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The Beaver Island Birding Trail. The Charlevoix County Community Foundation has recently provided major funding for the creation of The Beaver Island Birding Trail in Charlevoix County, a project initiated by the Beaver Island Association and its project partners, to provide significant benefit to the Beaver Island economy, while serving to protect our natural resources by providing sustainable recreational use.

The Beaver Island Birding Trail identifies a comprehensive listing of habitats and birds likely to be seen at thirty-five public birding sites on Beaver Island. The Birding Trail project includes printed maps of the birding trail for island visitors, noting quality bird sighting locations, listing best birding practices, and providing "eBird" tracking information (eBird is an online database, developed by the Cornell University School of Ornithology, of bird observations providing researchers and amateurs with real time data on bird distribution and quantity). Interpretive signage will be posted at select locations and a companion Beaver Island Birding Trail website is under development to provide extensive information about each location and the birds to be found in that habitat.

The website www.beaverislandbirdingtrail.org is up and running and it is fantastic! Thanks Pam and Beth!
Please visit it. In addition, a birding tri-fold checklist based on the Michigan Birding Atlas will be provided to birders. The Beaver Island Community Center, which is open 7 days a week, will act as the trail head site. A trail dedication will take place on Beaver Island, May 24-25,

2014 with regional and state officials along with national birding experts leading field trips.

In addition to the support of the **Charlevoix County Community Foundation**, the following organizations have provided support for the project.

- **Saving Birds Thru Habitat**--assistance with all areas of development of BIBT
- **Beaver Island Community School**
- **Beaver Island Preservation Association/Community Center**--Trail Headquarters location
- **Beaver Island Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee**
- **Little Traverse Conservancy**--birding sites and public education
- **Michigan Audubon Society**--eBird coordination with Cornell and a generous financial contribution
- **Michigan Department of Natural Resources**—interpretive signage at birding sites
- **Sleeping Bear Birding Trail**--technical assistance and website development
- **Central Michigan University**--birding sites, vans, and faculty professional assistance
- **Charlevoix County Commissioners**--GIS map assistance and resolution endorsing BIBT
- **Charlevoix County Conservation District**--habitat education and maintenance
- **Conservation Resource Alliance**--assistance with bird/land stewardship practices
- **The Nature Conservancy**--natural resource assistance.

Corporate Sponsors include the Beaver Island Boat Company, Island Airways, the Beaver Island Lodge, the Shamrock, and the Harbor Market.

Economics of Bird Watching Tourism. Bird watching is a rewarding activity for many Americans. It is also an economic driver in those areas where birds occur in significant numbers. According to a 2006 US Fish and Wildlife Service National Survey:

- 20 million US residents traveled away from home to view birds.
- 71 million Americans spent nearly \$45 billion observing, feeding, or watching wildlife in 2006.

An Ohio study revealed that bird watching at six Ohio Natural areas along Lake Erie generated more than \$26 million in 2011, created 283 jobs and contributed nearly \$2 million in local taxes. Supporting this was a strategic partnership between communities and industries to promote bird watching.

Michigan could benefit from additional efforts to market birding. It is home to the 7th most sought after bird, the Kirtland's Warbler. Despite the popularity of the warbler, Michigan attracts fewer birders than all but four other states.

Many states with birding trails and festivals, track the number and source of birders. The Sleeping Bear Birding Trail, launched last spring, shows the value of such an effort. Michigan eBird checklist reports for the four-county Grand Traverse area encompassed by the Sleeping Bear Birding Trail increased 62% from Jan. - Aug 2012 to Jan - Aug 2013. There were 5,106 checklists submitted to eBird for the first eight months of 2013 - and approximately 700 people visited

the physical home for the trail in Glen Arbor from the time it opened in June through August. Texas began to capitalize on the economics of birding 20 years ago with the launch of its first trail. That was quickly followed by the birth of the Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival. Since then, the state has completed trails for every region. Current estimates are that birding along the trails, and festival attendees bring \$300 million dollars into the state every year.

