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The View From Up Here

Sharon McCullar, Registrar

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Victory, the bronze statue high atop the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in the middle of Hackley Park. Since 1889 I have enjoyed this unique vantage point above Muskegon. It gets a little lonely up here, but the view is the best in town!

Charles Hackley commissioned the granite monument I share with four bronze statues of Civil War servicemen. Some communities could only afford the granite part but Mr. Hackley's generosity allowed for the addition of five bronze statues. In 1900, Mr. Hackley commissioned four more statues of Civil War heroes for the corners of Hackley Park: General Grant, Admiral Farragut, General Sherman and President Lincoln. I myself am just a bit larger than life-size, but I need to be so you can see me clearly from the ground.

For the last 10 years, I've been having regular visitors here, 70 feet in the air. Each year, a crew from the City of Muskegon and the Lakeshore Museum Center, decked out in safety harnesses, emerges from below on a very tall lift. They scrub my surface with a mild detergent and then apply a light coat of clear wax. I have heard them say that this removes surface dirt and the leavings of rude birds. The coating of clear wax makes any new accumulation easier to clean off the next year. All of my statue friends in Hackley Park were cleaned and I have noticed that the newest addition to our family, a bronze statue of Charles Hackley himself on a nearby corner, gets the same treatment.

This year was no exception. Museum and City of Muskegon personnel braved sun, windy conditions and agitated spiders to scrub and wax all of us statues. Now that my bronze friends and I have gotten our yearly preventative maintenance treatment we can face our next round of Michigan weather—and those rude birds!

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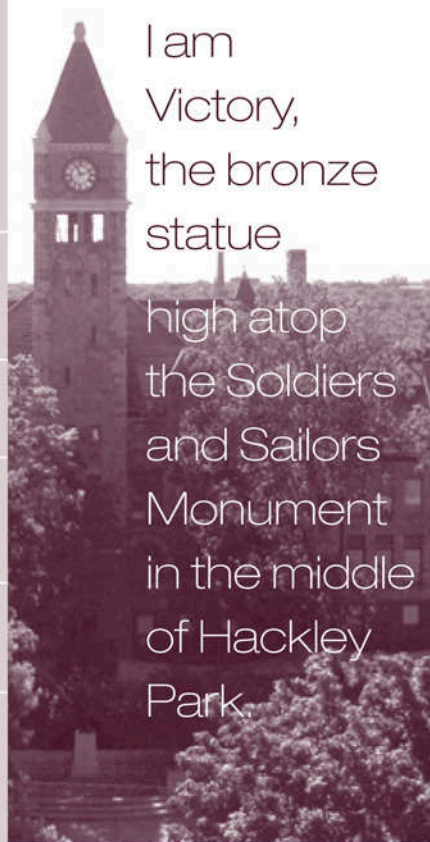
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of the Depression Era
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The Mission of the Lakeshore Museum Center is to preserve and interpret through exhibits, education and programs, the natural and cultural history of Muskegon County.



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Hooker | De Jong Exhibit

Krista Menacher, Associate Exhibits Curator

Hooker | De Jong Architects and Engineers have been active in Muskegon County since 1936. The Lakeshore Museum Center is helping them celebrate their 75th anniversary with a special exhibit that will be open through January 31, 2012 in our auditorium.



The ArtWorks building on Clay Avenue is one of Hooker DeJong's many Muskegon projects.

From new construction to adaptive re-use, Hooker | De Jong's projects are easily recognizable in Muskegon County. Landmarks like the Amazon Building and the ArtWorks of Muskegon are featured in the display. Both were renovated from Muskegon businesses that had closed, and their history as well as their conversion from factories to living spaces is chronicled in the exhibit.

Completely new sites like the Michigan Pine and Dunes Council, the Louis A. McMurray Conference & Transportation Center for the Muskegon Area Transit System (MATS) and the GVSU Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute are also highlighted with site plans, elevations and images of the buildings, showing them from concept through completion. Together these five sites help tell the story of the impact Hooker | De Jong has had on the Muskegon landscape over the past 75 years.

Greater Museum Service League Grant

Joni Dorsett, Communications Director

We would like to thank the members of the Greater Muskegon Service League for the generous grant we recently received. The grant will enable our education department to purchase a new Van de Graaff Electrostatic Generator and 15 hand crank generators for use in our science program, "Shocking!" This hands-on program has been in existence for over 12 years and teaches students in grades K-5 about the concepts of current and static electricity.

