fun. This event is free with general Art Park admission: \$5 per adult, children free.



Legacy Gala 2013

Saturday, June 15, 2013 | 6 p.m. Hosted by the City of Novi at the Novi Civic Center

Join us in honoring David Barr and Beth Dwaihy-Barr, the 2013 recipients of the *Legacy Award*. Exemplifying the criteria for the award, David Barr has been a sculptor for 50 years and is the founder of Michigan Legacy Art Park. David's studio was in Detroit for fifteen years until he realized he needed nature as a source of inspiration. In 1977, he bought 4 acres of land in rural Oakland County (now Novi) and in 1979 built his home, a contemporary structure that has become the centerpiece of his own art park. David's career as an artist, instructor, author and global thinker has crossed borders around the world, bringing people and ideas together. The love of his life, Beth, has been David's companion and inspiration throughout his career. As a professional dancer, choreographer and instructor, Beth has touched the lives of many through her art.

The culminating act of appreciation for David's artistic contributions and the inspiring home environment David and Beth have created, happened on August 20. 2012. The Novi City Council, looking forward to the cultural and diverse future of Novi, voted unanimously to purchase David and Beth's property and home with the intent of it becoming the city's cultural center in several years. In the meantime, David and Beth will continue to live in and enjoy their home.

The 2013 Legacy Gala is a celebration of the life work of David and Beth and the signature fundraising event for Michigan Legacy Art Park.

To make your reservations or to become a sponsor, call (231) 378-4963 or visit our secure website: michlegacyartpark.org/events and click on "Legacy Gala"

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