The new trail for Beaver Island will provide data on birding visitors with counts taken at the Visitors Center. Firmer numbers can be drawn from eBird/BirdTrax entries. Bird watching on Beaver Island will be of interest to birders from spring migration in May through fall migration in September and October. The influx of birders will provide the Beaver Island economy with a significant revenues from several hundred new annual visitors.

When planning the weekend for the BIBT kickoff event, several hotel, motel, and the Shanoule proprietors were contacted to make reservations. Although this weekend is busy with opening cottages, the hotels and motels typically have many empty rooms. Teresa Laurain said that "without an event over Memorial week-end, their rooms would be empty." Several hundred birders, spending an average of over \$500 each for accommodations, travel, and food, would give the Beaver Island economy a big boost.

Kay Charter & Jim Jones

February 2014 Archipelago Environmental Planning Session (A Call to Action for Natural Resources Management).

On February 19, 2014 a group of 30 tribal, non-governmental agencies, state and federal agencies convened at the Office of Great Lakes for the purpose of collaborating and planning a portfolio of projects that identify, prioritize and adaptively manage Beaver Island Archipelago's key species and their habitats. The Beaver Island Association partnered with Matt Pressier, Lake Coordinator for Lakes Michigan and Superior of the Office of Great Lakes, to host the event in Lansing. Presentations were made on threatened and endangered species, invasive species, climate change, birding activity and research, status of the Sustain Our Great Lakes grant, fisheries, and how to use the townships' adopted Natural Resources Ecotourism Steering Committee's (NRESC) vision and goals to keep these initiatives focused and coordinated. The meeting participants reviewed the NRESC's Natural Resource Recommendations and vision prior to the meeting. The NRESC's vision statement is:

The Beaver Archipelago's natural resources—habitats and wildlife—will provide a strong foundation for an economically thriving, sustainable community with a unique character and satisfying quality of life. The community will share a reverence for the natural

--Craig Schrottenboer, Bob Anderson, Beth Leuck, Jim Jones, and Pam Grassmick

environment and a commitment to preserve it for future generations.

An example of how a program could be used to address each of the goals found in the NRESC Recommendations was demonstrated in the Beaver Island Birding Trail (BIBT) presentation. The BIBT embraces public education, natural resource appreciation, economic growth, and habitat management, capability for game and non-game specie survey and trends through the use of a new on-line eBird/BirdTrax program embedded in the BIBT web page. Participants offered action steps, their assistance, and in the case of Phragmites control-financial aid. This was the third year the BIA coordinated this diverse meeting and it was a day well spent on highlighting the current activity around the Archipelago and planning for future endeavors with our many partners:

- USFWS / DNR / DEQ
- Tribes – Odawa/Grand Traverse
- Beaver Island Association
- Nature Conservancy
- Little Traverse Conservancy
- Saving Birds through Habitat
- Michigan Natural Features Inventory
- Michigan Sea Grant
- Conservation Resource Alliance
- MDARD

Beaver Island Taxes. (Peter Igoe) The chart below describes the changes in the Taxable Values of Beaver Island properties over the last year and over the last 4 years. The State Equalized Value [SEV] (equal to 50% of the appraised market value) in 2013 on Beaver Island declined 14% from 2012. From 2009, the decline was 21%. However, only a fraction (2-

3%) of the decline translated into declines in Taxable Values (and therefore property taxes). This is because Taxable Value increases in years prior to 2009 were capped at a maximum equal to the increase in the CPI or 5%, whichever was less. Taxable Values may never exceed SEV, so only in the case where the SEV declines below the Taxable value, will taxable assessments decline.

<u>State Equalized Values (\$millions)</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>% Change 2013 versus</u>	
					<u>2009</u>	<u>2012</u>
Peaine Township	123		111	94	(23%)	(15%)
St. James Township	76		71	63	(17%)	(12%)
Sub-total Beaver Island	198		182	157	(21%)	(14%)
All Other Townships	2869		2330	2169	(24%)	(7%)
Total Charlevoix County	3067		2513	2326	(24%)	(7%)

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					<u>2009</u>	<u>2012</u>
Peaine Township	72		72	69	(3%)	(3%)
St. James Township	47		48	47	(1%)	(3%)
Sub-total Beaver Island	119		120	116	(2%)	(3%)
All Other Townships	2023		1899	1855	(8%)	(2%)
Total Charlevoix County	2142		2019	1971	(8%)	(2%)

Source: Charlevoix County Equalization Dept.

