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Calendar

Park Point Community Club
June 18th, 7PM
At Lafayette

Good Dog Club
Wednesdays,
6PM & 7:15 PM
Lower level of
Lafayette

Park Point Rummage Sale
June 12th & 13th

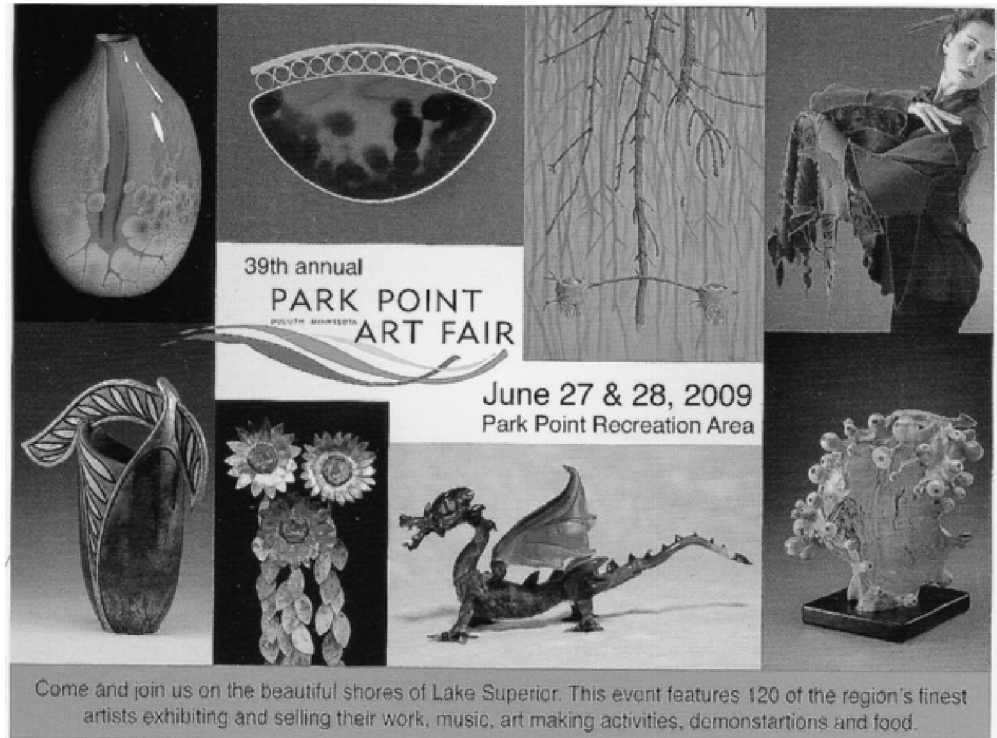
Park Point Art Fair
June 27th & 28th

Park Point 5-Miler
July 17th

The mission of the Breeze is to
serve the community by:

- 1) Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club
- 2) Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects
- 3) Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns
- 4) Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live

Park Point Art Fair #39



The 39th annual Park Point Art Fair returns to the Park Point Recreation Area on June 27 and 28, featuring 120 premiere artists from the Midwest and beyond. Admission and parking is free at this community-organized fair, which showcases fine art and craft, food, live music, puppet theatre, storytelling, children's activities and more—all in a stunning natural setting.

The event features juried artists displaying and selling work in media such as clay, fiber, glass, painting, photography, jewelry, woodwork and sculpture. And while visual art is the showcase, there's more to experience during the fair, where you can stroll a pine-lined path tucked between Lake Superior and the St. Louis Bay:

- The performance area features puppet theatre, storytelling and music on Saturday; and award-winning performer Michael Monroe on Sunday;
- Food vendors selling everything from BBQ and gyros to kettle corn and ice cream;
- A family art making tent invites visitors to delve into the fun;
- Artist demonstrations are slated to offer a closer look at forming hot glass, wood turning and other processes.

