

Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative

CALUMET NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE NO. 7

Welcome to the seventh issue of the Calumet National Heritage Area Feasibility Study Update.

This newsletter provides updates on the progress of a feasibility study to establish a Calumet National Heritage Area. Additionally, it helps identify ways in which you can participate in the study process, and keep you abreast on related activities in the Calumet region. For further information about the feasibility study and the Calumet Heritage Partnership visit the CHP website.

Feasibility Study Timeline Extended

Next steps towards submission

We are still hard at work on the Calumet National Heritage Area feasibility study! We're making significant progress and expect to submit the study for review by the National Park Service in early November, as well as introduce legislation.

The second round of **Public Meetings** will be held on **August 22 & 23, 2016**. Join us for the final presentation of key components of the feasibility study. **Exact times and locations TBD**.

For more information about the Calumet National Heritage Area Initiative visit <u>Calumet Heritage Partnership's Website</u>.

NEW ONLINE VIDEO: Creating a Calumet National Heritage Area

What is a National Heritage Area? What could it do for the Calumet region?

Watch this 6-minute video and learn more about the ongoing effort led by the <u>Calumet Heritage Partnership</u> and <u>The Field Museum</u> to create a Calumet National Heritage Area. The video is narrated by Mark Bouman, President of Calumet Heritage Partnership and the Chicago Region Program Director at The Field Museum.

Help Us Spread the Word

We are committed to increasing public awareness and participation in the feasibility

study process to create a Calumet National Heritage Area – but we could use a little help from our friends.

We are very excited about this effort. And you should be too! Please consider joining our campaign by helping us with any or all of the following:

- Share this video at your next community meeting
- Invite us to speak at an upcoming event complete online form
- Like us on <u>Facebook</u>
- Follow us on Twitter
- Forward this email to others in your network that might be interested in learning more about the Calumet NHA Initiative



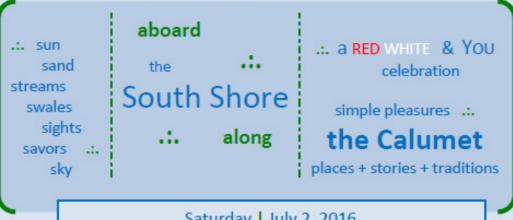
UPCOMING EVENTS

the **2016** CALUMET HERITAGE EVENT SERIES

EVENT TWO | CALUMET RAIL EXCURSION

Our Calumet | Like Nowhere Else The Summer Holiday | Our Heritage

CELEBRATE



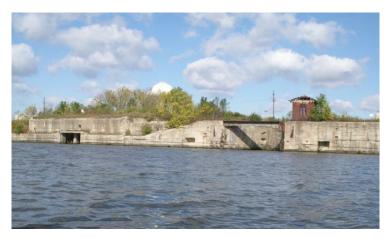
Saturday | July 2, 2016
millennium station chicago TO michigan city indiana
8:30a depart | return 5:30p

EXCURSION DETAILS Get away on a guided daytrip exploring + enjoying the South Shore. Travel with us east aboard the SouthShore Line Railroad + west by luxury motor coach along the dunes and swales of the South Shore.

Arriving Michigan City mid-morning, you'll have time to shop the Uptown Arts District, wander the Farmer's Market, or take in the Holiday Parade. After our private luncheon, we'll journey by coach to the Little Calumet River headwaters, then seek out bogs, beaches and iconic communities, enjoying simple pleasures, re|discovering Calumet places + stories + traditions from Michigan City to Ogden Dunes, East Chicago to Hammond + more. All aboard! South Shore!

Our guide for the day is *The Public Historian*, Cynthia Ogorek — author of *Along the SouthShore & South Bend Rail Line* and *Along the Calumet*. Pack up your summer shoes + sunscreen, this is an excursion in town, in woods, and by the shore.

BUY TICKETS FOR CALUMET RAIL EXCURSION





Join us as we paddle the Calumet! See south Chicago as no one has seen it before!

When: Saturday July 30th, 8:00 A.M.
Where: Launching from Faye's Point, 1522 W. Broadway, Blue Island, IL.
Landing at Sunset Bay Marina, 13701 S. Hoxie Avenue, Chicago, IL.

Details: Approximately a 6.5 mile canoe and kayak paddle on the Calumet River between the confluence of the Calumet River and Cal Sag Channel and the confluence of the Calumet and Grand Calumet Rivers.

