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SUMMER 2016

DAVID BARR

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ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE BLEND ARCHITECTURE AND SCULPTURE





FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was over 20 years ago that I hopped on one of four golf carts that precariously carried Michigan Legacy Art Park's founder David Barr and several other founding board members over the cross country trails and pathways at Crystal Mountain. They were envisioning the 'what could be' if the Park were to find a home at Crystal.

I was just an observer then. But even now, as a member of the Board of Directors, the astounding growth, im-

pact and potential of the Park continues to amaze me! From David's early Sawpath Series, the Park now features 49 sculptures by artists from across Michigan. The Summer Sounds concert series at the improved amphitheater draws hundreds to the Park each summer. Thousands of area school children have experienced a treasure trove of learning opportunities at the Mo & Linda White Discovery Grove and throughout the Park.

As we've grown however, we've not lost sight of David's vision to make art in all its many forms available and accessible to everyone. So we raised the funds to expand our Looking to Learn education programs to more effectively engage new generations; we added a pathway to the amphitheater that is more friendly to visitors with limited mobility; and to make sure everyone can experience the rugged hiking trails throughout the park, we now offer tours on our own all-terrain vehicle—all steps toward making the Park as accessible as David had hoped it would be.

Our Art Access for All campaign helped fund all of this fabulous growth and change, and it's drawing to a close. Your financial support is needed now to move us that much closer to reaching the 'what could be' vision of 20 years ago. Consider helping us help others travel the many paths we've carved out for them. In the meantime, I'll see you in the Park.

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AT A GLANCE: THIS YEAR AT MICHIGAN LEGACY ART PARK

BIRDING TOURS

Hike the Art Park with an experienced birding guide.

8am Saturdays May 28 - June 25

GUIDED TOURS

Make time for a guided tour of the park this summer.*

10am Wednesdays & Saturdays June 22 - August 13

GOLF CLASSIC

7. Don't miss this new fundraising event featuring a BBQ dinner and lots of ways to win!

CONCERTS

Fore the Future takes place June Families will love Fairies & Forts Support the Art Park while en-June 18, a Summer Sounds concert or snow-covered Winter Sounds this holiday season.

LEGACY GALA

joying this elegant evening of auctions, a locally-sourced dinner, and presentation of the 2016 Legacy Award.

*ATV rides for Guided Tours are available with reservation for those with limited mobility. Call (231) 378-4963 to reserve your seat.

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

July 16 - August 7

Saturday and Sunday mornings, drop in between 9am and Noon

Children and adults are invited to explore the Art Park this summer with artist-in-residence Nancy McKay. Nancy will be stationed at the Mo & Linda White Discovery Grove to greet visitors and lead interpretive programs including journaling and observation.



A NEW DEMOCRATIC **CONCEPTION OF ART: SOME THOUGHTS ON DAVID BARR**

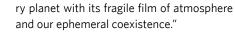
by Kenneth Stevens

Next time you visit Michigan Legacy Art Park spend a moment with David Barr's sculpture Solar Month and follow his suggestion to "Consider that if you were to travel the 45th parallel from this point you would pass through Bordeaux, France; Turin, Italy; Belgrade, Serbia; Bucharest, Romania; Bole, China and Heronoble, Japan." As you mentally make that journey you are experiencing the artistry, insight and vision of the Art Park's founder.

David envisioned a world where everything was "knotted into elegant sometimes invisible nets." In his book Crossing Lines he described an "...inclusive tapestry of global cultures, distinctive characters..." Whether an idea arose from inventions like latitude and longitude, human and natural boundaries, the probing of science, evolving nature or countless other inspirations, David Barr created art that expressed the relationships in new visual translations. "I do not want to illustrate or compete with reality, rather to... create an experience that can deepen our sensitivity to the original and interwoven dependencies of life. David did not want to paint or model a bird; he "did want to create an innovative sculptural experience of soar-

It has been 50 years since David Barr began work on the Four Corners Project, a conceptual work of art that links four corners of the

earth. His sculptures span the Bering Straits, comment on national boundaries and commemorate industry and labor. Here in the Art Park David realized a dream to create a place that "harmoniously integrates nature, education, art and history" and strives to fulfill his desire for a new democratic conception of art as a "legacy to future citizens, not an asset in some billionaire's vault." Here too is where he found his "deepest sense of peaceful fulfillment... I love to integrate an intimate creation into a natural setting. This somehow connects me to this transito-



Michigan Legacy Art Park is a place where we can all share with David Barr "The surprise submerged in the idea".

