

The History of Industry As Told by the Alpena Bi-Path Sculptures

Alpena's Sculptured Walkway/Bikeway (Bi-Path)







History of Inclustry Sculptures

Last year...(2017)



Sculpture put in place



News Photo by Jordan Spence

A new sculpture is installed on the campus of Alpena Community College Friday. The utility tech students helped install the piece. There will be a dedication ceremony for the sculpture at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 13. The dedication for the Duck Park piece will be later that day at 6:15 p.m.



"Departure of the Great Blue Herons"

Iron One Studio - Ann Gildner, Thomas Moran and Mary Zinke

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"History of Industry Sculpture Series" (2018)

Commissioned by Thunder Bay Arts Council, Inc. and Alpena Community College in September 2017, installed June - September 2018, and dedicated September 21, 2018.

This sculpture series is made possible with financial and material resources from the following:

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ACC to have 5 new sculptures

By JORDAN SPENCE News Staff Writer

ALPENA - Five new sculptures will be created and placed on the Alpena Community College

campus next year. There will be

There will be six sculptures total, with five located on campus, ACC instructor Tim Kuehnlein said. He presented the project to the board of trustees during its meeting Wednesday. The board made a unanimous vote to approve a grant application.

"We're going to work on a second set of sculptures. The reason I come to you tonight is that we need a board resolution this evening to authorize submission of a grant request with the Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs. It's only a \$4,000 but it's an important \$4,000. We're going to use that to match that with \$12,000 given by the Besser Foundation and \$7,500 given by the Alpena County Parks and Recreation Commission to make this set of sculptures, six in total, for after fall of next year," he said.

The project is a continuation of the the two sculptures created for the Alpena bi-path in October.

"We've got a good foundation to work on with the two sculptures added to the bi-path this year," he said.

The theme of the sculptures is history of industry he said.

"What we're going to try and do is capture the history of industry in Alpena. It's a very conceptual framework," he said. "What we're working toward is playing on the theme of Stonehenge. The idea of ancient history, the mystery behind it, what it takes for a community to assemble and survive. Furthermore, the ingenuity it required to make Stonehenge a reality. It's something we can play off of especially using stone. It's made our economy in Michigan survive among other things."

He said the large scape stones can make a high impact with height and volume without a huge cost.

There will be five stones by the wishing well near Van Lare Hall. Right next to it is a Native American copper processing site a historic monument, He said they want to integrate the whole site into a sort of rendition of the stones with individual artwork applied to the stone canvas.

"There's a call for artists already. We hope to integrate students and programs of ACC. The first stone will highlight copper processing. The second will highlight fisheries, farming and hunting," he said.

The third stone will highlight lumber and paper. The fourth will showcase concrete technologies and Besser. The fifth would highlight education and health care. The sixth stone will be placed in Washington Park.

He said Carmeuse Lime and Stone has donated the stone for the project. The Thunder Bay Arts Council and Besser also will be part of the project.

The board expressed its support of the project.

"Well done, this is great," Vice Chair Thomas Townsend said.

Jordan Spence can be reached via email at jspence@thealpenanews.com or by phone at 358-5687.

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A true team effort...

Extended gratitude to the following individuals who made this project possible with their time, talents, and labor while representing various organizations and businesses.

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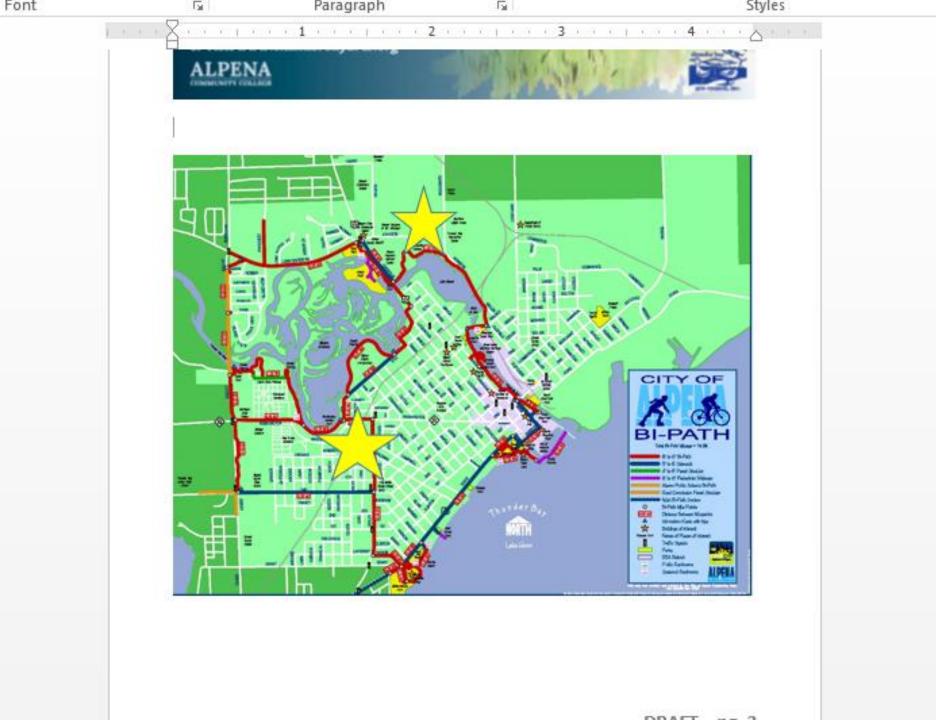
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Thank you to those early visionaries who drew attention to this site's significance and placed the historical markers so long ago, to those who have cared for it through the years, and to Boy Scout Troup 78 for their refurbishment of the site in 2007 (Eagle Scout Project, Stephen F. Sutherland).