The question of accumulated reserve funds. According to the Charlevoix County website on government operations, the various taxing authorities on Beaver Island have accumulated significant surpluses over the years. The table below summarizes the information available as of April 1, 2014, a total of **over \$1.25 million**. The BIA has written the township supervisors on behalf of our membership asking to understand the logic of such large unspent tax balances; and more importantly,

asking that any spending of these accrued funds be for necessary and high priority purposes.

Beaver Island Community School -\$600,000+
 Airport Fund - \$170,519
 Waste Management Fund - \$316,943
 Peaine Township Road Fund - \$118,654
 Peaine Township General Fund - \$363,592
 St. James Township and other taxing authorities - ??

Phragmites Eradication Plans For 2014 (Cindy Ricksgers). I took the job of Phragmites Administrator at the beginning of August last year. Much of the work was already done: money had been raised; a team had been hired to apply the herbicide; permits had been requested and granted; the gathering of volunteers was well underway. An extensive survey, donated by The Nature Conservancy, gave us the clearest picture to date of where invasive Phragmites was growing. Treatment was scheduled for the beginning of September. Despite complications with the weather - invasive Phragmites was treated successfully on Beaver, High and Garden islands. The herbicide application was administered to plants along the shoreline, and on inland sites that had been noted on the survey.

One family on the north end of the island has been grooming their beach, cutting down the Phragmites plants to preserve their view. It cannot be treated with the herbicide when it is at ground level, yet the plants continue to send out rhizomes and runners. My goal this year is to convince the family to let the Phragmites grow for six to eight weeks prior to our treatment dates, so that it can be treated with the herbicide. Hog Island should be included in this year's treatment plan. Unfortunately, due to lack of funding, none of the outer islands will be treated this year.

One large area behind Green's Lake bog that had appeared, in the spring, to be the invasive plant was scheduled for treatment. That entire stand turned out to be native Phragmites, with the distinctive bronze stalks that show in the autumn.

With regard to funding, letters went to property owners impacted by invasive Phragmites, resulting in \$8,000 raised. Eric Ellis, of the Conservation Resource Alliance, included Beaver Island in a Sustain Our Great Lakes grant. We will receive \$14,500 for Phragmites treatment on Beaver Island, as well as assistance in obtaining permits and documentation.

A stand of invasive Phragmites growing inland on private property at the south end of Beaver Island was pointed out to the team. Another tip led me to the Donegal Bay area, where a stand of mature invasive Phragmites (some stalks over ten feet tall!) is growing in a low area less than a mile from the beach. Both of these areas will be treated this year.

I have spent this fall and winter to learn more about invasive Phragmites. Sustain Our Great Lakes has offered several informative Webinars. Pam Grassmick has been a wonderful source of information. Her notebook was located, so I've been reviewing notes from previous years. I was privileged to be able to attend the Archipelago Meeting in Lansing mid-February, where every speaker added to my awareness of and respect for our island's natural resources. I am confident that we have the tools and support for another successful year.

Wildlife Club Update. (Jeff Powers) The Beaver Island Wildlife Club has been actively working to preserve the fish and wildlife of the Beaver Island Archipelago for more than 70 years. Our overarching goal is to improve the fisheries and wildlife of Beaver Island and improve the experience of those engaging in wildlife and fishery related activities.

Projects involve working in partnership with the DNRE to encourage private landowners to create food plots for both deer and turkey, and utilizing deer driving surveys and deer harvest checks to aid in the management of our deer herd. Through these efforts and with the MDNR, in 2011 we established an ongoing antler point restriction of 3 points on one side. We also hold the annual Hunter's Dinner (proceeds go to the Harold Lounsberry Scholarship Fund) and Rifle raffle.