David Barr, who brought his expansive artistic vision to Michigan and the world, died peacefully August 28, 2015 at the age of 75.

Ken Stevens is Profoessor Emeritus at Eastern Michigan University. He is a former MLAP board president, long-time friend, and volunteer at the Art Park.







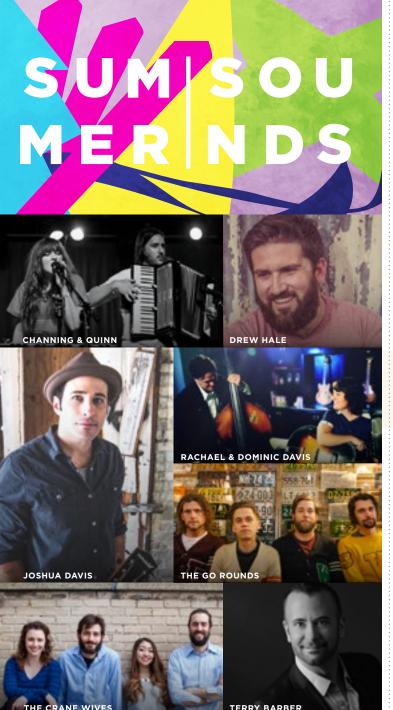




In 2013 David Barr and Beth Dwaihy Barr were honored with the Legacy Award for their strong commitment to the arts. David's career as an artist, instructor, author and global thinker crossed borders around the world, bringing people and

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SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES

July 1 - August 13, 7-9 pm

Tickets: \$10 • Kids 12-and-under Free

Unless marked otherwise

Tickets are available online: michlegacyartpark.org/events or call (231) 378-4963.

Bring family and friends for a night of entertainment at an Art Park concert this summer.

For twenty years, concert-goers have enjoyed the fresh air, relaxed atmosphere and great music of Summer Sounds, a perfect way to spend a midsummer evening. This year, thanks to some generous sponsors, we are excited to expand our series to seven weeks!

THE CRANE WIVES

Friday, July 1

Female-fronted harmony-driven folk-rock/pop band has become a big favorite around Michigan.

MEMBERS RECEPTION

All current MLAP members are invited to attend this special reception preceding The Crane Wives concert

Please RSVP by June 25: renee@michlegacyartpark.org or (231) 378-4963

CHANNING & QUINN

Friday, July 8

Ouirky indie folk duo blends theatrics with sincerity.

RACHAEL & DOMINIC DAVIS

Friday, July 15

Michigan couple return from Nashville to captivate with magical voices, songwriting and musicianship

THE GO ROUNDS

Friday, July 22

Genre-blending Kalamazoo band building a big buzz up north this year, thanks to their collaborative spirit and energetic live act.

DREW HALE

Friday, July 29

National champion at the 34th Annual Country Showdown, Drew Hale was named "Best New Act In Country Music."

JOSHUA DAVIS

Friday, August 5

Tickets: \$25, Kids: \$10

Northern Michigan hero returns to the MLAP amphitheater stage to bring his uncanny gift for connecting with audiences across generations through his music.

TERRY BARBER

Saturday, August 13

Tickets: \$15, Kids: \$5

Back by popular demand, internationally-acclaimed countertenor Terry Barber will perform "Around the World in 80 Minutes."



FORE THE FUTURE! GOLF CLASSIC **FUNDRAISER**

Tuesday, June 7 Noon Registration · 1pm Shotgun Start Crystal Mountain, Mountain Ridge Course \$85 per person, sponsorship opportunities available

Register your team online: michlegacyartpark.org/golf or call (231) 378-4963.