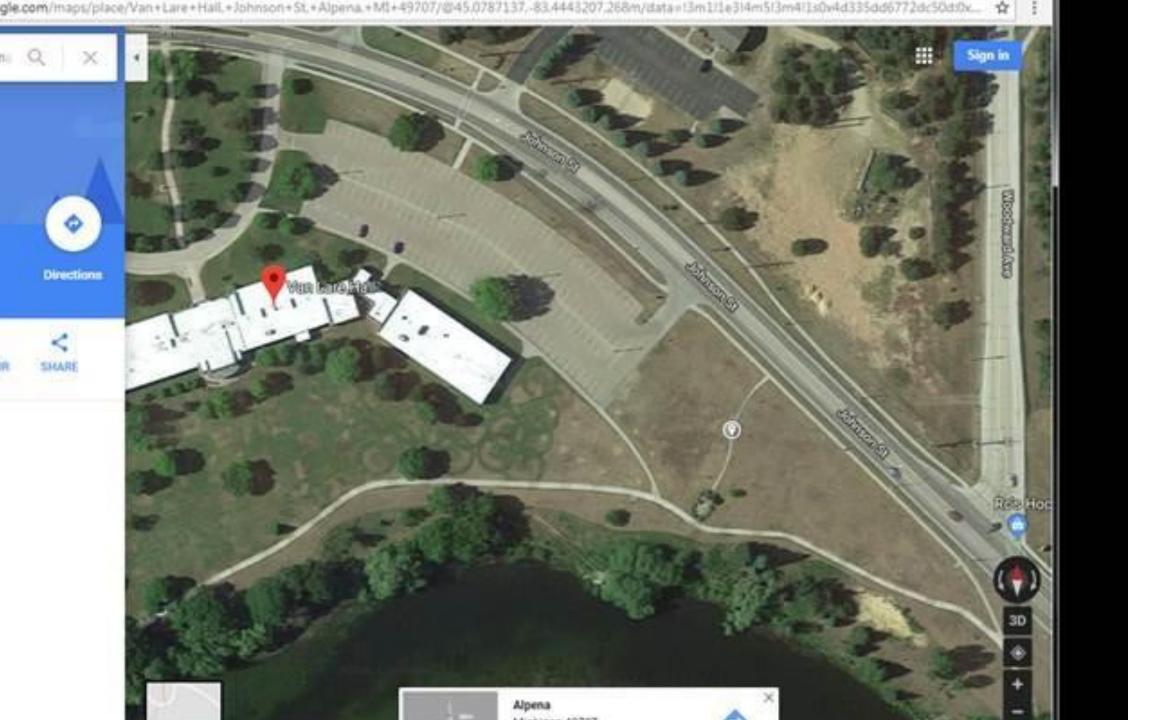


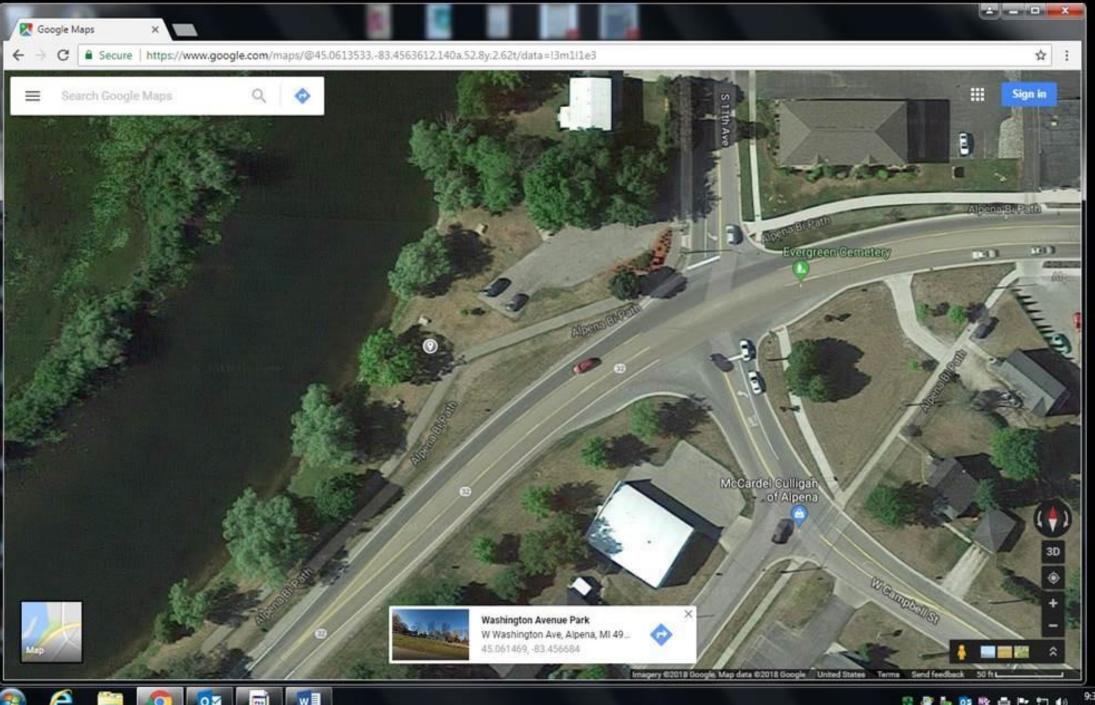


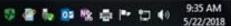


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Unveiling of the listory of Inclustry Sculptures Friday, September 21, 2018 Opening Ceremony ~ 5:30+5:45 p.m. Washington Ave Park at S. 11th Ave.

Ride your bicycle or take a brisk walk along the Alpena Bi-Path between locations from 5:45 and 6:15 p.m.

Parking available at both locations for those driving between sites.

Concluding Ceremony ~ 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Van Lare Hall (east lawn near pavilion)

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The History of Industry As Told by the Alpena Bi-Path Sculptures

Sculpture 1 – Native American Copper Processing Mike Lempinen of Negaunee, Michigan

Bas-relief of Native Americans processing copper; Bronze
Sculpture height 2' – width 3'

Stone height 6' – width 7' – weight approximately 7-8 tons Located on the campus of Alpena Community College

Winter Solstice Sunrise - 131' (Azimuth)

This relief sculpture of two Native Americans titled, Indigenous Copper Workers, captures the industry and ingenuity of native peoples who first lived and worked these lands. Tools, weapons and ornaments were fashioned on this very site thousands of years ago and along the Thunder Bay River with copper transported from numerous copper mines throughout Michigan. Artifacts from the era and this very site are on exhibit at the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan.

Sculpture 2 – Fisheries, Hunting and Farming Ann Gildner of Iron One Studio, Onaway, Michigan

Collage of indigenous fish; Steel, stainless steel, copper, brass Sculpture height 4' – width 3'

Stone height 6.5' – width 6' – weight approximately 7-8 tons Located on the campus of Alpena Community College

Directional South

This diverse school of fish made of various metals represents the importance of fishing, hunting and living off the land through the bounty of nature. Both ancientand modern people have used various natural resources to sustain life with nourishment and for enhancing ways of life with trade, recreation and sport. While farming and hunting are equally pivotal to the sustainability of populations and economy throughout the region over time, the importance of sustaining healthy eco-systems and a pristine Sanctuary of the Great Lakes is best represented by this school of fish (Trout, Bluegill, Perch and Crappie) from the fresh waters of the Thunder Bay River and Lake Huron.

Sculpture 3 - Forestry, Timber, Lumber and Paper Sharon Smithem of Charlevoix, Michigan

Mosak of white pines along the Thunder Bay River; Clay tile Thomas Harmon of Alpen a, Michigan (Frame; Cedar)

Sculpture height 4' – width 3'

Stone height 9.5' – width 4' – weight approximately 7-8 tons Located on the campus of Alpena Community College

Winter Solstice Sunset - 245° (Azimuth)

Timber, lumber, and paper production played a significant role in Alpena's economic development from the mid to late 19th Century and into the present, morphing as required to meet market demands. The forests of Northeast Michigan helped build numerous communities, including Detroit and Chicago, and still provide lucrative raw material and recreational opportunities for locals and tourists alike. These 36 tiles in one mosaic represent the forestry, timber, lumber, and paper industries emerging from the forests of the region and how lumbering, water, transportation, and industry are integrally intertwined in an ever-evolving economy with firm foundation in the woods of Northeast Michigan. The White Pine, the Thunder Bay River, and Lake Huron are iconic images of interrelated economies of past, present, and future.

Sculpture 4 – Concrete Technologies Timothy M. Kuehnlein, Jr. and Jean Stewart

(Alpena Community College and Thunder Bay Arts Council, Inc.)

Kevin Curtis, Brian Siegert, Brandon Ciupka, and Candie Dombroski (Besser Company)

Collage of original Besser Block Machine gears and cams

Sculpture height 5' - width 4'

Stone height 5.5' – width 8' – weight approximately 7-8 tons Located on the campus of Alpena Community College

Directional West

Limestone, cement, and concrete industries have been an aimstay for local economic and educational development since the evolution of the lumber industry in the early 1900s. As the timber resources exhausted, market demand for new technology and economic growth increased. Alpena and all of Northeast Michigan embraced industrial reforms and diversification by virtue of ingenuity and steadfast initiative. The region's presence on the Great Lakes would prove to be a vital component of global trade and transport, ensuring an effective shift towards the cement and concrete markets. Limestone would opportunely prove to be the true "salt of the earth" for future economic development in the region.

Besser Company's rich history in the concrete industry is humbly reflected in the limestone pillars at the center of the entire History of Industry Sculpture Series. The sculptural collection of Besser block machine gears and cams (circa 1929) is representative of the heart and mechanics of closely interrelated technologies and industries that have sustained this community's economy in its most modern manifestations, propelling the region to global relevance.

Lest we forget other economic contributions made by Jesse Besser, the Sculpture Series has been aptly placed on the very spot where the Besser-Churchill Company, asswmill producing wooden shingles and barrelstaves, once stood. A bronze plaque now reclaimed for this installation commemorates Jesse Besser and his contributions to the community and specifically the creation of the original Besser Block Machine.