The Van de Graaff generator creates static electricity and makes it available for experimentation. The hand-held generators can be cranked to ring a bell, and students can use them in tandem, with a student cranking one to power up the second. Electricity can be a difficult subject for elementary school children to grasp and the generators are a valuable tool to allow them to "see" how energy is generated.

The Story of Barry Dulyea

Beryl Gabel, Archivist



Barry's Bronze Star, the fourth highest award in the U.S. Military.

As an archivist I have the wonderful opportunity to see fascinating artifacts and read unique materials that reveal Muskegon's past. Amongst the thousands of pages found within the archive are numerous stories of strength, tenacity, innovation, and bravery. Recently, I found a story of heroism that I feel needs to be shared—the story of a local Muskegon hero, Sergeant Barry Dulyea.

When Barry Hudson Dulyea was born on July 11, 1948, his parents probably had no idea that their son would later receive one of the highest awards in the nation. Barry grew up in Dalton Township and attended Reeths-Puffer High School. He was always active and played baseball, football, and sang in the school choir. After graduating in 1966, Barry worked as a lab assistant at Lakey Foundry before joining the military.

To serve his country, Barry enlisted in the Army in October of 1966 and took basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas. He went to

Another valuable resource we offer are loan kits on over 20 subjects including energy and electricity. Hand crank generators are included in the loan kit, providing teachers with a resource they do not have in their classrooms.

We appreciate the continued support we have received from the members of the Greater Muskegon Service League.

Pioneer Trails Camp Clarification

Pioneer Resources is the current owner of Pioneer Trails Day Camp on Blue Lake. The popular Pioneer Trails camp for children and young adults with special needs features an activity area, a sandy beach along the Blue Lake shoreline and beautiful woods. The site was formerly the Boy Scout Camp Merritt, which in the September *The Muser* was incorrectly identified as being part of YMCA Camp Pendalouan.

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Road Tripping

Once again the intrepid Lakeshore Museum volunteers boarded a bus to parts unknown. This year, we enjoyed a mini color tour on the way to the beautiful **Felt Mansion**, located between Holland and Saugatuck.

Chicagoan Dorr Felt revolutionized bookkeeping with his invention of the Comptometer, a predecessor to the modern calculator. He built a summer home on several hundred acres in the rolling dunes of West Michigan. As a family compound large enough to accommodate him, his wife, three daughters and their families, the house was 17,000 square feet with 25 rooms and a ballroom. Unfortunately, Mrs. Felt died in 1928, six weeks after the house was completed, and Mr. Felt died a year and a half later. The family kept the house and properties until the late 1940s. In years following, the property passed to several different organizations until the community and volunteers began renovations.

We all enjoyed the lively and informative tour given by Pat Meyer, Director of the Felt Mansion, as she regaled us with stories of the trials and tribulations of such a major restoration. My favorite story was of her climbing into the fireplace to see if the flue worked, having years of bat dung and bird droppings land on her head, then having relatives of the Felts drop by for an unexpected visit.

This beautiful building is now the site of many private and public functions, such as weddings and musical events, which is where a major part of their funding comes from.

Our next stop was the Saugatuck Star, a large sternwheeler which took us from the dock on the Kalamazoo River to Lake Kalamazoo, giving us a wonderful view of Saugatuck and the surrounding community from the water. We then went downriver to Lake Michigan, as the captain entertained us with an interesting narrative of the area and its history.

As we traveled, we enjoyed a wonderful box lunch, served on the cozy enclosed deck. Watching a storm blowing in across Lake Michigan was impressive, as was the rain when it finally arrived just as we all embarked on a walking/shopping tour of Saugatuck. However, as true intrepid explorers, most gamely walked on and enjoyed the village, not to mention the caramel apples at Kilwins Chocolates.

For now, I am going to concentrate on the holiday tours, but suggestions for next year's trip are welcome. If you do have a place in mind, remember, I try to keep it within three hours of Muskegon so we don't spend more time on the bus than exploring a new site.

October Event

The *See the Sites in a Different Light* tours were held in October at the Hackley & Hume Historic Site. This special event explores the mythology of the Hackley carvings and the Hackley basement. In the Hume house, we explore the superstitions and cultures of the Irish immigrants who arrived after the potato famine of the mid-1800s. Although we had a bit of wet, nasty cold weather, our guests were very enthusiastic about the tour and the information shared.



Holiday Tours 2011

The next big event at the Historic Sites will be the holiday tours. Once again, the Hackley House will be transformed with the type of elegant holiday decorations typical of the homes of the Victorian era in the late 1800s. The Hume House will bustle with the decorating and preparations for the holidays as you might expect of a large family in 1920.