With regard to fishing, the club created an excellent Walleye fishery in Lake Geneserath through a stocking program that has been in place for years. It includes a rearing pond in which walleye fry are raised to fingerling stage before releasing them in Lake Geneserath and Fox

Good Outlook on Road Commission Initiatives (Bob Anderson) Great news for three different initiatives involving our island roads.

1. Repaving the 4.04 miles of The King's Highway from Barney's Lake Road to Tom McCauley's Road. The Road Commission Steering Committee met on February 12 to set priorities for 2014 and The King's Highway project is included for this summer. Bid packages are being prepared as this article is being written for work to commence in late spring. The plan is to apply a leveling wedge or basecoat to the existing roadway to provide a true surface 24 feet wide and then overlay a 2" cap or topcoat. The total new asphalt thickness could vary from about 3-1/2" at current high spots to 6" along the new road edge where there is currently no asphalt. A special thanks goes out to County Commissioner Richie Gillespie and Peaine Township Trustee Pete Lodico for their persistent advocating on our behalf for this project. The Road Commission would like to coordinate its timing to share logistic costs with other paving projects so if any Beaver Island Association members have been thinking about a paving project (driveway, parking area, tennis court, etc.), please contact one of the Board members and we will make sure it is included in the list compiled by the townships.

Career Day At BICS (Taffy Raphael). The third annual BICS Career Day will be held May 27, 2014, during the afternoon with specific times to be announced. The 2014

Beach Clean-up Program – 2014. (Ken McDonald) Beaver Island's beaches are its most treasured natural resource. Please help keep the beaches clean and have fun at the same time by joining the BIA sponsored Beach Cleanup for 2014. The date is **Saturday,**

Lake. Last spring, the Wildlife Club used its renovated rearing pond to rear young fry. This year we placed 50,000 fry and took out more than 10% for planting into Lake Geneserath, a very successful percentage.

Wild turkeys, reintroduced through the Wildlife Club's efforts, have a viable population which is monitored and maintained by club members through a winter feeding program. The club plans to encourage more turkey hunting (the island was the only northern Michigan location to hunt turkey last fall) as we have a great population with little hunting pressure.

Recent cooperative efforts with the USDA Wildlife Division have resulted in a reduction of Double Crested Cormorants and have aided the resurgence of small mouth bass populations. Continuing efforts include oiling eggs, shooting, and letter writing campaigns.

Plans for 2014 are to work on habitat improvement for small game such as snowshoe hare, and game birds including pheasant and grouse. Some of this improvement would include opening up some of the state land that is heavily forested with old growth.

2. Securing of a full-time road grader on Beaver Island. The Road Commission intends to pursue assigning the use of the Road Commission's Volvo grader to Beaver Island when its lease expires this summer. The grader would normally be turned back for credit for a new replacement machine, so this involves a lease buy-off of approximately \$80-90,000 that will have to be funded within the County, Road Commission, and/or Townships. Full-time availability of a grader will be a major improvement to establish and maintain properly crowned gravel roads. The Road Commission staff wants to be able to store this piece of equipment indoors, so its availability on the island is somewhat tied to the next initiative.

3. Replacement of the County Road Commission Garage. The County Commissioners approved \$1.5 million to provide a multi-use facility to properly house the three county-level functions of the sheriff's office, transit operation, and road commission vehicle and maintenance facility. As this article is being written, the County Commissioners had not yet finalized a site because of differences in appraised value and asking price of two different land parcels under consideration. Hopefully this will get resolved and we will see this project proceed this summer.

career pathways focus will be on Health Sciences & Engineering and Manufacturing & Industrial Technology. The event is being coordinated by Riley Justis, Principal and Superintendent, and Beth Crosswhite, counselor.

September 6. Meet at the Community Center at 9am to get your bags, gloves, data sheets and a beach assignment. Then, after you have cleaned your stretch of beach, return to the Community Center at noon for a free hotdog lunch. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in this year's Beach Cleanup -- and ask your friends and neighbors to join you.