Sculpture 5 - Healthcare and Education Scott Stevens of Alpena, Michigan (Stevens Custom Fabrication)

Relief of helping hands; Aluminum

Sculpture height 5' – width 4'

Stone height 5.5' - width 8' - weight approximately 7-8 tons

Located on the campus of Alpena Community College

Summer Solstice Sunset -313° (Aztmuth)

This silhouette of helping hands represents the fortitude of communities building support structures that enhance strength, creativity, and productivity to make individuals and communities healthy, wealthy, wise, and sustainable. Healthcare and education are pillars supporting community viability and are a legacy of overall economic and community development. They are undercurrents of timeless necessity for a vibrant society/community and comprise the foundation for modern economic and community prosperity. Alpena and Northeast Michigan have a rich history of providing local access to superior healthcare and education, including higher education, for the province of the provinc

Sculpture 6 – Recreation and Tourism Jacob Idema of Alpena, Michigan

Hand forged historic high-wheel bicycle; Steel and copper

Sculpture height 6' - width 4'

Stone height 7' – width 5' – weight approximately 4 tons

Located at Washington Avenue Park, corner of Washington Avenue and S 11th Avenue

This sculpture represents the importance of recreation and tourism in Alpena and Northeast Michigan. It celebrates the timeless value of such activities for overall economic and community development, health and prosperity, sepecially in a modern economy. Hand forged to represent an historic high-wheel bicycle, this sculpture is life size. The representation of an historic bicycle evokes the original spirit of the Alpena Bi-Path as the "Alpena Sculptured Walloway/Bikeway," a project commemorating our nation's Bicentennial celebration in 1976. The bicycle is placed leaning against a pillar of limestone as if someone had been riding along the "Sculptured" Bi-Path and decided to stop and take a leisurely swim in the Thunder Bay River and the wildlife sanctuary at the heart of the City of Alpena.

Contextual Overview

This sculpture series represents the history of industry in Alpena and the surrounding region of Northeast Michigan. It is dedicated to the people who made livelihoods for themselves, their families and their communities throughout time.

The limestone pillars of this sculpture series represent the natural elements of our environment rising from earth as the foundations of economic and community development. Like Stonehenge and other circle monuments from ancient times, this monument to industry, located on a Bronze Age site along the Thunder Bay River, is oriented to the skies and the wonders of the world. Each stone/sculpture is positioned to align with the summer and winter solstice constellations, reflecting Stonehenge and other circle monuments around the world in all their ingenuity and mystery from one generation of humanity to the next and from the earth to the skies.

Civilizations have been built upon resources and raw materials throughout the millennia, and with beliefs that foster creativity and innovation as individuals and communities. Discovering what it takes to make economies and communities prosper in healthy and sustainable ways is something for each generation to realize for itself.

These reflections of natural resources ornamented with artwork of interconnected themes, locations, and forms represent the circles and cycles of life. They encourage the observer to connect with each installation and their interrelationships with one another, reaching beyond these images for an even greater understanding and appreciation of what they represent, including the universe around us.

The objective of this installation is to connect the arts with industry within the context of nature and history for a fuller understanding of where we come from and who we are relative to one another.

The stones serve as the canvas for artwork symbolizing the historical phases of industry in Alpena and Northeast Michigan throughout the ages which have sustained the communities of Northeast Michigan for generations. They depict economic activity from ancient Native American copper processing, to fisheries, farming and hunting, lumbering, concrete technologies, education, healthcare, and tourism and recreation.

While the core of the sculpture series is located on the Alpena Community College campus, the sixth sculpture, Recreation and Tourism, is at Washington Avenue Park, encouraging circularity of movement throughout the City's Bi-Path. Stroll or bike between sites while contemplating nature, industry, the humanities, the arts, and the sciences that have made our communities thrive throughout time.

The ACC site is significant because it is where Native American copper processing occurred during the Bronze Age as indicated by the nearby historical marker. It is also the site where the original Besser Block Machine was innovated by Jesse Besser at the Besser-Churchill Company, a sawmill producing wooden shingles and barrel staves, which stood once where Van Lare Hall currently stands; the story is a testament to the transitional nature of local economies, industry and ingenuity over time. This location also happens to be the initial leg of the original Alpena Bipath from the college towards downtown and the Alpena harbor.

The Alpena Bi-Path project was originally called the Alpena Sculptured Walkway/Bikeway and later renamed Alpena Bi-Path by local schoolchildren in honor of the Bicentennial celebration for which the path was constructed in 1974-76. The first and only sculpture, "Sculptured Fountain" by Glen Michaels, was installed in 1979 at the Jesse Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan. In commemoration of its 45th Anniversary in 2017, Thunder Bay Arts Council, Inc. commissioned "Departure of the Great Blue Herons" by Ann Gildner at Duck Park. In collaboration with Alpena Community College that same year, "Global Collaboration Awareness" was added to the collection to rejuvenate further the sculpture component of the Bi-Path.

This six-sculpture series is one in an ever-expanding collection of sculptures and art installations along the Alpena Bi-Path seeking to expand upon the Alpena Sculptured Walkway/Bikeway project (Alpena Bi-Path). Look for "Art Vision Alpena" as a special project of Thunder Bay Arts Council, Inc. towards this end for more details. This collection of public sculptures and art installations enhances the aesthetic quality of our community encouraging recreation with art in nature. Enjoy!

A visual of process & progress

The artists & sculptures

LIFESTYLES

Next Alpena Bi-Path sculptures in development

Call goes out to area artists for proposals

By DIANE SPEER News Litestyles Editor

The commitment to create art sculptures along the scenic Alpena Bi-Path continues into 2018.

After the successful dedication of two new pieces last October the Departure of the Great Blue Herons sculpture and the Global Cullaboration Awareness sculpture - plans have been announced for

additional installations. This time, the commissioned art thematically will represent foundational and current industries vital to the development and susininability of

"The next sculpture actually is going to be six components and play on the theme of the history of industry in Alpens and Northeast Michigan," said Tim Kuchnlein of the Thursder Bay Arts Council, The TBAC served as one of the main driving forces behind the original development of the Bi-Path and now the effort to bring more art into public spaces.

Kurhnlein said the committee working on the new project is using the world-resowned Stonebenge as an inspiration to both convey the ingenuity of Early Man and us a structural canvas for art. Plans call for installing sty large scale monolithic limestone columns at two different sites along the Bi-Path and then commissioning artists to create art that reflects the History of Industry theme. Their arrwork will then become a part of the

"In reder for the new sculptures to here large scale volume, we decided to play off Alpena's sait of the earth - limestone - and use large monolishic pillars of timestone as the canyos for smaller scale artwork." Kurhnicio said. "The stones will

These are just a few of the conceptual and inspirational images provided to artists planning to submit ideas for the newest public art scupltures along the Alpena Bi-Path,













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Fise of the six columns will be placed. Native American copper processing site.

be between 8 to 10 feet high. They will to Kurhnlein, that sine is significant to he staggered in heights and 4 to 3 feet early industry because it originally wide and about 2 feet deep to it's going housed the first Bester machine. Not only that, the location also was a significant

along the Bi-Path near Alpena Commu- The sixth column will be located at mity College's Van Lare Hall. According Washington Avenue Park along the Thun overall property

"The idea of separation is to bu the enilptores inter-connected it matically but to have people go the other side of the Bi-Path physically engage in the space Kuchulele sald.

The sculpture committee spec brading the project already has on facted a number of artists abo robining proposals for a comm sion. Other interested artists m contact TBAC at 356-667# for 1 formation and a project prospecti

Kurlinlein said everyone is grad ful that the limestone columns a being donated by Camnesse Lime Sinne and Lafarge Presque Isl Oak City, the contractor for the u coming renovation of Van La Half, also has agreed to transpo and set the columns in place.

"We know the locations for t sculptures, we have the funding It's now a matter of waiting t spring to get the stones in place Kychalein said, "In the meastim we're recruiting artists to give concepts. We want everything to ! impether anothetically."

Besides TRAC, others supporting the project and ACC. Resort Fund dation for Northeast Michigan, at Alpena County Parks and Reco stron Commission, Grant fundis also is being sought from t Michigan Council for the Arts to Cultural Affairs and the Commi ally Foundation for Norther Michigan.

