



THE
**HERITAGE
MUSEUM**
AND CULTURAL CENTER

Honor the Past. Embrace the Future.

2016-17 Museum Accomplishments

- Ratified 2017-19 Strategic Directions to support teamwork toward our key goals
- Hosted *Evidence Found: Explorations in Archaeology* – Exhibition featuring loans from Kalamazoo Valley Museum, WMU, and Niles History Center (March-December 2017)
- Recipient of over \$20,000 in Grants toward Lighthouse Exhibit
- 2017 Building Award from Michigan Historic Preservation Network for restoration of the St. Joseph North Pier Inner & Outer Lights
- Received 2016 Golden Acorn Award for Innovation from Berrien Community Foundation
- Recipient of 2016 Youth Access Grant from the Smithsonian (one of six nationwide)

2018 Current Museum Initiatives

Exhibitions

- Satellite Exhibit on North Pier – Inside the Inner Light & Fog Signal Building (Debuts June 2018)
- *Michigan Lighthouses: An Aerial Perspective* (Traveling Photography Exhibit, 2018)
- *Ladies of the Lights: Michigan Women in the U.S. Lighthouse Service* (Traveling Exhibit, 2018)
- More 2018 Exhibits planned:
Lighthouse Keeper's Photo Album
John Vachon Photographs
- Research/Planning for innovative permanent multimedia exhibition space and museum experience

Programs

- Free Public Program series covering diverse historical topics (April-October)
- Seasonal Walking Tours
 - St. Joe Lighthouse Tours – *Partnership with the City of St. Joseph*
 - St. Joseph Walking Tours – *Partnership with the Krasl Art Center*
 - Benton Harbor History Tours – *Partnership with Morton House Museum*
 - Haunted Tours in St. Joseph – *Partnership with History Center at Courthouse Square*
- Youth & Family Programs
 - School Programs and Tours
 - Youth Ambassadors summer program
 - LEGO Carnivale – *Partnership with St. Joseph Public Library*
- Digital Outreach
 - Museum Blog introduced 2016
 - New Facebook Page “St. Joe Lighthouse Tours” introduced 2017