A New Museum of Island Life is being planned by the Beaver Island Historical Society (BIHS) as an addition to the existing Print Shop Museum. The New Museum will tell the history of life on a remote island using exhibits designed by professional museum planners using the expertise of our local historians. The addition to the Museum will feature a redesign and rehab of the Print Shop and a 3,700 sq. ft. addition. The finished product will add substantially to island tourism.

The existing Mormon print shop space will feature a genealogy lab where patrons can access the 20,000 names currently in the museum data base, an oral history lab where individual histories can be taken and the 270 existing histories can be accessed, an expanded book store and historical item gift shop, and a small theater where the natural and cultural history of the Island can be featured on videos.

The central point of the new design will be the Natural Resources exhibit. Original settlers came because of the abundant fishing and logging. Many newer residents came because of the natural beauty and unique way of life. The Natural History exhibit will feature the formation of the Island as it emerged from the Ice Age, the flora and fauna, and the endangered and invasive species, inviting the visitor to explore more of the Island. The other four key exhibits in the new first floor exhibit hall are:

1. The early travelers and settlers on the Island: the ancient ones (the mound builders), the Odawa and Chippewa Indians, the Voyageurs and Jesuit priests, and the early European settlers who opened trading posts on the Island.
2. The Mormons and the Story of King James Strang and his Kingdom: The successes of the Mormon settlement and the events leading to their leader's assassination and their expulsion.

3. The Irish and other Europeans: Their roots and an exploration of their lives on the Island prior to the 1930s.
4. Modern Life on the Island: Those things that changed life on the Island: electricity, the ferry, the first regular airplane service. What folks do here in the winter?

This concept plan has been developed by a planning committee over a period of two years, beginning with Island forums led by a professional from Northern Michigan University, the retention of a museum design firm to guide the committee through the process, and finally the adoption and publication of a design concept plan. The BIHS received a grant from the Charlevoix Community Foundation to help with the planning.

The total cost estimate for the entire project is \$1.3 million. The next steps are: (1) a capital campaign and (2) developing five committees to assist the museum exhibit designers in preparation for the creation of the five major exhibits. A key element will be to create interactive features to help our stories come alive for young patrons. An architect will be engaged create plans in keeping with the charm and streetscape of our downtown and complement the Print Shop building.

Historic sites are major destinations for tourists. With a first class year-round museum and building we can attract museum study programs, archeologists, senior tour groups and school field trips in the shoulder seasons. To make this a reality will take your help. We need energy, enthusiasm, donations, and volunteers. Jenny Justis is the BIHS Coordinator of development, Joe Rahn is coordinating grant applications, Charlie Donaldson is chair of the Planning Committee, and Sally Fogg is the BIHS Board Chair of Fund Raising. They can use your help. The BIHS website has more information and the complete plans for the Museum. Check it out at www.beaverislandhistory.org

Sandy Birdsall

BIA Financial Update (Bob Anderson, Treasurer)

<u>Beginning Balance 7-1-13</u>	<u>\$10,748</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
<u>Income</u>		* BI Birding Trail	\$1,786
* Dues	\$2,035	* Environmental Projects	321
* BI Birding Trail contributions	900	* Newsletter	485
* Interest	<u>11</u>	* Other	<u>575</u>
* Total Income	<u>\$2,946</u>	* Total Expenses	<u>\$3,169</u>
		<u>Ending Balance 2-15-14</u>	<u>\$10,525</u>

Beaver Island Community School update

(Riley Justis, Principal and Superintendent, the Beaver Island Community School). Technology has become the focus of innovation in education across the nation. Is technology the answer to the achievement gap in our schools and classrooms?

In past generations, students were asked to seek information, leafing through encyclopedias, books and other resources. However, we are no longer in the information age; we have made the jump to the conceptual age. Information is robust and available instantly to anyone. In the conceptual age, students are the creators of information, resources and knowledge. Social media

has taken the place of traditional information sources and we need to prepare our students to develop, create and deliver information, using technology to do so.

Technology has two aspects in the instruction of BICS students: curricular or instructional. The shift in content source is being implemented in our school. Through an expansion of technology access, students are accessing highly interactive digital text and content learning, replacing textbooks with interactive content and learning accessible in real time. Content in the text can be altered to meet the needs of the student, the class, or the objective. Students interact with the text making it more interesting for them while allowing teacher monitoring of content knowledge and understanding.