Overall cost of the project is est mated at \$60,000. Unlike to sculptures installed last year, public fundralsing campaign is e

"After the submission of the pre posals, we will use the month March to solidify commissions will the arrives. They will then have h sically through the end of fall to g them done," Kushnicis said. Pla call for having the sculptures a statled and dedicated sometime

Members of the sculpture con mittee include Koeholein, Midge Conno. Jean Stewart, Marsette Dubie, Rug Baumgardner, Jodete Compton as Michelle Miller, ACC's campus beautif cation committee, spearheaded by Nic Brege, also is playing a key rule in the



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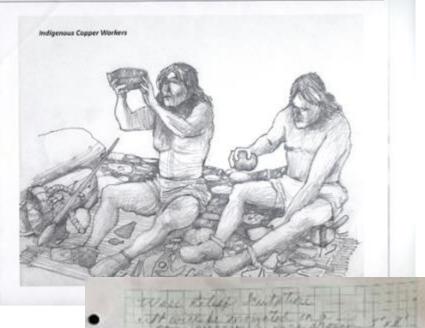
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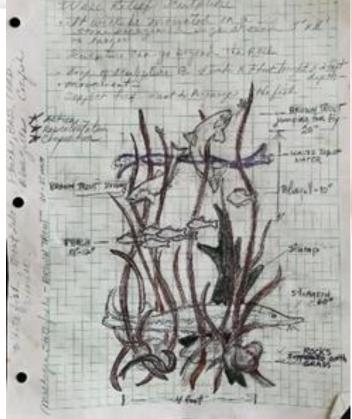
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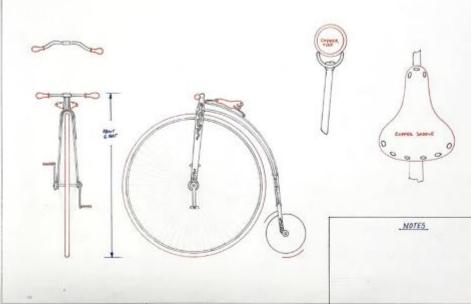
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Strategizing positions of the stones...



Astronomical Constellations: Summer and Winter Solstice Sunrises and Sunsets

Little is known about the purposes for which England's great stone circle monuments such as Stonehenge and Castlerigg were built. Perhaps they comprised important meeting places and were oriented accordingly. Perhaps they were erected for trading or religious purposes, or even for multiple uses. While their positioning has evident astronomical significance, there exists no consistent alignment with planets or stars among such monument locations. Adding to the mystery, one can only imagine how the ancients built such gigantic structures without modern machinery.

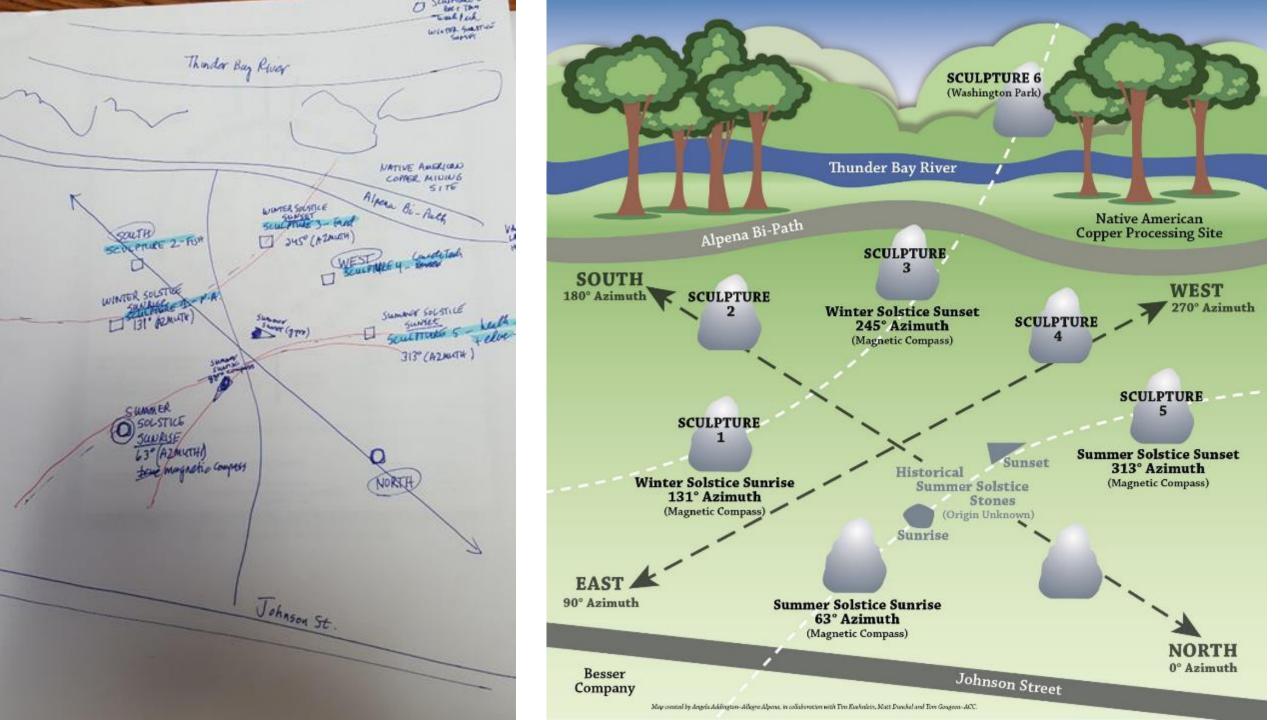
To celebrate such ingenuity and industry across the ages, this circular Bi-Path Sculpture commemorates the History of Industry in Alpena and Northeast Michigan, and is also arranged with astronomical orientations. This grouping is aligned with the summer (roughly June 21) and winter (roughly December 21) solstice sunrises and sunsets, and certain stones represent different constellations according to the Azimuth (magnetic compass).

The stones in this arranged group are approximately five to nine feet high. Each weighs on average seven to ten tons (14,000-15,000 pounds). By comparison, Stonehenge sarsen and bluestone pillars reach thirty feet and range from an estimated four to twenty-five tons each, with the sarsens being heaviest. In contrast, Castlerigg, one of the earliest known stone circles, contains much smaller stones ranging from three to seven and one-half feet. The single stone erected at Washington Avenue Park for the Bi-Path series is form Team Elmer's Alpena Quarry and weighs about four tons.

This Bi-Path Sculpture site and the Washington Park site represent successful collaborations by individuals from our region interested in the arts, industry, and nature. These individuals have mixed a little ingenuity with reflections on the past and the present, and have clearly mixed in optimism for the future. Perhaps such collaboration can be the secret to success for our community's 21st Century development and can build upon the creativity and problem-solving skills of those Bronze Age and Neolithic forbearers whose work lives on at Stonehenge and Castlerigg.







Securing the stones...

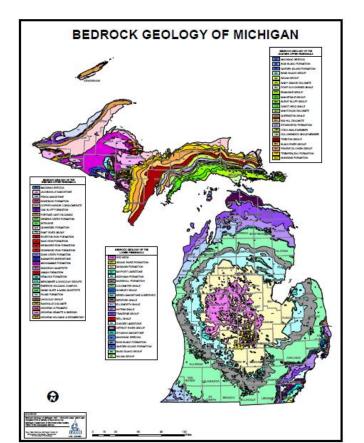
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- Oak City Construction
- Lafarge-Holcim Alpena and Presque Isle

- Washington Avenue Park site
 - Team Elmer's Alpena Quarry
 - Bedrock Contracting and Excavating



Bedrock Geology of Michigan and the Region

The limestone monoliths for this sculpture series are from the Carmeuse Lime and Stone Calcite Operation of Rogers City, historically recognized as the world's largest limestone quarry. The stone used for the north directional marker on which this plaque is placed is from the Lafarge-Holcim, Alpena Quarry at the former Huron Portland Cement Company, which is historically recognized as the world's largest cement plant. Each stone weighs on average seven to ten tons (14,000-15,000 pounds). The single stone erected at Washington Avenue Park for the Bi-Path series is from Team Elmer's Alpena Quarry and weighs about four tons. It is interesting to note the unique surfaces, fossilization, and coloration of each of these stones from different quarries in the region and how they correspond with the bedrock geology of Alpena, the region and the state. Note that Alpena County is split between Antrim Shale and Traverse Group (limestone) and northern Presque Isle County has Dundee Limestone (bedrock).

























