

Annual meeting, elections, set for October 21

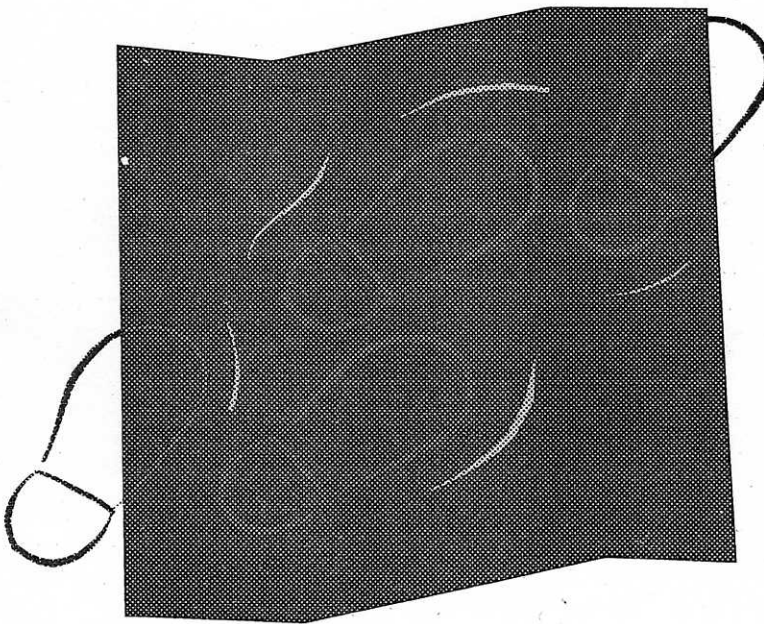
The first annual meeting for members of the Michigan Hemingway Society has been planned to coincide with the Hemingway Weekend, to be held in Petoskey Oct. 20 - 22.

On the agenda: election of board members, ratification of provisional by-laws, and discussion of future projects, plans and goals.

Present board members are all standing for election...and since there is no limit to the number of people who can serve on the board, interested members are encouraged to step forward. Anyone who wishes to serve, has his/her dues paid up, and can attend four meetings a year is welcome aboard!

And here's a bonus -- all you have to do to be sure your dues are paid, is send us \$10 -- or register for and attend the 1995 Hemingway weekend, and we'll pay the ten bucks for you.

As a member, you'll be kept up-to-date on everything we learn about Hemingway and the scholars who study him; you'll have first dibs on materials we obtain for publication; and you'll have the opportunity to meet and spend time with people who share common interests... especially now that planning is underway for Hemingway's centennial birthday celebration in 1999!



WALK THIS WAY....

Attend Hemingway '95 (October 20-22, Petoskey, Michigan) and visit places Hemingway used as settings in his short stories. We'll stand on the site he envisioned for "The End of Something" as Maury Cohen reads this much-debated Nick Adams story. Pre-read it for yourself and decide who really had the upper hand here....ALSO....be there for the MHS's first writing contest winners...and join us on a tour of Windemere, the Hemingway home on Walloon Lake. Info: phone 1-800-456-1917.

Hemingway on Twain

1995 is the centennial year of Mark Twain's visit to Petoskey. It is interesting to recall EH's assessment of Huck Finn in The Green Hills of Africa:

"All modern literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called Huckleberry Finn...it's the best book we've had. All American writing comes from that. There was nothing before. There has been nothing as good since." (1935) -JW

Hemingway's Life and Work Featured at Elderhostel Program in Petoskey

As part of the national Elderhostel program, North Central Michigan College hosted its second Elderhostel during the week of June 26.

The theme of this year's event was "Michigan Authors." MHS secretary Ken Marek conducted classes on Hemingway in Michigan and guided the group on an afternoon bus tour to the sites of many of EH's Michigan stories. A highlight of the tour was a stop at the Horton Bay General Store, where the group was met by

MHS board member Bill Ohle, who lives just down the road in Horton Bay. Bill very graciously invited the group of more than twenty people into his home, where he displayed copies of some of the first magazines to publish Hemingway's work, a painting by Grace Hall Hemingway, and other Hemingway memorabilia. Bill also discussed EH's ties to Horton Bay, including Ernest's relationship with Marjorie Bump, and accompanied the group to the bay landing

for more discussion of the settings of Horton Bay stories.

On Monday and Tuesday evening, NCMC English instructor Tony Dunaske, a reader's theatre contributor at our fall Hemingway weekends, spoke on "Indian Camp," "The Killers," "The Tree-Day Blow" and "The End of Something." The week also included a presentation on Native American culture by author-historian Simon Otto, and a talk on Robert Traver (John Voelker) by NCMC instructor Jim McCullough.

MHS members may recall that treasurer Mike Wilson and vice-president Maury Cohen spoke at last year's Elderhostel, so perhaps we are developing a relationship with this program.

Petoskey continues to draw Hemingway pilgrims

Petoskey is home to the Michigan Hemingway Society for a good reason -- EH spent a great deal of time in the vicinity during his most impressionable years.

People still seek to follow the author's steps, hoping to catch the trail of his muse.