This shift, from the traditional instructional environment, allows for and acts to foster increased student engagement, blending effective instruction with effective content delivery. Teachers are able to work with students to develop a greater depth of understanding and are supported through highly reflective and individualized instructional programming.

Effective implementation will take time and training- for teachers, students and the greater BICS community. Blending the instructional environment and teaching with technology will be our focus moving forward. Technology, to truly be an effective instructional resource, must be an

Emerald Isle Repair Status. (Bob Tidmore) The summer of 2013 was a difficult one for the M/V Emerald Isle as it experienced a number of mechanical issues that lead to it being removed from service during the peak tourist season.

During that time island residents and visitors had to rely on the Beaver Islander, which marked its 50th year of service last year, for water-based transport to and from the mainland. The M/V Emerald Isle, owned by the State of Michigan, received a complete over-haul to both of its engines during the winter shutdown of 2012-2013. That overall included replacement of the pistons, main bearings and other internal parts. During a run this summer one engine suffered a catastrophic failure (known as venting) with the crankshaft failing and parts puncturing one side of the engine. The engines were overhauled for a second time and the M/V Emerald Isle returned to service July 18, 2013. Approximately one month later she was pulled from service again due to similar engine issues. This time the engines did not vent, but were in distress. After this occurred MI-CAT once again rebuilt both engines; and the

integral part of the instructional process, focusing on higher order thinking skills.

We have provided Netbooks to all students 7-12 and iPads to all students K-6. This has set the school and learning community on a path toward full integration of technology based learning and integration of blended instructional programming. Technology is the track and instruction is the means by which our students will prepare for meaningful and rewarding roles in the modern world.

M/V Emerald Isle returned to service shortly after Labor Day 2013.

This fall a presentation was made by Caterpillar Inc. and MI-CAT representatives to members of the Beaver Island Transportation Authority Board (BITA), the Authority Executive Director and officers and board members of the Beaver Island Boat Company (BIBCO). The presentation identified the main cause of the failure, summarized below.

In the engine, jets spray oil into the interior of each piston to provide necessary cooling as they move up and down. When the engines were rebuilt, new one-piece pistons replaced the original two-piece pistons; however the cooling jets were not replaced with units that matched the new piston design. According to Caterpillar Inc. and MI-CAT the lack of proper cooling resulted in excessive heat buildup which caused oil coking, increased oxidation and sulfation, breaking down the oil and causing the main bearing to fail and seize the crankshaft.

Subsequently the BITA and BIBCO both expressed concerns over the engines and after negotiations MI-CAT agreed to again overhaul both engines over the 2013-2014-winter shutdown.

An update on the Beaver Island Association website. (Jim Jones) The Beaver Island Association has installed a new website. It is easy to navigate and will give the viewer a better idea of the many projects, events and activities that the BIA did, is doing, and will sponsor. You will notice there are many links to our partners (under the "Links" drop down menu). We invite your suggestions as

to what other website links would be appropriate. The Board would like to know if any members would be interested in advertising their vacation homes for rent on the website. It would just be a one line summary, but would include a contact, phone number and link to your external website or a PDF file where the potential renter would get the details on the rental. Your ad would be a benefit of membership (currently \$20).

Property Insurance Discount Available to BIA Members (Bill Kohls) As a member the Beaver Island Association, Auto-Owners Insurance offers you discounts that range from 5% to 10% on your personal insurance, including auto, homeowners and personal umbrella policies.

The financial strength, stability and safety of Auto-Owners Insurance Group are well documented. The Auto-Owners property and casualty companies are rated A++ (Superior) by A.M. Best Company.

In addition to competitive rates, a complete line of products and prompt, friendly claim service, you may be also eligible for several additional discounts - such as multi-policy discounts - depending upon your individual circumstances.