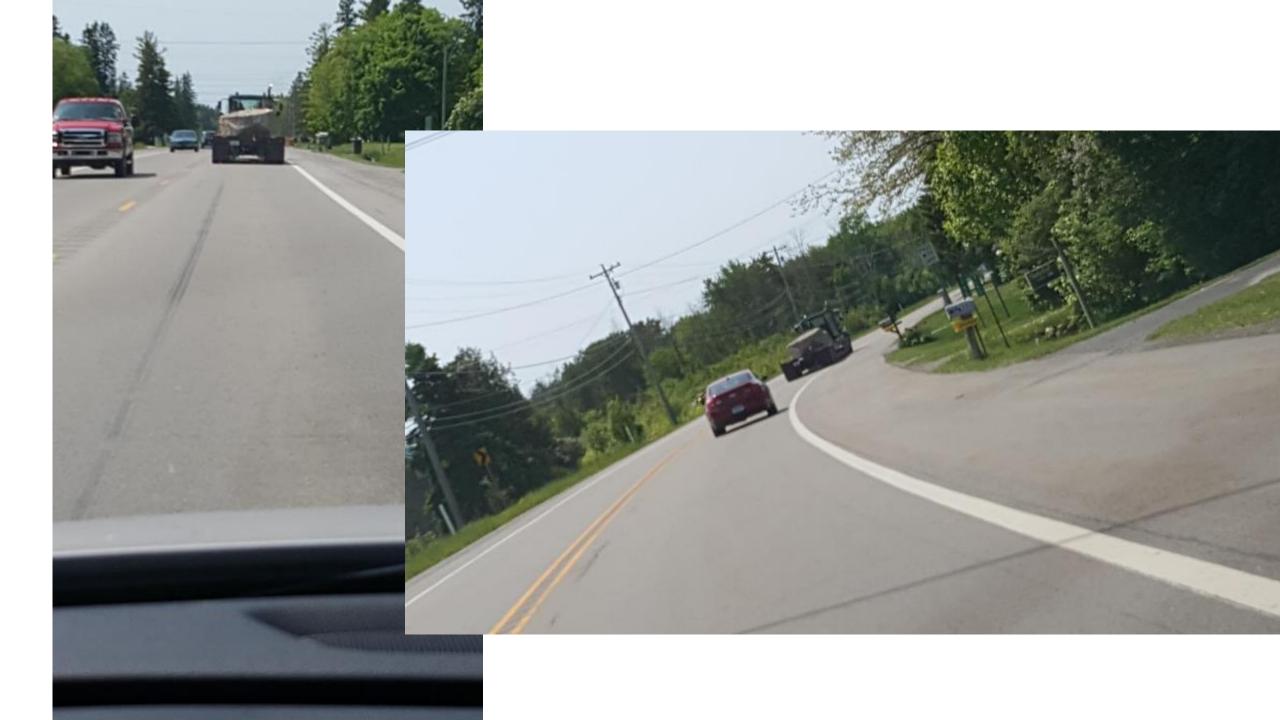
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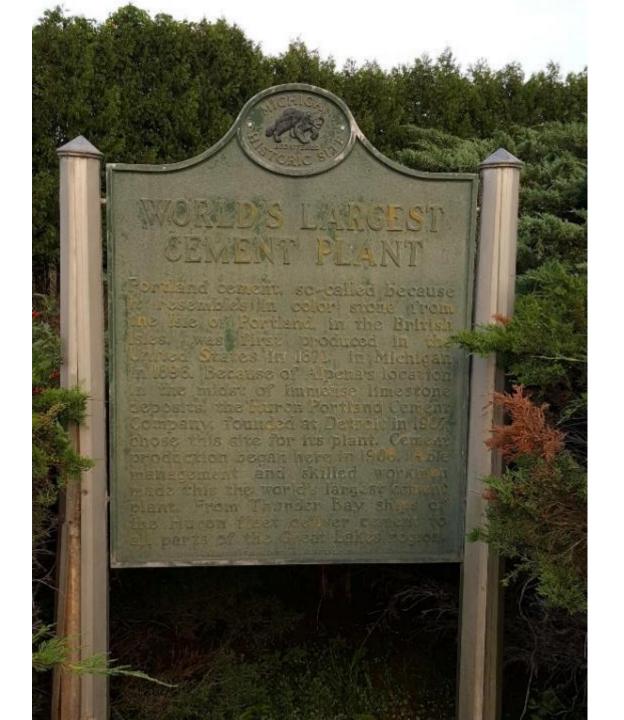


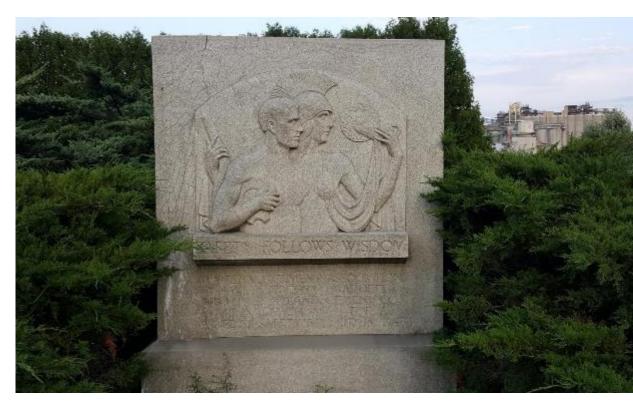


Unloading the stones...

- Thank to
 - Oak City Construction
 - Lafarge-Holcim
 - ACC

- Washington Avenue Park site (still to be placed)
 - Team Elmer's Alpena Quarry
 - Bedrock Contracting and Excavating











Prepping the space...

- ACC
- Specification Stone Products LEVY
- Goodrich Trucking and Asphalt Paving









Positioning the stones...

- Thank to
 - Oak City Construction
 - Lafarge-Holcim
 - ACC

LIFESTYLES

ACC's Herman speaks at Lions Club

Brenda Herman, recently appointed member of the executive staff of Alpena Community College, was the
speaker at last week's
Alpena Lions Club meeting.
She serves as both director of
the ACC Foundation and as
executive director of development for the college. Program chair for the meeting
was Dick Sutherland.

She updated the Lions on the ACC Foundation mission, which is to meet the lifelong education program needs of ACC students. The focus is on the college's scholarship program which now annually serves more than 280 students. She also described the fundraising events now going on and the projects now in progress. A project recently completed was a complete renovation of the Ferris werth Electrical Center.

Herman then reviewed the Van Lare Hall Renovation Project. Van Lare Hall is the oldest college building, having been built in 1957. The plan is to both begin and complete the renovation in 2019. She showed the Lions the planned building changes by displaying the architect's renderings of them on huge poster boards.

Featured rooms shown were: the main entrance, a community gathering place and a study area (with food service available) overlooking the Thunder Bay River, sevem multi-purpose class rooms, a center for health science, laboratory space (including nursing labs, and an eight-bed basic lab). Also shown was an addition to Van Lare Hall, which included new debriefing rooms.

In addition, Herman reported the building's exterior would be repainted, a new chimney would be installed, and regular classrooms and faculty offices updated in some cases.

Prepping for sculptures



Courtesy Photo

Craig Froggett of Oak City Contracting, with Matt Spragg and Travis Konarzewski of Lafarge-Holcim, Alpena, placing limestone columns Friday morning at Alpena Community College along the Alpena Bi-Path for the History Industry Sculpture Series. Oak City and Lafarge-Holcim have donated their time and resources to transport and excavate the limestone donated by Carmeuse Lime and Stone, Inc., Rogers City. All the stone at the Alpena site is in place now for receiving the artwork, the first of which is due Aug. 20.