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The deadline is July 3rd for the July 2009 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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Park Point Art Fair

“We’re proud to share a tradition of putting people in touch with the arts and this unique place, which has inspired so many throughout the years.” Carla Tamburro, Park Point Art Fair coordinator.

As stated in its press release, “the art fair is presented by the Park Point Community Club, a volunteer organization that uses event proceeds to support a summer youth program, environmental initiatives and other community-rooted efforts.” Here’s a reminder of just what the art fair profits pay for.

Environmental Initiatives: In May, the Park Point Community Club’s Environmental Committee purchased 600 trees, and with the help of about 20 volunteers, planted nearly 700 (yes, they gave us extra) at the S-curve and in the Barrens. This is an annual project to help control erosion in the dunes, and has shown dramatic results.

Also, the Park Point Community Club has long been involved in the effort to protect The Park Point Pine Forest, a unique stand of old growth pines that has been threatened with cutting, as it lies in the flight approach for Sky Harbor Airport. Much effort, and a considerable amount of Club funds, has been expended on this issue. Buried in the minutes of the last meeting is a mention of a “scoping document”, which lays out possible options for dealing with the conflict. While it’s too soon to declare total victory, the “nuclear option”, of simply cutting trees willy-nilly to clear the flight path, has been removed from consideration. The Park Point Community Club certainly hasn’t been alone in this battle, and yes, changes in both the city government and the Airport Authority have definitely helped, but it’s doubtful this would have happened without the involvement of the Club.

Summer Youth Program: The Park Point Community Club has long been a supporter of the city – run Summer Youth Program at Lafayette, last year donating \$2250 toward it’s operation. This year, the city announced that it did not have the money to fund the program, so it would be dropped.

A group of concerned parents met with the long time program lead person, then brought a proposal to the Park Point Community Club.

The Program Lead, along with one Americorps volunteer, and parent volunteers as needed, would run a Youth Program at Lafayette four days a week, Mon. – Thurs., from June 15th to August 14th, 10 am – 4 pm. It would offer such activities as playground play, arts & crafts, swimming and sand toys at the beach, games and special field trips. There would be a \$50 registration fee per family, which includes one child, plus \$10 per extra child. Registration would be capped at 40 children, between the ages of 5 and 12. The program would be open first to children of community club members, second to the children of all Park Point residents, and third to the relatives of Park Point residents. The Club was asked fund the program at an estimated cost of \$4000, minus contributions from parents. After considering this at the May meeting, which included a discussion of liability insurance, the Club voted to fund the program at up to \$5000, to cover insurance costs, and at a special meeting on June 4th, after determining that liability insurance would cost only \$638, once more approved the program on a required second vote. So thanks to the Park Point Community Club, and the Park Point Art Fair, the Lafayette Summer Youth Program will go on again this year.

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If you are looking for a good summer read, try "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Taylor Brown. She has such a healing and wise way with words when it comes to writing about religion, spirituality, the sense of the Divine, church, and theology. Here is a short excerpt from her chapter on *'The Practice of Waking Up to God'*:

"...I went on to learn that there are many different kinds of churches, many different ways to read the Bible, and many different ways that people of faith can engage the world. *This is wonderful news.* I do not have to choose between the Sermon on the Mount and the magnolia trees. God can come to me by a still pool on the big island of Hawaii as well as at the altar of the Washington National Cathedral. The House of God stretches from one corner of the universe to the other. I am not in charge of this House, and never will be. I have no say about who is in and who is out. I am a guest here, charged with serving other guests...." She also writes: "According to the Talmud, every blade of grass has its own angel bending over it whispering, 'Grow, Grow'."

I hope you have time this summer to grow in your own spiritual journey - in whatever way that nourishes you most. It is truly a gift to ourselves and others when we make time to do that. Blessings and Peace to all.

Please support our teens at their Brat Sale during the Park Point Rummage Sale and the Popcorn Stand at the Art Fair. 10% of their proceeds go toward the youth program at Lafayette and Environmental projects for Park Point. The rest goes toward their 2010 Pilgrimage. Thanks!

