

The Collections Committee recommends the Besser Museum Board of Trustees to accept the following items into the museum's Permanent Collection:

1. Two traditional dream catchers made with red willow circles, sinew web, glass beads, pheasant feathers, porcupine quills, and cowrie shells. Donated by the Native American artist, Renee Powers.



2. Photo of DNR crew aboard the Chinook Research Vessel (R.V.) Donated by Tuffy Cross of Alpena, Mich.
3. Logbook written by Bill Cross from the Chinook R.V. Donated by Tuffy Cross of Alpena, Mich.
4. Photo of Fred Dorr, owner of a boat repair shop on the North side of the Thunder Bay River in Alpena. Donated by Tuffy Cross of Alpena, Mich.
5. Framed landscape painting by an Alpena artist, Martha Little, painted in circa 1885. Donated by Barbara and Gary Spragg of Alpena, Mich.



6. Photo of Long Lake Road One-Room Schoolhouse. Donated by Lee Szczesniak of Alpena, Mich.



7. Decorative Christmas plate purchased from Gately's Department Store in Alpena. Donated by Dennis Bodem of Alpena, Mich.



Major Activities	Number
New Accessions	11
Artifacts Cataloged	808
Artifacts Inventoried	448
Inquiries Handled	11
Searches on Public Database	1,257

Other Activities:

- Publicly launched our new online database on social media and during an interview on WBKB Talk of the Town
 - Top 5 searches include: ‘School’, ‘Long Lake’, ‘Basket’, ‘Second Avenue’, and ‘Native American’
- Hosted a group of field trip students in the new Discover Northeast Michigan History Exhibit
- Worked with volunteers to declutter the two art storage rooms and find a better solution to house past exhibit material formally stored with the art
 - Doris Puls will be donating boxes to help with this project
- Met with Jim Johnson to go through photos for the Great Lakes Fisheries exhibit
- Celebrated Matt W. last day and wrote him a letter of recommendation
- Met with Dinosaur Gardens to plan for an upcoming exhibit this summer celebrating their 90th Anniversary