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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

To: Friends and Family everywhere
From: Cheri and Raven Hill
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Re: Weekly Update

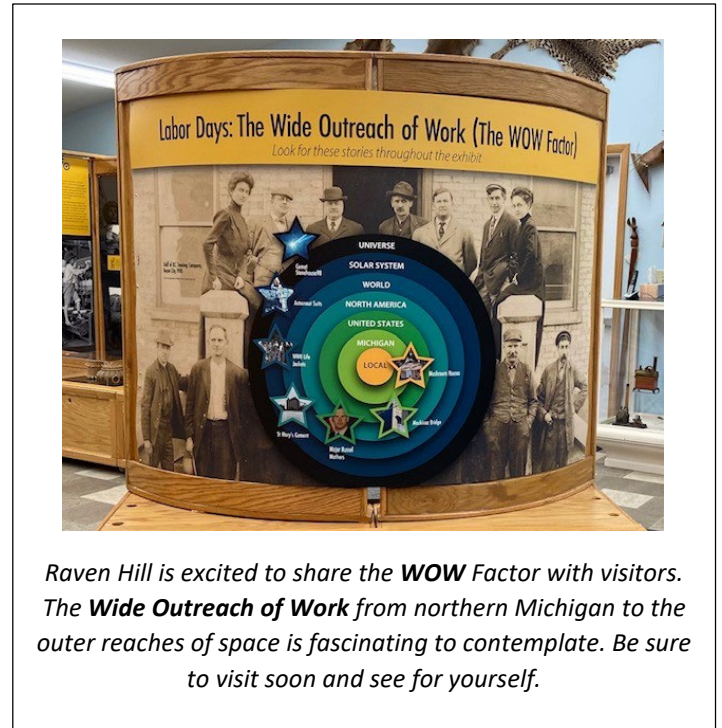
Hello Everyone!

The wait is finally over! **Labor Days—A History of Work** is now open for viewing! Raven Hill Discovery Center has worked tirelessly over the past two years to develop a unique exhibition about local work history. The exhibit is in collaboration with the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS) Traveling Exhibition Service. **Labor Days** reflects the history and culture of work around Lake Charlevoix and the many connections to work in northern Michigan, the nation and around the world.

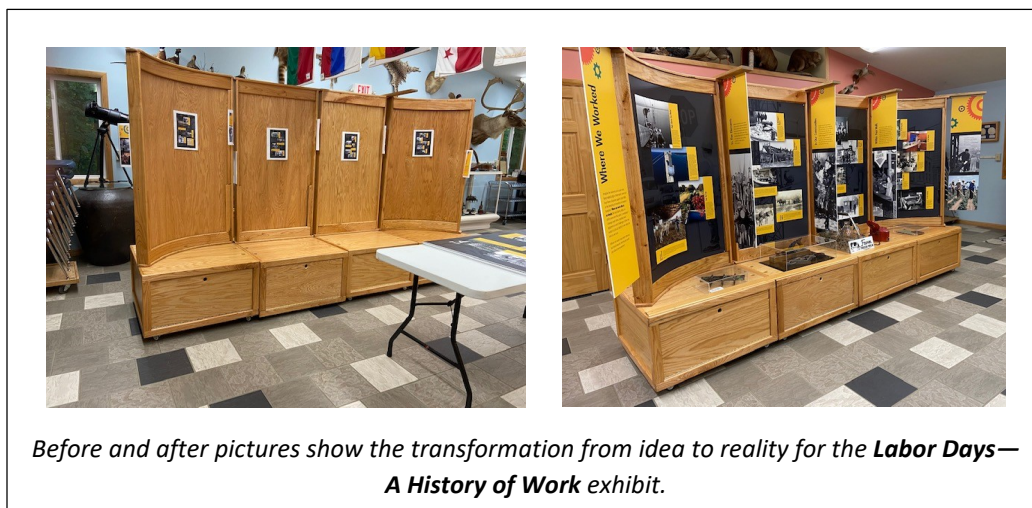
Labor Days—A History of Work is open from 10am to 4pm daily through the end of the September. Groups of ten or more, such as school groups and service organizations, are encouraged to make reservations to view this unique look into northern Michigan's work history. Call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org to set a date and time for your group to visit the **Labor Days** exhibit.

Raven Hill would like to thank the Smithsonian and everyone else, who helped bring this exhibit to life, including generous support from Michigan Humanities, Baiardi Foundation and Petoskey Rotary Club Charities. Programming support was provided by Kecia Freed Design, Ed May III, Sherrel Bergman, Beaver Island Historical Society, Boyne Heritage Center, Charlevoix Historical Society, East Jordan Historical Society, Little Traverse Historical Museum and Otsego County Historical Society. In addition, many northern Michigan

individuals, businesses and other community members provided background information and photos for this exhibit. Thanks also to staff members, Cameron Knight and Haley Kozek, as well as volunteers, Ed Strzelinski and Joel VanRoekel, who were indispensable in the final installation of the exhibit. We thank you all.



*Raven Hill is excited to share the **WOW** Factor with visitors. The **Wide Outreach of Work** from northern Michigan to the outer reaches of space is fascinating to contemplate. Be sure to visit soon and see for yourself.*



*Before and after pictures show the transformation from idea to reality for the **Labor Days—A History of Work** exhibit.*

Northern Monument & Laser Engraving in Central Lake has been involved with Raven Hill since 2012, when artist, Dave Wilson, created the Sphinx in the Ancient World. In addition, he used his talents to fashion the Stone Throne, Twin Towers and Sleeping Bear, which are also located in the Ancient World. The three sculptures are based on miniatures designed by middle school art students as a part of a Raven Hill grant program called **Blurred Boundaries**—illustrating the overlap between history preserved as art. Dave’s newest sculptural addition to the Center’s main campus again blurs the boundaries, this time between science and art. Titled, **Balance**, the sculpture highlights the scientific concept of the “center of gravity” with the weight evenly dispersed, so all is in balance.



Rogers City summer school students visited Raven Hill this week. As usual, the animals were a highlight. Everyone loved watching Sheldon eat an apple. Children also enjoy meeting Checkers, the corn snake and Spike, the bearded dragon.



*Center of gravity allows for free rotation in the wind and creates the focal point for **Balance**, the newest sculpture to be installed at Raven Hill. Normally, having a low center of gravity is desirable. It makes you more stable, when riding a bicycle or skiing. You can check out the new sculpture, when you visit the Schoolhouse.*

Eleanor Roosevelt said, “Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.” Raven Hill lost a good friend and supporter this week. Kay Jeffrey loved new adventures and shared that love with the Center’s staff. Thanks, Kay, for the memories, most especially the iceboat ride!

Because of the new Delta variant and for the sake of the children, we continue ask everyone to mask up while inside. It is your choice to mask outside for your own protection. Please, do your part: get vaccinated, wash your hands thoroughly, wear your mask correctly, socially distance & stay away from large gatherings. We want to see you here often, enjoying our old and new exhibits, both indoors & outside.

Stay safe.

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