

Volunteer Fall Clean-up of Museum Campus



Ted McCann, husband of new LEIHS's board member Betsy McCann, helped tackle cleaning and repairing the exterior museum lights.

LEIHS President Dustin Heineman brought a crew from Heineman Winery in October to clean up the grounds around the museum, resale shop, bottling works building and small storage building comprising the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society's "campus".

Byrnes Pierce and Al Duff also stopped by right after the majority of the cleanup was completed to trim the low hanging and weaker branches over the buildings.

The buildings are in need of new paint and some repairs that will be addressed in the spring.

The resale shop underwent its annual Fall cleanup, and volunteers are prepping the building for renovation.

Ted and Betsy McCann and Jeff and Kendra Koehler cleaned and repaired the front lights above the museum entrance before the Cemetery Walk reception at the museum on October 25.

Many hard-working volunteers, including board members, got a lot of work done in October and November. Join our Volunteer List on page 3.

Put-in-Bay School kids visit museum



Kindergarteners and first graders from Put-in-Bay School were treated to a personal tour and cookies during their visit.

Kendra Koehler gave a personal museum tour to K-1st graders in October. The kids enjoyed cookies made by June Stoiber and Amy Huston, who provided gluten free cookies. The kids decorated our brick Memorial Walkway,



Byrnes Pierce and Al Duff trimmed the limbs and branches hanging over the resale shop in October. We appreciate their great work.

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Mossback Photo Tradition

The traditional "Mossback" photo of island workers was taken on Labor Day at the end of the season for many years.

The Round House porch was a favorite place to assemble but there are photos that were taken on the porch of the Country House gift shop, formerly Oelschlager's Hotel.

Over the years, islanders, cottagers and some frequent visitors joined in the annual Mossback photo.

This tradition that resurfaced for a short time in the 1980's, is a reminder that the Lake Erie Islands community finds success in working and celebrating together.

The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum is planning to replicate the traditional Mossback group photo on Labor Day in 2026. Find more information at leihs.org on our Events Page.



LEI's Historical Museum celebrates 40th in 2026

Four decades ago, The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society held its first Membership Meeting on September 27, 1986, to elect officers and a full board of trustees.

The local museum's origin story, however, does not begin there.

We're giving you a glimpse back in time to the celebration, and the people, that formed the 501c3 non-profit that would become the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society.

June 6, 2027, will mark the 40th year the first museum opened.

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