ACC offers SHARP











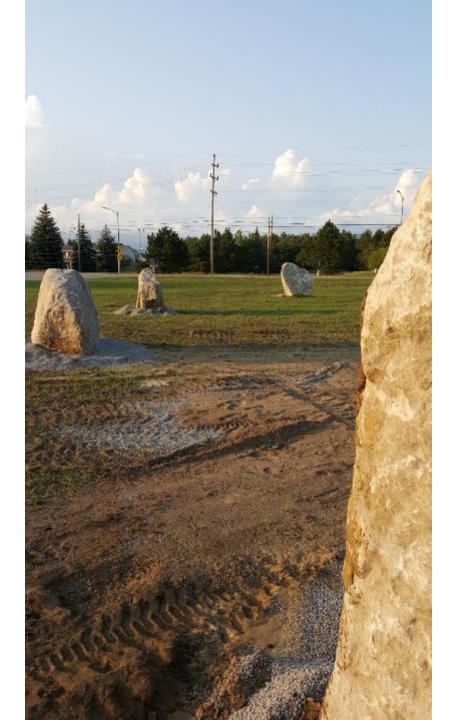




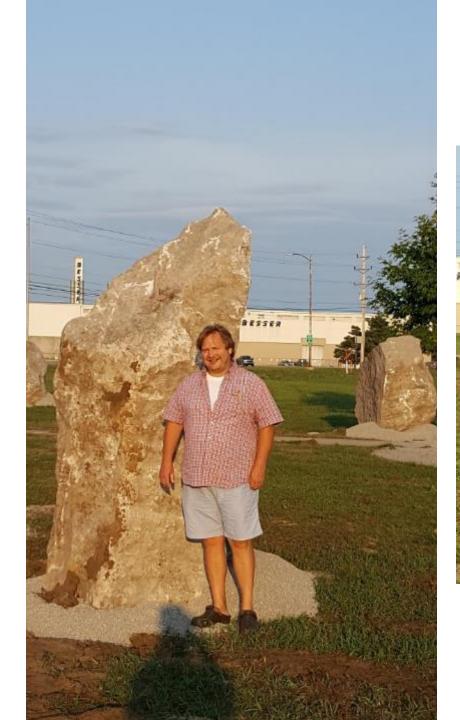






























Details about the art, artists and their process...

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Sculpture 1 – Native American Copper Processing Mike Lempinen of Negaunee, Michigan

Bas-relief of Native Americans processing copper; Bronze

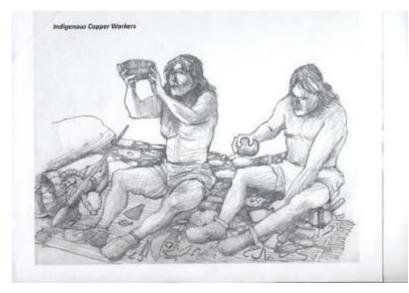
Sculpture height 2' – width 3'

Stone height 6' – width 7' – weight approximately 7-8 tons

Located on the campus of Alpena Community College

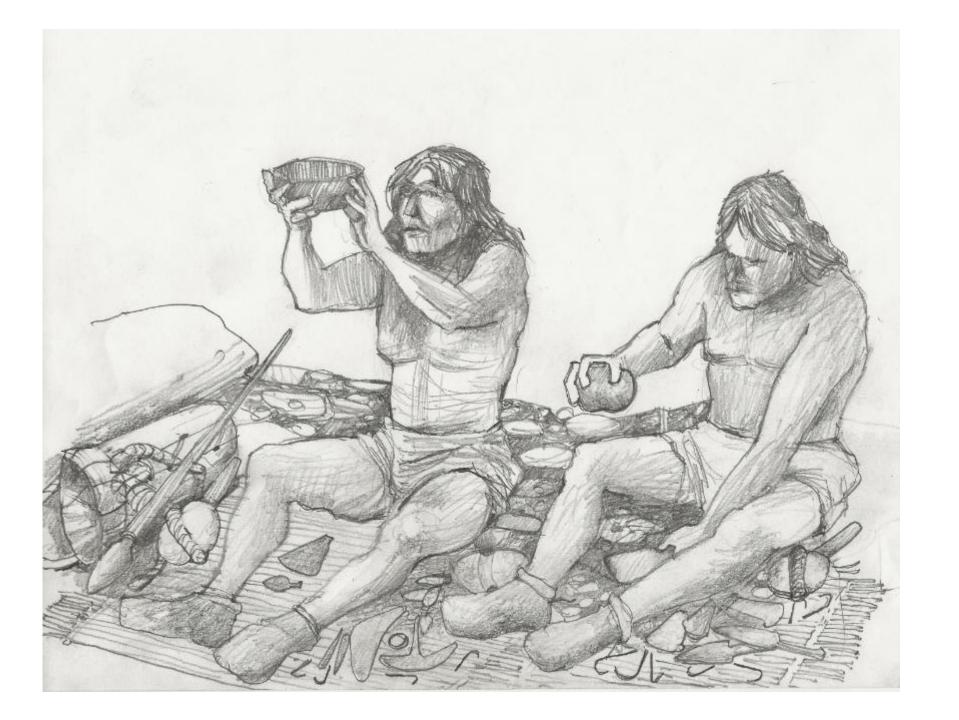
Winter Solstice Sunrise – 131° (Azimuth)

This relief sculpture of two Native Americans titled, *Indigenous Copper Workers*, captures the industry and ingenuity of native peoples who first lived and worked these lands. Tools, weapons and ornaments were fashioned on this very site thousands of years ago and along the Thunder Bay River with copper transported from numerous copper mines throughout Michigan. Artifacts from the era and this very site are on exhibit at the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan.













Indigenous Copper Workers bas-relief sculpture casting schedule

1. Rubber mold making Monday, July 23

2. Wax mold making Wednesday, July 25

3. Ceramic mold making Saturday, July 28

4. Pour bronze Tuesday, July 31 or Wednesday, August 1

5. Apply petina Tuesday, August 7

I will travel to Leslie, MI on Monday, August 6th. (stay in Leslie on the night of August 6) On Tuesday, August 7th, i will be working with Roger in his shop to apply the petina. It will take most of the day to complete. At the end of the day on **August 7th**, I transport the completed sculpture back to my studio.

Installation of the Indigenous Copper Workers sculpture at Alpena

- 1. Transport sculpture to Alpena Monday, August 20 (with my colleague)
- 2. Install sculpture to stone in Alpena Monday, August 20, 2018. I assume there is no power near the installation location.