The Michigan Legacy Art Park Golf Classic is a team scramble at Crystal Mountain with games, prizes, and a BBQ dinner.

Proceeds from the Golf Classic will benefit hundreds of area students through our *Looking to Learn* education programs. This event promises to not only be a fun day on the links with friends and colleagues, but will help make sure the Art Park continues to inspire well into the future.

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2016 LEGACY GALA

Friday, August 19 · 6pm Crystal Mountain, Crystal Center \$75 per person, sponsorship opportunities available

Sponsor, make your reservation, and view auction items: michlegacyartpark.org/events or call (231) 378-4963.

This signature fundraising event for the park features fabulous auctions, a sparkling wine reception, a locally-sourced dinner and live music. The 2016 Legacy Award will be presented to Gene Jenneman and the Dennos Museum Center in recognition of 25 years of arts inspiration, collaboration, accessibility and leadership in northern

Michigan. Jenneman was hired in 1988 by Northwestern Michigan College to supervise the planning, construction and direction of the Dennos Museum in Traverse City. The museum opened in 1991, and Jenneman continues to serve as its founding Executive Director. While overseeing the building of the Dennos Museum, Jenneman also became a founding board member of Michigan Legacy Art Park.





FAIRIES & FORTS

Saturday, June 18 \$5 Park Admission, Kids Free

This fun family tradition officially kicks off summer at Michigan Legacy Art Park. Local musican Patrick Niemisto is well-known and loved by kids, youth, and adults alike for his engaging, humorous and thoughtful performances. Flex your creative muscles with a craft at Discovery Grove and join the parade to the Fort for the annual flag-raising.

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NEW TROUT

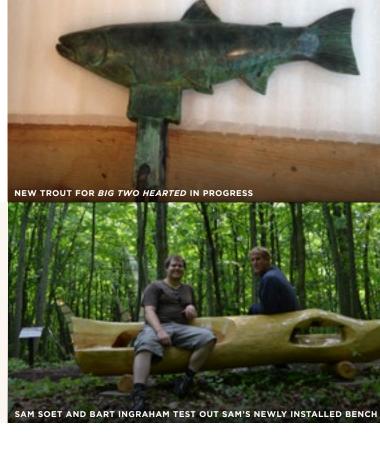
Sculptor, angler, and long-time friend of David Barr, Gary Kulak was commissioned by the Art Park to create a new trout for Barr's installation, Big Two Hearted. With this restoration, visitors can once again fully appreciate the Hemingway tribute.

"As David Barr might say, 'Literature and Art support each other in Big Two Hearted.' While working on the Trout I immersed myself with the being of a trout, allowing that energy to flow through me and into the work." —Gary Kulak

ARTIST BENCHES INSTALLED

As part of the Art Access for All campaign, six new artist designed benches have been installed in the park to provide a place for visitors to rest and take in their surroundings.

Bench Artists Include: Tim Burke of Harper Woods; Bart Ingraham of Suttons Bay; Joe Krajkiewcz of Grandville; Sam Soet of Farwell; Thomas Zaroff of Saint Joseph; Cozette Phillips of Monmouth, IL (by way of Mt. Pleasant).



NEW ENTRY GALLERY EXHIBIT

Visitors to the Art Park are now greeted by new artwork. Seven pieces were selected by a jury from proposals submitted by artists over the winter. The two-year exhibit features five works in the entry gallery and two along the new ADA-compliant trail one of which is an outdoor photography collection by Kaz McCue.

Works included in this exhibit are: Proud Flesh by Andrew Kline, Monument by Cozette Phillips, Lake Cloud Sky by Kathy Rose Pizzo, King Stanley by David Petrakovitz, Sister by Maureen Gray, Hardwoods by Sam Soet, and Freaks of Nature by Kaz McCue.

