

Collections Board Report: September 2025

The Besser Museum Collections Committee recommends the museum's Board of Trustees accept the following items into the permanent collection:

1. Large (~50 lb.) Petoskey Stone found on donor's property in the Oscoda area. Donated by Ken Lauben of Oscoda, MI.
2. Collection of Boy Scout items including patches, pins, and shirts from the 1950s that belonged to Robert Smith of Alpena, MI. Donated by Sarah Richardson (Trustee of Robert Smith).
3. Portrait of Clem Mason, friend and employee of Jesse Besser. Donated by Patty Quinn (Clem Mason's daughter).
4. Sculpture created by Joe Donna. Donated by Joe Donna of Alpena, MI.
5. Two plaid wool coats made by Thunder Bay Originals that belonged to the donor's parents who worked for the company in the 1940s. Donated by Nancy Stepanksi of Alpena, MI.
6. Besser Junior High yearbook 1962. Donated by Robert Gagnon of Oakland, MI.

Major Activities	Number
New Accessions	0
Artifacts Cataloged	978
Artifacts Inventoried	0
Inquiries Handled	7
Searches on Public Database	222

Other Major Activities:

1. Continued processing Tim Kent's collection with Isabel and Nicole (measuring, labeling, photographing, and prep for storage)
2. Met with Angela to discuss work on the "Collections" page of the website
3. Created social media posts for Throwback Thursday
4. On vacation from Monday, September 8th thru Friday, September 12th