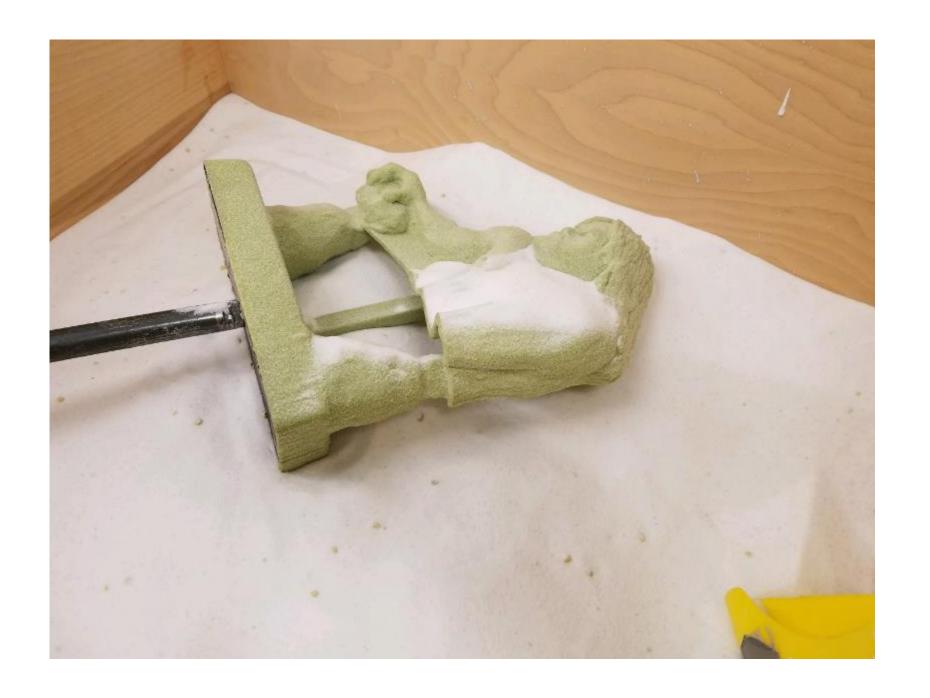
























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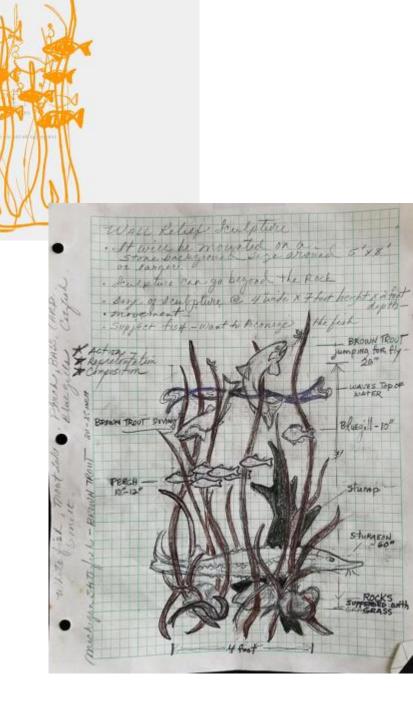
Sculpture 2 – Fisheries, Hunting and Farming Ann Gildner of Iron One Studio, Onaway, Michigan

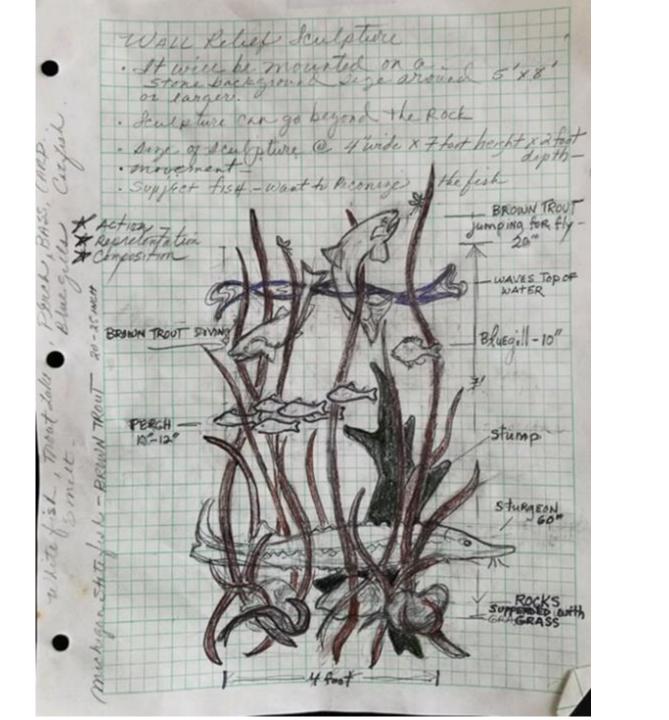
Collage of indigenous fish; Steel, stainless steel, copper, brass Sculpture height 4' – width 3'

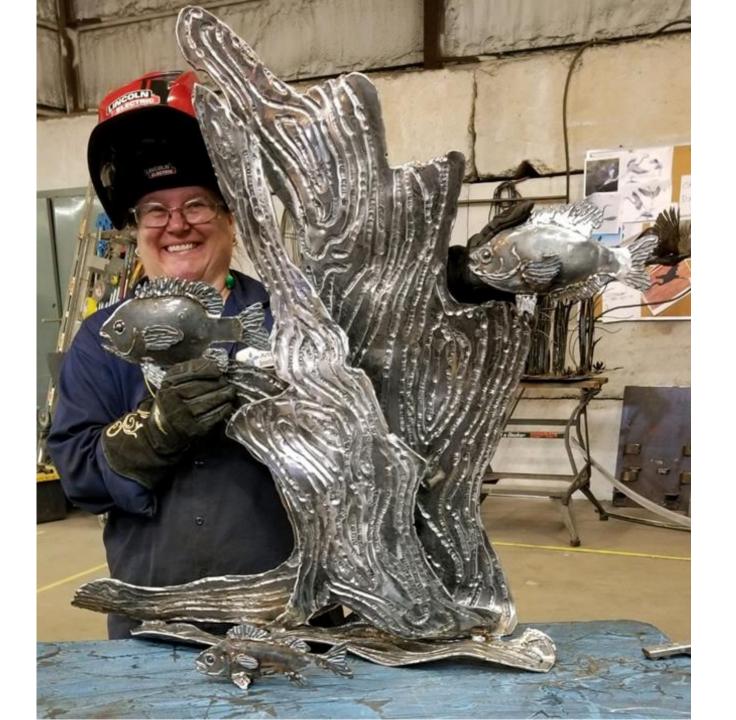
Stone height 6.5' – width 6' – weight approximately 7-8 tons Located on the campus of Alpena Community College

Directional South

This diverse school of fish made of various metals represents the importance of fishing, hunting and living off the land through the bounty of nature. Both ancient and modern people have used various natural resources to sustain life with nourishment and for enhancing ways of life with trade, recreation and sport. While farming and hunting are equally pivotal to the sustainability of populations and economy throughout the region over time, the importance of sustaining healthy eco-systems and a pristine Sanctuary of the Great Lakes is best represented by this school of fish (Trout, Bluegill, Perch and Crappie) from the fresh waters of the Thunder Bay River and Lake Huron.



















Sculpture 3 – Forestry, Timber, Lumber and Paper Sharon Smithem of Charlevoix, Michigan

Mosaic of white pines along the Thunder Bay River; Clay tile

Thomas Harmon of Alpena, Michigan (Frame; Cedar)

Sculpture height 4' – width 3'

Stone height 9.5' – width 4' – weight approximately 7-8 tons

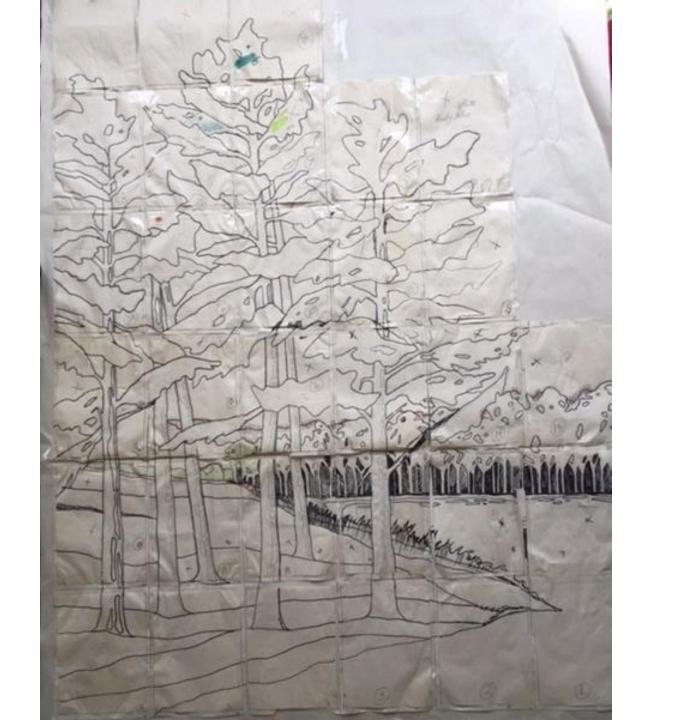
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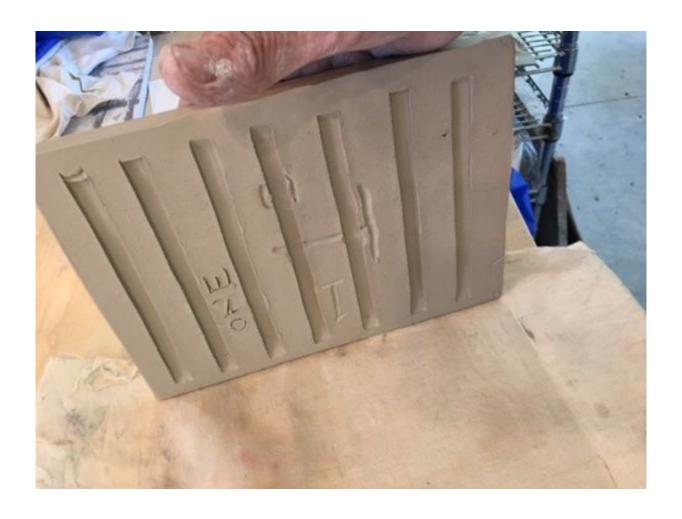
Winter Solstice Sunset – 245° (Azimuth)