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

July 14: public open studio at the Parsons Center July 18 and 19: artists will be working in the Art Park July 19: public presentation at the Art Park

Eastern Michigan University professors of art, John DeHoog and Brian Nelson, will be artists in residence this summer. During the course of their residency at the Art Park, they will develop an installation in the art studio at the Parsons Center in nearby Lake Ann, involve EMU students, and engage the public through open studio time. The final installation will include student pieces surrounding their larger artwork along the accessible trail at the Art Park. While the actual form, dimensions, and details will be developed during the residency, the work will be based on the idea of "Sculp-itecture", with architectural and sculptural qualities. The piece will pay respect simultaneously to our state's history of experimental modern architecture and the resourcefulness of life "up north."

PROUD FLESH BY ANDREW KLINE



Dewey Blocksma has recreated Wheels of Progress, which had been damaged beyond repair by a falling tree. Overall, the new kinetic work is lighter, stronger, more colorful, and more responsive to lighter winds-creating an even more amusing discovery for visitors.

Simple machines can capture the natural power of the wind blowing across the Great Lakes. While the weather vane indicates the wind's direction, the windmill harnesses its power for the purposes of human industry. The artist uses both natural and synthetic materials to natural and fabricated worlds. The how people in a consumer society













WHEELS OF PROGRESS IS REALLY A QUESTION ABOUT BALANCING THE WONDERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL AGE AGAINST THE MONOTONY OF REPETITION, OR THE WONDERS OF THE INTERNET AND DIGITAL AGE AGAINST PRIVACY CONCERNS. THE JOB OF THE ARTIST IS TO CELEBRATE BUT ALSO TO QUESTION OUR **UNDERSTANDING OF "PROGRESS."**

—Dewey Blocksma, Artist

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Committees are planning projects, guides are leading tours and field trips, postcards are mailed, trails are maintained and the vision of this park is directed every single day by the hard work of our passionate volunteers. From the cleanup crew to Board of Directors, the priceless passion of Art Park volunteers continues to make inspiration possible at Michigan Legacy Art Park.

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Interested in becoming a volunteer? From event staff, maintenence assistance, planning committees, and education support, there are plenty of unique opportunities to use your skills to inspire others through the park.

Visit michlegacyartpark.org/volunteer or call (231) 378-4963.



FOOTBALL PLAYERS GIVE BACK

Coach Jason Katt brought his Benzie Central varsity and junior varsity football teams to the Art Park for a day of volunteer service on May 14. These hard-working teens dug spillways around the amphitheater for erosion control, removed stick piles, and assisted artist Patricia Innis with spreading new mulch on her environmental installation Serpent Mound.



STEWARDSHIP DAY

Some devoted volunteers came out for the annual Stewardship Day this April and worked hard to clean up trails and get the park looking fabulous for summer.

ADVANCED TREE REMOVAL

Last November, Rob Mummey from Advanced Tree Removal volunteered his services to remove a large beech which had snapped off at 20 feet up and landed on the trail. He also took down a tree with potential to fall and damage John Richardson's Ontonagon sculpture.

NEW TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL

A teacher advisory council has been created to work with education director Patricia Innis. The council is developing field trip themes to provide more engaging Art Park experiences for students and resources to support area teachers.

Interested in serving on the council? Contact: patricia@michlegacyartpark.org

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Michigan Legacy Art Park is now home to a Little Free Library. Special thanks to Amy Schoeny for underwriting this new addition to the park in honor of her parents, George and Barb Carroll. Little Free Library is an organization that promotes literacy around the world with over 32,000 free book exchanges. On your next visit to the Art Park, find a new favorite book!

FRANKFORT STUDENTS "SPECIAL PLACE"

Patricia Innis spent four days this spring working with Frankfort Elberta Elementary School art teacher Kristine Harvey's 2nd grade students. Students created 3-D models of their special place out of recycled materials and things found in nature. Harvey said "These miniature dioramas are powerful messages that show adults what children value."