The Scolnik House of the Depression Era will reflect the hardships of the Great Depression as people found ways to celebrate the joyous season in spite of the troubles they might have. The second floor will celebrate Hanukkah. The newly renovated Fire Barn will be included on the holiday tours again this year.

Carriage rides will be a special treat for those who join us during the evening hours of the opening weekend in November. The horses and carriage will be provided by HorsePowers Farms of Fremont and are absolutely beautiful!

The holiday dates and times are: November 25–26 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and November 27 from noon to 4:00 pm.

We will be open Saturdays and Sundays next month, on **December 3–4, 10–11 and 17–18 from noon to 4:00 pm.** For those who have company between Christmas and New Year's Day—the decorations will still be up, so join us for a tour on **December 28 or 29 from noon to 4:00 pm.**

A winter view of the Hackley & Hume Historic Site.

“That Darn Cat”

Wonder what the Hume kitty will get into this year? In the past he's been tangled up in the knitting yarn in the library, and in the middle of the mess the kids made the year they made decorations in the library. He once took a long winter's nap on a pile of coats which were on Mrs. Hume's bed. He especially enjoyed the black fur coat on top, and my, wasn't he beautiful laying there!

Last year, the naughty kitty got tangled up in the string of ornaments on the Christmas tree. And this summer, he has been helping himself to the leftovers sitting on the countertop in the kitchen.

Oh well, cats will be cats, so keep your eyes peeled as there is no telling where he might be during the hub-bub of the holidays.

Volunteers:

If you would like to volunteer as a guide please call me (Dawn) at 231-722-7578 and I'll put you on the list. These are walk-through tours, which means you will only have to interpret one or two rooms as the guests come through the houses on their own. I will have cheat sheets and a chair in each room for your comfort and security. So even if you haven't volunteered for a long time, you will have the information you need to be an instant expert in your assigned room. Come join the fun as either a visitor or a volunteer, and bring a friend.



Test Your Knowledge:

What two board games played today became popular during the Depression Era?

Answer can be found at the Scolnik House of the Depression Era

Answer to last Test Your Knowledge:

How many firemen slept at the Charles H. Hackley Hose Company #2?

Twelve men slept at the Charles H. Hackley Hose Company #2—six per 12-hour shift.



armor school at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and was promoted to Sergeant. Proving himself as an adroit soldier, Barry served as a drill instructor for one year.

At the age of 19, Barry requested a tour of duty in Vietnam. He spent a month visiting his friends and family in Michigan before heading to Vietnam in March of 1968. He served as a crewman and scout with Troop C, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division. With each mission, Barry proved himself to be a capable leader who was distinguished in ground operations.

On April 19, 1968, while driving an armored personnel carrier on a search and destroy mission west of Pleiku, Barry's vehicle was hit by an enemy rocket. Barry was mortally wounded trying to protect his men, and was awarded the Purple Heart, as well as the Good Conduct Medal. Later, he was awarded the Bronze Star, the fourth highest award in the U.S. Military, for his meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam.

The military orders granting Barry the Bronze Star stated: "Sergeant Dulyea distinguished himself...and displayed a strong working knowledge of armor tactics and leadership ability. He was constantly concerned with the welfare of his men as well as with the accomplishments of the troop's mission. He adjusted well to the rigors and dangers inherent in a combat zone, never complaining, and continually sought to execute his duties in a highly professional manner... His outstanding achievements, professional integrity and exemplary devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army."

Prior to his death, Barry had also been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, and Sharpshooter Badge with rifle bar.