In July, the McKain's visited Stafford's Perry Hotel for an article they're doing in the "Key Noter" at Key West. We invited this delightful couple back in October so you can all meet them.

In August, Little Traverse Civic Theatre presented readings of three EH short stories at an outdoor concert, followed by a walking tour. Thanks to MHS board members Audrey Collins and Mike Wilson for

being good EH ambassadors and helping satisfy the thirst for information about the Nobel Prize-winning author.

EH's trout streams in good shape

A FIELD REPORT: In mid-June, MHS secretary Ken Marek and three friends from Traverse City spent several days camping on the Fox River northwest of Seney. Their objective was not literary research, but relaxation and fishing on the Fox and the upper waters of the Two Hearted. Despite the spring drought and the onset of the June heat wave, the group managed to achieve its objective quite nicely. The Fox yielded a good number of small but scrappy brook trout, and at night the campers were serenaded by the very vocal pack of coyotes roaming the area. It appears that the extensive work on erosion control and restoration of the banks along the Fox is preserving and even enhancing this priceless river. On an outing to fish the Two Hearted, the group was greeted by a sandhill crane that loped down the two-track as if guiding the way to the river. Protected by the remoteness of the area and the demanding terrain, the upper waters of the Two Hearted remain wild and pristine.

President's corner

Preparations are underway for a joint centennial year meeting (1999) of the Oak Park Hemingway Foundation and the Michigan Hemingway Society.

The plan is to hold the celebration over the birthday (July 21) for three days at Oak Park and three days at Petoskey. We are negotiating with the Bluewater Railroad to run a train between the two sites.

We have the cooperation of the National/International Hemingway Foundation, whose members will be solicited to present papers in both locations, and perhaps even aboard the train.

It may seem premature to be working on this now, but I assure you it is not. Every Hemingway organization in the country will be wanting to celebrate -- we just want to convince them to celebrate with us.

We need to form a committee which will suggest ideas and help plan to make this the best conference in the world in 1999. We ask for imaginative, substantial ideas (beyond the presentation of scholarly papers) and for volunteers to help put them in gear.

Please give this a good deal of thought of the next few weeks, then present to the board in writing whatever you would be willing to do to help out.

-Joe Waldmeir

Updike on Hemingway

John Updike visited Michigan State University in June, 1995. At a colloquium, he was asked his opinion of Scott Fitzgerald, William Faulkner and Ernest Hemingway. His response was not recorded, so I will have to paraphrase it.

He said of Fitzgerald that every time he thought of him, he was aware of the terrible wasted life and talent. Of Faulkner, he said he lost patience; he sees him as a wordy writer too influenced by James Joyce. He had highest praise for EH, especially the early stories, which are at once very disciplined and very innovative. Of the three, Hemingway was the only one who was doing something new and creative.

-JW



← The venerable Horton Bay Store reports that interest in Hemingway is alive and well. Since Christmas, 1994, a dozen groups from around the US, Russia, Germany and Japan have autographed the store register, as have numerous singles and couples curious about EH's youthful attachment to the Bay area.

Everyone working in the store is, willy-nilly, an authority of sorts on EH's boy and girl friends, his fishing proclivities, and his short stories -- and is glad to talk about it all.

The store stocks more memorabilia than grocery items. "In fact," says Gloria Wynn, present owners, "customer interest is so intense that Ernest is part of this place. So much so that we were put on the National Register recently. I wouldn't think of selling it unless someone offered me \$198,500."

The store will be part of the trip to teenage EH's favorite Horton Bay spot the afternoon Of Oct 22.

- Bill Ohle

Board members are Maury Cohen, Audrey Collins, Candy Eaton, Brad Leech, Virginia Linnenberg, Ken Marek, Bill Ohle, Jim Sanford, Kendall Stanley, Fred Svoboda, Joe Waldmeir and Mike Wilson.

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Tour of Windemere offered during Hemingway weekend

A late-breaking, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the Hemingway cottage on Walloon Lake is being offered during the October 20-21-22 Michigan Hemingway Society annual weekend.

The tour is being held as a benefit for the Little Traverse Historical Society museum, according to its director, Candy Eaton. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Ernest Mainland, nephew of Ernest Hemingway and owner of "Windemere," selected the tour dates to coincide with the annual MHS Hemingway weekend. This enables those attending the conference to visit the cottage before it is renovated for use as a private family residence once again.

Although the itinerary and attending costs for the 1995 Hemingway weekend were cast in July, planners are working to make the cottage tour an "add-on" to previously scheduled conference activities.

A bus has already been reserved for Saturday's trip to "The Point" at Horton Bay and the Horton Bay General Store. By adjusting the day's schedule, those who wish to add a visit to Windemere can be accommodated. (Those individuals will be responsible for the \$20 tour ticket in addition to the regular conference registration.) Details are still being worked out.

Another change in the conference concerns Paul Smith, who has been hospitalized with cancer. Joe Waldmeir will present Paul's paper: "How Hemingway Learned to Write like Hemingway" as well as his own critically acclaimed parody "Pere et Fils and Papa's Paris". Fred Svoboda will present his a report on the exclusive "EH in Cuba" study opportunity. For a brochure and registration information, please phone **1-800-456-1917**.

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