**A shuttle will be provided back to the launch site so participants can retrieve their cars.

REGISTER NOW

For more information on this event visit CHP's **Events Page** or **Facebook**.

SAVE THE DATE

17th ANNUAL CALUMET HERITAGE CONFERENCE OCTOBER 22, 2016

Partners Managing the Calumet Heritage Area Regionally
More details forthcoming.
Visit www.calumetheritage.org for updates.

AROUND THE REGION

Sand and Steel: Visions of Our Indiana Lakeshore

Art exhibit showcases important aspects of Indiana's history

South Shore Arts and the Brauer Museum of Art at Valparaiso University
celebrates the Indiana Bicentennial, the National Park Service
Centennial and the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's 50th
anniversary with Sand & Steel: Visions of Our Indiana Shore art exhibit.

June 12 - August 28, 2016
The Center for Visual and Performing Arts
1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana

January 8 - April 23, 2017
Brauer Museum of Art
Valparaiso University Center for the Arts
1709 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso, Indiana

Curated by Brauer Museum Director/Curator Gregg Hertzlieb, Sand & Steel features artwork inspired by the beauty of the Indiana Dunes beginning in the early 20th century, the industry that followed, and the ecological balance struck between the two with the creation of the federally-protected park in 1966.

Selections of artwork featured in *Sand & Steel* include approximately 65 works from the early 20th century to the present culled from the "The Magic Hour" by Frank V. Dudley collections of the Brauer Museum of Art, as well as private and corporate collections along the South Shore. Among the artists included are Frank V. Dudley, Earl H. Reed, Vin and Hazel Hannell, Emil Armin, Wayne Cooper, Joseph Tomanek, Fred Biesel, Konrad Juestel, David Sander, William D. Richardson, Morris Topchevsky, Louis Dimitroff, Frances Strain and Gertrude Harbart. In addition to the work created by these artists, the exhibit will include examples of original paintings and posters created for the "Just Around the Corner" series of South Shore posters.

Sand & Steel has been funded by an Imagine Your Parks grant from the National Endowment for the Arts created in partnership with the National Park Service, as well as lead corporate sponsorship from BMO Harris. The exhibit is endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission.

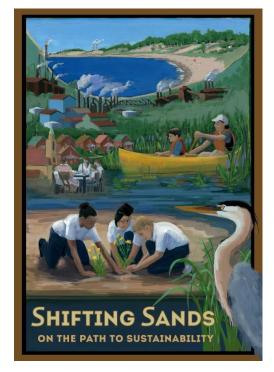
For more information visit the South Shore Arts Website or Facebook Page.



Film screening, panel discussion and collections bring 100 + to The Field Museum.

On May 7, over a 100 people gathered in James Simpson Theater at The Field Museum for a special screening of the film Shifting Sands: On the Path to Sustainability. This much-anticipated documentary tells the compelling story of the creation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore–from its ecological and industrial beginnings, to designation as a national treasure, and toward a model for a sustainable future for the environment, economy, and the communities along the southern shore of Lake Michigan.

The film screening was followed by a panel discussion and bookended by a display of Field Museum collections from the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and the broader, bi-state Calumet region. Objects and specimens from anthropology, botany, geology, and zoology collections areas collected from the 1890s to the present were showcased. The post-film discussion featured the filmmakers and Field Museum mycologist Patrick Leacock, Tiffany Tolbert of Indiana Landmarks and the Calumet Heritage Partnership, and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Superintendent Paul Labovitz. The Field Museum's Chicago Region Program Director and Calumet



Heritage Partnership President Mark Bouman was featured in the film and moderated the discussion. Efforts to create a Calumet National Heritage Area were highlighted during the program, which was also part of the National Park Service centennial celebration.

For a list of upcoming events at The Field Museum click here.

The Calumet Heritage Partnership is a bi-state non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the unique heritage of the Calumet region. The Field Museum is a partner of the Calumet Heritage Partnership. Together, they lead the feasibility study to designate the region as a Calumet National Heritage Area.

Calumet Heritage Partnership



The Marquette Plan supports the bi-state effort of the Calumet Heritage Partnership to establish a Calumet National Heritage Area. The Calumet National Heritage Area Feasibility Study is a priority project of the Millennium Reserve.





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