

19th Annual Calumet Heritage Conference

Saturday, October 20th, 2018

Celebrating and Restoring the
Calumet's Living Landscape



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October 9, 2018 - Partners in the Calumet region are coming together for the 19th annual Calumet Heritage Conference on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 at Lost Marsh Golf Course in Hammond, Indiana. This year, the conference will focus on “Celebrating and Restoring the Calumet's Living Landscape” and will provide opportunities to connect with other cultural, environmental, and heritage organizations in the Calumet through informative panel discussions and breakout sessions.

The conference is hosted by the [Calumet Heritage Partnership](#) (CHP), a bi-state non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the unique heritage of the Calumet region.

The program has been designed to discuss how to restore and sustain a balance among nature, commerce, and culture in the Calumet region. This year's conference features a keynote address from Brenda Barrett, editor of the [Living Landscape Observer](#), a web site and monthly newsletter providing commentary on land conservation, historic preservation and sustainable communities, and appointee to the US ICOMOS Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes. After the day's program, conference participants will take time to enjoy some of the riches in the Calumet region by getting outside: this year's activity allows participants to experience the unique intersection of history, nature, and industry with a partner paddle in 10-person voyager canoes on Wolf Lake, hosted by [Wilderness Inquiry](#).

Other program highlights include: a panel on the challenges and opportunities of environmental stewardship in the Calumet, presented by the Calumet Stewardship Initiative of CHP; a presentation on collaboration among museums and local history centers in the Calumet, presented by the Calumet Curators Group of CHP; and a panel on preserving and celebrating Calumet cultural heritage.

The conference is produced in partnership with CHP, [Calumet Collaborative](#), a bi-state non-profit organization focused on advancing the Calumet region through sustainable development, and the [Field Museum](#). CHP and Calumet Collaborative have also partnered to create the Calumet Heritage Area, are continuing their collaboration to achieve congressional designation as the Calumet National Heritage Area, and are working with the Field Museum, who will lead the management planning process of the heritage area on behalf of its partners. Management planning for the heritage area will be introduced this year at the conference through an interactive lunch orientation.



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“One of the things that makes the conference special is that it brings citizens, government representatives, advocates for cultural heritage, supporters of the arts, environmentalists, and recreational enthusiasts together in the same room every year to learn about the place we share and then we go outside to experience it first hand and to have fun,” Calumet Heritage Partnership president and Valparaiso University Professor of Geography, Michael Longan says. “This year's conference gives us a taste of what it will mean to have a Calumet National Heritage Area. Putting it together has been a collaborative effort and it will be a celebration of the partnerships and collaborations that the Calumet Heritage Partnership has helped to foster over the last 19 years.”

“This year’s conference is an excellent example of the numerous local historical societies, environmental organizations, arts organizations, planning agencies, companies, and citizens that are working to make the Calumet Heritage Area a reality,” Calumet Collaborative’s Executive Director Sarah Coulter says.

Registration details may be found at calumetheritage.org. Space is limited. To learn more about the conference, the Calumet National Heritage Area, or Calumet Heritage Partnership, visit calumetheritage.org.

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