

Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
Executive Director Report for Board of Trustees Meeting
September 2024

Miscellaneous:

- A job posting for a museum assistant/education coordinator was posted on the Michigan Museum Association website and our the Besser Museum website.

Discover Northeast Michigan History Exhibit:

- I have attached the Budget Tracker to this report.
 - Gary Goren, Mike Beaulac, and I have been working on a grant opportunity through the State of Michigan for museums. This could be possible funding or Phase 2 of the history exhibits.
 - Alpena Flyer reader rails bid at \$16,000. See attached.
 - The Donor reception was well attended, and everyone was very pleased with the renovation.
 - John Benson catered. \$2,643.
 - Annette Carlsen: desserts. \$1,200
 - Conor Larkin: music. \$ 200
 - Lasting Expression: center pieces. \$ 210
 - Jimmie Garant: beverages: \$ 509
 - Invitations \$ 928
- TOTAL \$5,690**

The Great Lakes Fisheries Exhibit update.

Work is ongoing on the Great Lakes Fisheries Exhibit. The DNR grant ends in April 2025.

1. We will be asking for an extension for this grant.
2. Good Design designer, John Metcalf, is working with Jim Johnson on details for the new exhibit display.
3. The videos Jim Johnson and GVSU completed for the new exhibit are up on the museum website.

Art:

- **Trelfa Gallery:** Pam O’Neil is having her opening exhibit reception Saturday, January 25. Her work will be on exhibition until April 22nd.
- **Wilson Gallery:** Joe Donna is having his opening exhibit reception on Saturday, February 1st. His work will be on exhibition until July 19.
- **Center Gallery:** Michigan Native American Artists from the Besser Museum collection will be on exhibit until June 30. We would like to exhibit a collection of Japanese artwork but need to look into having it framed. We would also need to use money from the Besser Museum’s endowment fund to frame the artwork.