FAMILY CRAFT DAY

Michigan Legacy Art Park collaborated with the Betsie Valley District Library and Benzie Recycling to bring a winter craft day to the families of Thompsonville. Over two dozen children and adults participated, experiencing the joy of creating art together. Families were given complimentary Art Park admission passes to encourage them to take advantage of this great resource right in their backyard.



LOOKING TO LEARN

Hundreds of students—from pre-school through high school—visited the park this past year for field trips, including four schools making their very first trip to Michigan Legacy Art Park.

Teachers love coming to the art park because their students get to make connections for themselves between the sculpture and subjects they study in school. It broadens their perspective and leads to "a ha" moments. Students love getting outdoors, walking the trails, and discovering art in a new way.

The students create environmental art projects using objects found outdoors, giving them a chance to connect directly with nature, learn to collaborate, and experience for themselves a growing genre in the art world.

Some grants and generous donors have partially underwritten field trip transportation, allowing more children and new schools greater access to the park.







STUDENTS HAVE VIEWED NATURE, ART AND HISTORY THROUGH A WHOLE NEW LENS, GAINING A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR ALL THREE, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, UNDERSTANDING HOW THEY ARE ALL CONNECTED.

Amanda Mobley, Visual Arts Teacher, Kaleva Norman Dickson Schools

A DAY IN THE PARK FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Traverse City organization Arts for All in partnership with TBAISD and TCAPS brought over 80 students with disabilities to the Art Park for guided tours and art projects this spring. "This is something we've been wanting to do for a long time" says MLAP Education Director, Patricia Innis. "Our new accessible trail and working with Arts for All Director, Dayna Ryan, have finally made it possible." Photo Credit: John Bullington



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YOU MAKE THE INSPIRATION POSSIBLE

From sculpture installation and maintenance to concerts and youth education programs, your gifts directly benefit the Art Park's mission-driven activities.

THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE OF THESE DONORS FROM THE PAST YEAR

From May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016 these generous donors supported the park through various opportunities: membership, Golf Classic participation, Legacy Gala sponsorship, yearend appeal, Summer Sounds sponsorship, general donations, education program underwriting, and the Art Access for All campaign.

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TERRY BARBER PERFORMS IN THE RENOVATED AMPHITHEATER ART ACCESS FOR ALL FINAL PHASE

The Art Access for All campaign is expanding opportunities for people of all ages, needs and abilities to create, explore, learn and reflect at Michigan Legacy Art Park, and incredible improvements have already been made thanks to the generosity of campaign contributors.



SANCTUARY

This summer, ground will be broken for a new structure within the Art Park. Sanctuary, designed by David Williams, will be an inviting space for visitors to rest and contemplate their surroundings.

MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED IN THIS CAMPAIGN:

Increased capacity of the organization by hiring an Education Director

Built an ADA compliant arrival area and 1/4-mile trail from the parking lot to the amphitheater

Rebuilt the amphitheater featuring a new deck and outdoor furniture

Expanded and named the Mo and Linda White Discovery Grove—the art education, exploration, and exhibition area for children

Installed Communications Vine, a new sculpture by Eric Troffkin

Commissioned and installed six new artist-designed benches

Purchased a six-passenger all-terrain golf cart to provide tours for people who are unable to hike the hilly terrain

Built a garage to store for the golf cart, outdoor furniture and other important Art Park

ART ACCESS FOR ALL CAMPAIGN DONORS

Join this group of donors with your own contribution toward the final \$130,000 needed to reach the \$500,000 goal. All donations up to \$20,000 made toward the campaign between now and June 30, 2016 will be matched by a generous donor. Now is the time to give!

To Donate: Visit michlegacyartpark.org/artaccess or call (231) 378-4963.

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30-YEAR LEASE RENEWAL AT CRYSTAL

For the past twenty years, Crystal Mountain has leased 30-acres for Michigan Legacy Art Park to call home. With a renewed lease at the same generous rate of \$1 per year, the Art Park looks forward to another thirty years at Crystal Mountain.

Pictured from left to right: Renee Hintz, Katharine Eifer-

le, Chris MacInnes, Jim MacInnes.

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