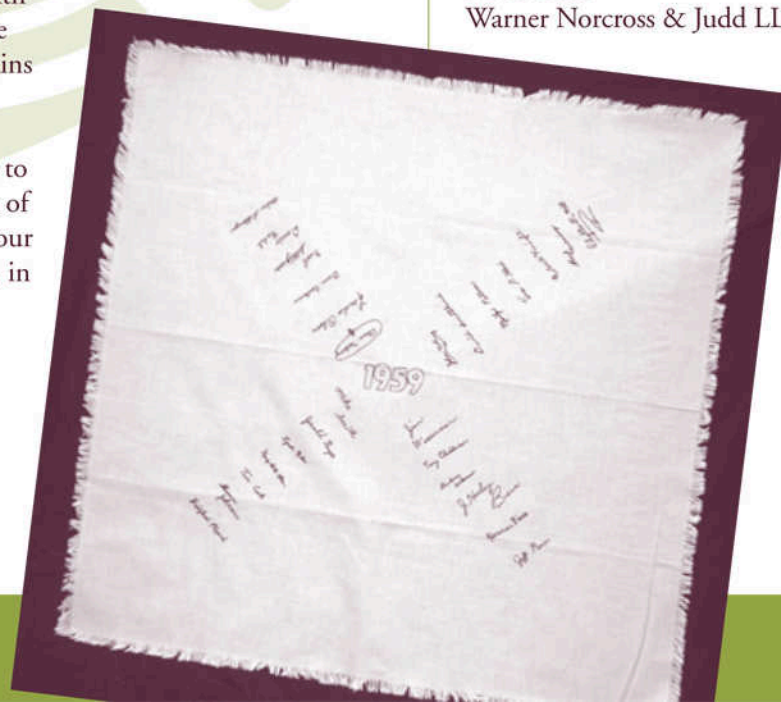
Barry is honored on Panel 50E Row 38, of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. He is buried at Sunrise Memorial Gardens in Muskegon. He is one of Muskegon's heroes and I hope that his valor will always be remembered.

Special Memories of Moon School

Sharon McCullar, Registrar

Is your name on this tablecloth? If you were a sixth grader at Moon School in 1959, it might be. The students signed their names and teacher Eda Atkins did the embroidery.

If you were one of these students and would like to share a memory of your time at Moon School or of Mrs. Atkins' class, we would love to add that to our file on this special artifact. Put it down on paper, in an email to sharon@lakeshoremuseum.org, or feel free to stop by to tell us about your special memory.



2011 Lumber Barons' Ball

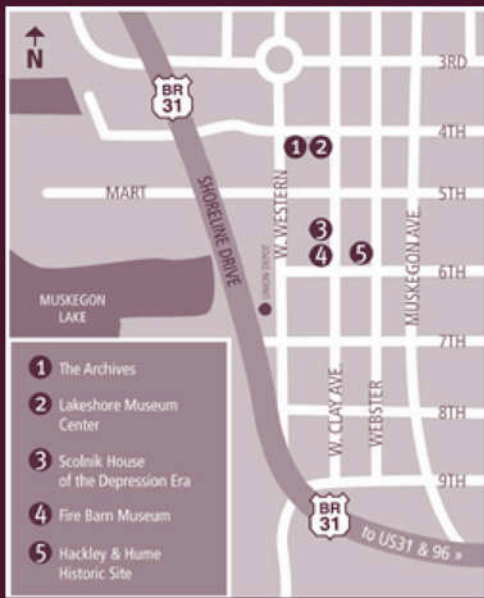
Joni Dorsett, Communications Director

Thank you to everyone who helped make this fall's Lumber Barons' Ball a success!

We received generous donations for our live and silent auctions from over 100 companies and museum friends. Volunteers helped solicit items for the auctions, tended bar, served soup and closed out the auction. Friends who couldn't join us generously sent in contributions to help support the event. All proceeds from the Lumber Barons' Ball support the exhibits and education programs of the museum.

We also would like to thank our generous corporate sponsors noted below for being a part of the 2011 Lumber Barons' Ball:

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Family Holiday Open House

Jacquelyn Huss, Associate Education Curator

Need something to do with your kids or grandkids over their holiday break? Join the Lakeshore Museum Center's education staff on **Wednesday, December 21 from 1–4pm for our Family Holiday Open House.**

Kids will get a chance to do fun and historic Victorian holiday crafts. Participants can drop by one of our craft stations to create a take-home item and then stay to explore the museum's galleries and hands-on rooms! We're still making plans for this special day, so be sure to visit our website, www.lakeshoremuseum.org, for more details as the date gets closer.

2011 Holiday Shopping

Joni Dorsett, Communications Director

The Lake Michigan Park Pavilion is the subject of this year's holiday ornament for sale in the Muskegon Mercantile and Museum Store at the Hackley & Hume Site. Lake Michigan Park, now Pere Marquette Park, was the place to be in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Picnics, theater, music and dancing were just a nickel streetcar ride away.

The gold rimmed porcelain ornament is the 17th in our collectible series and sells for \$16.99. It looks wonderful on a holiday tree, or can be displayed on a stand which is also available at our gift shops.

Holiday shoppers will find a wide variety of unique gift ideas at both of our stores, including jewelry, books and videos



on local history, Michigan themed items and more. For the children on your list, there are plenty of games, puzzles, educational toys, plush animals and books to select from.

Can't decide? Purchase a gift certificate and let the recipient go shopping. Museum members will receive a 10% discount on their purchases.