For more information, contact Bill Kohls, Bingham Insurance Services – 231.448.2150; wkohls@binghaminsurance.net; www.bingham-insurance.com

Baroque on Beaver 2014. (Frank D'Andraia) For some, spring isn't sprung on the say-so of Punxsutawney Phil or a calendar date but on the early announcements appearing in Beaver Island publications about the forthcoming plans for the annual Baroque on Beaver Festival of classical music. The Festival, which runs from **Friday July 25 through Sunday August 3**, is the signature event of the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association. With the exception of the annual July Gala, all festival concerts are free and open to all.

For 2014, Baroque's 13 consecutive season, the festival is planning to offer a unique outdoor music event under the stars. Organizers are working on erecting a temporary band shell to accommodate well over 400 participants (musicians, chorus, and audience) for "A Star Spangled Evening." This evening of "banner and song" is associated with the endeavors of the National Association for Music Education's National Anthem Project and the University of

Michigan's Banner Moments Project. Baroque's "A Star Spangled Evening" is assisting with the launching of a yearlong celebration of our national anthem's 200th anniversary. Other Baroque on Beaver programming plans for 2014 include: "Baroque on Beaver – And All That JAZZ", which will mark the first appearance of a nationally prominent jazz ensemble on the Island; The festival will continue the extended Festival format in which chamber music for principal string, wind and brass ensembles is showcased during the first weekend, while the second weekend will feature larger orchestral and choral repertoire featuring the work of such composers as Bach, Copland, Haydn, Mozart and Vivaldi, to name a few. During the week there will be "Pop-Up" performances by the ever popular Beaver Island Brass Quintet, Emerald Isle Winds and the Beaver Island String Quartet. For up-to-date information about the Festival dates, venues, and programs, please consult the Baroque on Beaver webpages: <http://www.baroqueonbeaver.org/>

Beaver Island Association Annual Meeting (date & time to be determined; at the Beaver Island Community Center)

- Election of Directors for the next year
- Financial Report
- Presentation of the results of the February 2014 Archipelago Planning Meeting
- Summary of the Beaver Island Birding Trail Project
- Solicitation of ideas from the BIA membership for future BIA initiatives.
- Refreshments in the lobby afterwards

Beaver Island Association—Supporting Environmental & Economic Sustainability

If you do not see your name as an active member in the list below, please consider joining to support our efforts and to continue to receive the BIA newsletter. Our membership year runs from July 1 to the following June 30. Please join us by sending a check for \$20 to Bob Anderson, Treasurer, The Beaver Island Association, PO Box 390, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

*******Yes, please renew our Beaver island Association membership for 2014-2015 *******

 Name(s)

 Mailing Address

 email address

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. The Beaver Island Association is an organization of dedicated volunteers who seek to represent the interests of all residents and visitors on Beaver Island. From Phragmites and other invasive species control, to township governance, to support of the Community School, and everything in between, the BIA is working to support environmental and economic sustainability. If you have friends or neighbors who are not members, send the BIA their names and addresses and we will send them a copy of this newsletter.

THE BEAVER ISLAND ASSOCIATION 2013-2014 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Keith Albin	Barbara Fiore	Phyllis Kayne	Phyllis Moore	Sandy Simpson
Christy Albin	Jack Gallagher	Jack Kelly	Charles Morris	Nancy Smith
Bruce Allen	Jim Gavelek	Ruth Kelly	Sandra Morris	Mark Snyder
Bob Anderson	John Gerrish	Donna Kieselbach	Pam Moxham	Valerie Snyder
Alana Anderson	Sandra Gerrish	Bill Kohne	Eric Naranjo	John Starr
Elwood Baker	Jan Gerson	Marta Kohne	Sanomalynn Naranjo	Leigh Starr
Phyliss Baker	Ken Gitersonke	Jacque LaFreniere	Robert Neff	Evan Steger
The Banghart Family	Pat Gitersonke	Mark LaFreniere	Julie Neff	Suzu Steger
Tim Barret	Paul Glendon	Judy Lanier	Harriet Nelson	Hans Stein
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Jack Bauman	Tim Gonyeau	Doris Larson	Paul Niehaus	Steven Steinglass
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