



# **MICHIGAN IRON INDUSTRY MUSEUM**

## ***Future Historians Schedule***

### **2025-2026**

***\*NOTE: All meetings 7:00 p.m. at the Michigan Iron Industry Museum, 73 Forge Rd., Negaunee Township unless noted.***

#### ***September 23, 2025 “Experiencing the Farm at Jo-Kay Corral in Negaunee, Michigan”***

***– Note: This meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at 119 Snowfield Rd., Negaunee, MI***  
***Presenter: Jo-Kay Corral, Farm Owner, Negaunee***

Come and experience life on a working animal farm in Negaunee! At this meeting we will rotate through farm stations to learn about each animal, their care, and how important agriculture is to our society. We will meet each animal up close and personal and go on a hayride! Animals will include horses, sheep, goats, chickens, pigs, and more. Please wear closed-toed shoes and plan on having a great experience on the farm! Rain-out date is September 30.

#### ***October 21, 2025 “U.P. Bats in the Mines: Michigan Bats”***

***Presenter: Mr. John Depue, Wildlife Biologist, Michigan Department of Natural Resources***

Did you know that abandoned mine sites offer ideal bat habitat? The U.P. is home to a large bat population and during this meeting DNR Wildlife Biologist John Depue will discuss the different species of bats found in Upper Michigan, the critical role abandoned mines play as their unique habitats, the threat of White Nose Syndrome poses to their survival, and what the DNR is doing to conserve bats and how the public can help.

#### ***November 18, 2025 “Three Sons of Ishpeming: Great Men From a Small Upper Peninsula Town”***

***Presenter: Ms. Margaret “Mickey” Brumm, Researcher, Marquette***

Did you know the town of Ishpeming is famous for having some of the nation’s talented people? Ms. Brumm’s program will detail Nobel Prize winning chemist Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Aircraft Designer and Aeronautical Engineer Clarence “Kelly” Johnson, and Michigan Supreme Court Justice and author John Voelker {aka: Robert Traver}. Details of what these men did and why the word "great" applies to all of them will be presented. (Note: Relatives and friends of these men are encouraged to attend).

#### ***January 27, 2026 “Extraordinary Women in Upper Peninsula History”***

***Presenter: Dr. Emily Romero, Professor, Northern Michigan University***

In 2024, the Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center at Northern Michigan University researched and installed an exhibit recognizing 60 influential women from the Upper Peninsula. Many were born and raised in the Upper Peninsula and others came to the region later in life, but they all share great accomplishments in their careers, volunteerism, and community service. Some went on to have careers that have had an impact on the nation and even the world, where others stayed in their hometowns and made them better communities for everyone. At this meeting Dr. Romero will share stories about some of these iconic women and their historic contributions to Michigan and Upper Peninsula history.

#### ***February 17, 2026 “We’ve Always Been Here: The Ancient Caribou Hunters of Silver Lake”***

***Presenter: Mr. Jim Paquette, Historian/Archaeologist, Negaunee***

In 1987-1988 and again from 2002-2008, an archaeological survey took place in Marquette County {near Silver Lake} to discover ancient Native artifacts and history. Mr. Paquette will share his journey taken to prove that there have been people living in the U.P.

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since the end of the Ice Age, including the discovery of spearheads from ancient hunting sites. Come and join us to learn more about his fascinating discoveries and experiences as the leader of the archaeological investigations.

***March 24, 2026 “The Lost Journals and Ledgers – Now Found After 130 Years”***

***Presenter: Mr. Barry James, Historian, Michigan History Center Fort Wilkins Historic State Park***

In August 2011 a visitor to the Michigan Iron Industry Museum walked into the museum with an armful of old general store and mine account books. Upon examination the books dated from the 1860s and 1870s and revealed a treasure trove of information about the remote village of Copper Harbor, Fort Wilkins, and the Clark copper mine. The books were eventually donated to Michigan Tech’s archives. At this meeting we will become “history detectives” and examine these rare books to discover more about mid-1800s life in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

***April 28, 2026 “Old Reliable: The Great Quincy Mine”***

***Presenter: Mr. Tom Wright, Quincy Mine Hoist Association***

Located on a high bluff overlooking Hancock, Michigan is the Quincy copper mine. The Quincy Mining Company, known as "Old Reliable," was a significant player in American mining history, particularly for its copper production. The company's operations began in 1846 and continued until 1945, with the mine being one of the most productive and deepest mines in the United States. Today it serves as a mining museum where visitors can go underground and learn about its history. Mr. Wright will share the site with us.

***Special Summer Program - Living History Day Camps  
At Fort Wilkins Historic State Park, Copper Harbor.  
Summer Role Playing Registration will take place at the  
April meeting!***



Students must attend three (3) training sessions to participate.  
Training will take place in May/June 2026.

**Questions or concerns?**  
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