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See *The Brendan Voyage*, ISBN 0-349-10707-6.

"God of sea and land, You endowed Your servant Brendan with a bold and adventurous spirit to occupy himself for Your Business on the great waters and revealed to him Your wonders in the deep. Make us who recall with thanksgiving his life and ministry, zealous to be pioneers and pilgrims for the faith of Christ, through Christ our Lord. Amen"

Fr. Leon Flaherty, secretary of the board of the Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers, is working on putting together a "Blessing of the Fleet" in the Duluth Harbor. Anyone interested in getting involved, please contact Father at ljflah@superiorcathedral.org

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Park Point Community Club Meeting May 21, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 7 pm, at Lafayette Square Community Center. The President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary were present. 24 community members signed in. The minutes of the April meeting were distributed and approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's report, Chuck Flaig: Balance = \$66,370.51. Large increase in balance due to Art Fair fees coming in. Expenses for the month for Art Fair include juror fees, Breeze printing and janitorial supplies/services at Lafayette.

- Regular meeting suspended for report from Firefighter Chad Rindal. Ten runs for the month- 5 medical, 4 miscellaneous, 1 water emergency. Duluth Fire Dept. received a FEMA grant to distribute and install 1500 smoke detectors for homeowners in Duluth. Call 723-3215 for information.

Youth Committee- Carla Tamburro distributed a parents' collaborative proposal for a Park Point Summer Youth Program. Capt. Tom Mackay moved "that the Park Point Community Club support the parents' proposal and spend up to \$5000.00 on a summer youth program at Lafayette." Discussion points included insurance for the program, staffing, volunteers, grant writing, PPCC's non-profit status to 501 C3, scheduling, community liasons, details of what activities the children would doing at the program, scholarships for kids who can't afford the program. Kathy Bergen from Parks and Rec. offered her support in finding supplies from other facilities. The question was called and the motion was adopted as originally stated. President Poulin called for a Special meeting on June 4, 2009 to get an update on the details of the proposed youth program and take a second vote on the expenditures for the program.

Art Fair Committee- Carla and Jake distributed posters, bookmarks and postcards to be taken out and placed in the community. The new Art Fair logo was revealed. Signup sheets were passed out, please call Diane Gould to sign up for 2 hour blocks working at the Art Fair. Look for ads in the Lake Superior Magazine, Visit Duluth. Ads also on KUMD. Kathy Bergen has been aiding in getting the electrical service updated. Generator is the stand-by plan. When you are on Facebook, become a friend of the Park Point Art Fair, this will help spread the word about our event.

Environmental Committee-Dave Poulin had copies of the scoping document prepared by SHE on CD for members who were interested. Final decision on Sky Harbor Airport should be made next spring. Environmental assessment is underway. Dave will get an estimate from our lawyer to see what it would cost for her to go through the scoping document for further advice on the airport tree cutting issue. 200 white pine trees and sand cherry bushes will be planted on Sat. at Lafayette. Posts at S-curve need to be secured because vehicles are ramming posts instead of going up on the dunes.

Breeze report- Breeze archives are now available on our website.

Hospitality report- Thank you to Alan, Cheryl and Diane for the hot dog social before the meeting. Alan cooked on the new PPCC grill, which will be stored inside.

Rummage Sale report- Sale is on track, get your items ready.

Membership Committee update- Vice-president Liz Mackay reports approx. 250 PPCC members.

Unfinished business- Bylaws need to be dated and loaded onto the website. City Councilor Sharla Gardner responded to the letter from Tom Mackay re. poor street patching after construction. Casino revenues will be used for street repairs and blacktop will be available soon for repairs.

New Business-Coral McDonnell spoke about proposal for a community garden project at Lafayette where old hockey rink is now. Other sites also discussed. Coral will write an article for the Breeze and gather more gardeners to make a more detailed plan.

Kathy Bergen spoke about City's volunteer opportunities, "Pick-A-Day." Check the city's website for info on Pick-A-Day. Fridays -Park Point Beach-Meet at the beach house on the lake side at 10:00 AM

Sweeping the beach for trash and debris that has washed ashore. For more information about the "Pick A Day" volunteer program, please call the City of Duluth Public Information Coordinator at 730-4312. County Commissioner Dennis Fink checked in. Discussion points included the environmental impact statement at Sky Harbor, Governor Pawlenty's budget, property taxes.

Duluth citizens Beth Olson and Daniel Hartman, who will seek city councilor-at-large positions listened to our meeting and introduced themselves.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Dawn Buck, secretary

Special Meeting, June 4, 2009

A special meeting of the Park Point Community Club was held on Thursday, June 4, 2009. It was called to order by President Dave Poulin at 7:12 P.M. Marcia Hales made a motion to approve expenditure of no more than \$5,000.00 community club funds to fund the Summer Youth Program. It was seconded by Pat Olson. The insurance to cover this program will cost \$638.00 and is included in the above budget. Discussion was held, vote was taken and the motion passed. Alan Dartanyan moved to adjourn the meeting and Diane Gould seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Mackay
Substitute Secretary

Calling all Volunteers:

Here is a fun easy way to get involved and get to know your neighbors-while supporting a great tradition on the Point. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the Park Point Art Fair, June 25, 26 & 27 to check in artists, set-up, clean-up, greet visitors, booth sit and help children at the art make and take area.

Not going to be around art fair weekend, don't fret you can still do your share, volunteers will be needed in early June to help distribute posters and bookmarks to area businesses.

Sign up to share as little or as much time as you can spare. (In addition to the good karma, volunteers gain an invite to an exclusive, yet highly inclusive, artist dinner. Plus you can take home a t-shirt!)

Contact Diane Gould, Hospitality Committee Chair (phone number in the Park Point Breeze) or Carla Tamburro, Art Fair Coordinator at 218-428-1916

Posters and bookmarks can be picked up at my house, give a call for the address. If everybody takes three or four and signs up for a few locations we can really get the word out! Work in a public place? Bring one to work.

Proceeds from the event go toward environmental projects and summer youth programs. So parents please don't hesitate to volunteer!!!

Visit the new website, parkpointartfair.org, for a complete list of participating artists in 2009 and our featured 2008 award winners. The site also offers maps, photos and other detailed information about the fair. You can also become a Facebook Friend of the Park Point Art Fair!

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In these tough economic times and with increased interest in eating locally grown organic food, community vegetable gardens are a growing phenomenon around the country. On a recent trip to Canada we saw an amazing community garden on the roof and terraces of a small museum maintained by volunteers. The produce was given to local soup kitchens as well as to the garden tenders.

Recently, a few of us have been discussing the possibility of having such a garden on Park Point. The unused hockey rink at Lafayette came to mind as it has gets lots of sunshine, so we have done some research on its feasibility. Of course, we would need permission to use it and would need to bring in soil and compost as well as to identify some committed people who would like to try their hand at community gardening. The city is willing to remove and recycle the limestone on the ground.

There are lots of possibilities. We could all share one big garden or divide it into individual plots and families could choose what to grow in their own section. Maybe we could start a small fruit tree orchard. We could share the produce among the gardeners, use it at a community picnic, and if we are lucky enough to have abundance, we could even donate some to the food shelf or soup kitchen.

Park Point residents have a history of successful community projects. The flower gardens tended by the Garden Club are some of the most beautiful in the city. People are working to care for the beach and dunes environment, to carefully monitor the airport expansion project, to enhance street safety, and to continue the valuable children's program when the city can no longer afford to fund it. And of course, the famous Park Point Art Fair is the most celebrated art fair in the region. It is clear that Park Pointers are committed to the common good of our community.

So if a community vegetable garden sounds like an interesting idea to you, let us know and we will organize a meeting to see what we can come up with. Maybe a staff from the Duluth Community Program would be willing to join our discussion.

Please call Lyn Clark Pegg at 727-3770 (email carolynpegg@yahoo.com) or Coral McDonnell at 727-6455 (email coraljean@charter.net) to let us know of your interest!

Check out our new website!

Everything is running smoothly with Park Point Community Club's (PPCC) new website, which has been operational for about a month now. I encourage you to visit the website and connect with your community. While you're on the website, you can check out current and archive editions of the Breeze, the upcoming events calendar, and PPCC websites from the past. You can also contribute photos and stories to the website, as well as read other's contributions. From the home page, you can stay updated on changes to the website and use features like searching by tags or by using the searchable text box. If you haven't already, point your favorite web browser to www.parkpointcommunityclub.org and explore for yourself!

Editor's Corner

With the much deserved emphasis on the Park Point Art Fair in this issue, I feel like I've kind of given short shrift to another important event – The Park Point Rummage Sale. Although it was first conceived to prevent sales on Art Fair weekend, that both detracted from the Fair and added to the congestion, it has developed into a major event in its own right. Bargain hunters travel from all over the area to browse through our annual display of the contents of our attics, basements closets and garages. While for most of us it is mostly an opportunity to lighten our loads (and people watch, of course, my favorite sport), in these tough economic times hunting for bargains has become a necessity for many, and raising a few extra dollars a bonus for us all. So whatever the weather – and boy, we've had some nasty ones – I can predict with some certainty that The Crowds Will Come.

So dig out your very best junk – I mean treasures – set up a card table, and display your wares. Come on, it's probably going on as you read this, and the traffic's too backed up for you to go anywhere else anyway. Join in the fun. And if you happen to make a little money – and you don't immediately exchange it for your neighbor's stuff– hold on to it. Come next weekend they'll be a bunch of starving artists down at the end of the Point with things for sale that you won't want to part with next year!

Harbor Dredging 2009

The Duluth Area Office, Detroit District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be administering two dredging projects of the federally authorized navigation channel at the Duluth/Superior Harbor in 2009. The areas to be dredged are Superior Entry, Superior Harbor Basin, Duluth Entry, and Duluth Harbor Basin at Superior, Wisconsin and Duluth, Minnesota.

This year's projects consist of two distinct forms of dredging and disposal. The following is a brief description of each project:

Project 1: This project will be the completion of last year's maintenance dredging, which consists of the dredging of approximately 164,000 cubic yards of materials from within Superior Harbor Basin and Superior Entry by hydraulic methods with placement along Minnesota Point. The placement area begins at a point just west of Superior Entry North Breakwater and extends west along the lakeward side of Minnesota Point for a distance of 3000 feet. Within these limits the dredged materials will be evenly distributed along the length of the placement area parallel to the Lake Superior shoreline. Placement will take place within an area bounded by the +2.0 feet elevation and the most landward 4.0 feet depth contour. The maximum elevation of placed materials will not exceed +2.0 feet above the low water datum (L.W.D.). Drainage will be maintained lakeward across the placed materials at all times. The dredged materials will be placed in such a manner which will not block or interfere with natural drainage into the lake. During placement operations, care will be taken to minimize erosion of existing shoreline sediments. Direct placement of dredged materials will not be permitted within 300 feet on any side of the existing USS Essex Shipwreck. Efforts shall be made during installation and removal of the discharge pipe on Minnesota Point to minimize any impact to Beach Heather. This project is expected to commence 01 June 2009, and continue through the end of July.

Project 2: This project consists of maintenance dredging of approximately 60,000 cubic yards of materials from Duluth Harbor Basin, and East Gate Basin by Mechanical methods with placement at Erie Pier Confined Disposal Facility. This project is expected to commence in late summer/early fall.

If you have any questions you may contact Mr. Edward Parzych at 218-720-5260 extension 35262.

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