Timber, lumber, and paper production played a significant role in Alpena's economic development from the mid to late 19th Century and into the present, morphing as required to meet market demands. The forests of Northeast Michigan helped build numerous communities, including Detroit and Chicago, and still provide lucrative raw material and recreational opportunities for locals and tourists alike. These 36 tiles in one mosaic represent the forestry, timber, lumber, and paper industries emerging from the forests of the region and how lumbering, water, transportation, and industry are integrally intertwined in an ever-evolving economy with firm foundation in the woods of Northeast Michigan. The White Pine, the Thunder Bay River, and Lake Huron are iconic images of interrelated economies of past, present, and future.



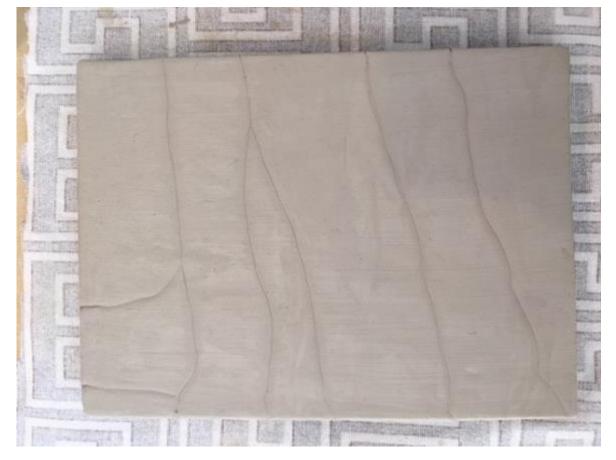


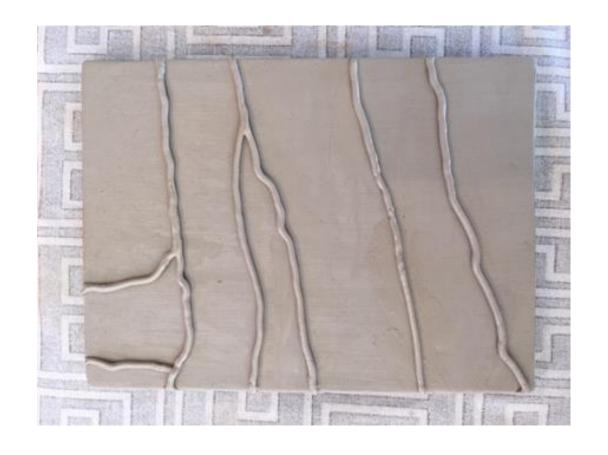










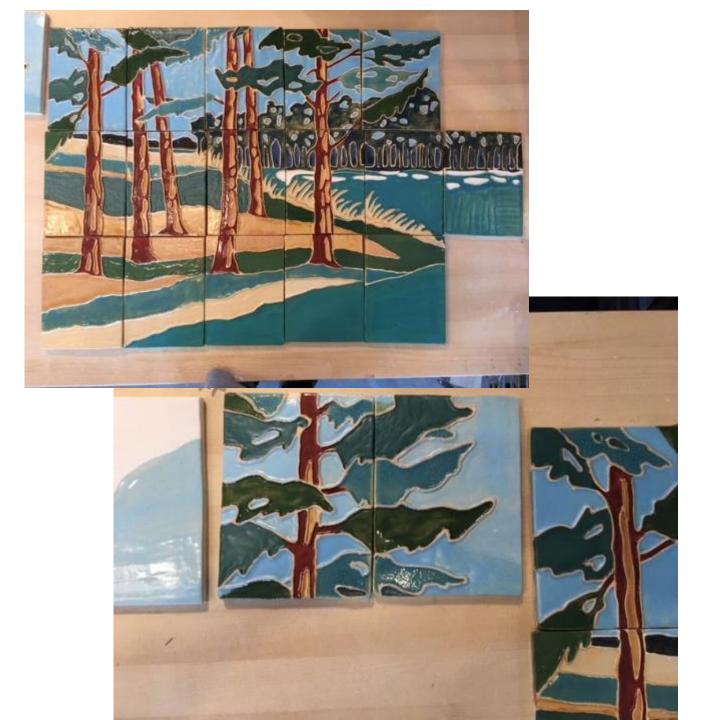


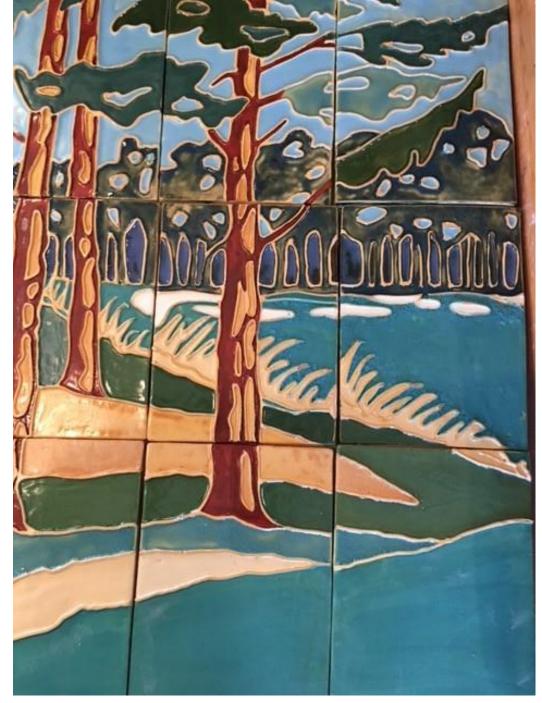












Sculpture 4 – Concrete Technologies Timothy M. Kuehnlein, Jr. and Jean Stewart

(Alpena Community College and Thunder Bay Arts Council, Inc.)

Kevin Curtis, Brian Siegert, Brandon Ciupka, and Candie Dombroski (Besser Company)

Collage of original Besser Block Machine gears and cams Sculpture height 5' – width 4'

Stone height 5.5' – width 8' – weight approximately 7-8 tons

Located on the campus of Alpena Community College

Directional West

Limestone, cement, and concrete industries have been a mainstay for local economic and educational development since the evolution of the lumber industry in the early 1900s. As the timber resources exhausted, market demand for new technology and economic growth increased. Alpena and all of Northeast Michigan embraced industrial reforms and diversification by virtue of ingenuity and steadfast initiative. The region's presence on the Great Lakes would prove to be a vital component of global trade and transport, ensuring an effective shift towards the cement and concrete markets. Limestone would opportunely prove to be the true "salt of the earth" for future economic development in the region.

Besser Company's rich history in the concrete industry is humbly reflected in the limestone pillars at the center of the entire History of Industry Sculpture Series. The sculptural collection of Besser block machine gears and cams (circa 1929) is representative of the heart and mechanics of closely interrelated technologies and industries that have sustained this community's economy in its most modern manifestations, propelling the region to global relevance.

Lest we forget other economic contributions made by Jesse Besser, the Sculpture Series has been aptly placed on the very spot where the Besser-Churchill Company, a sawmill producing wooden shingles and barrel staves, once stood. A bronze plaque now reclaimed for this installation commemorates Jesse Besser and his contributions to the community and specifically the creation of the original Besser Block Machine.







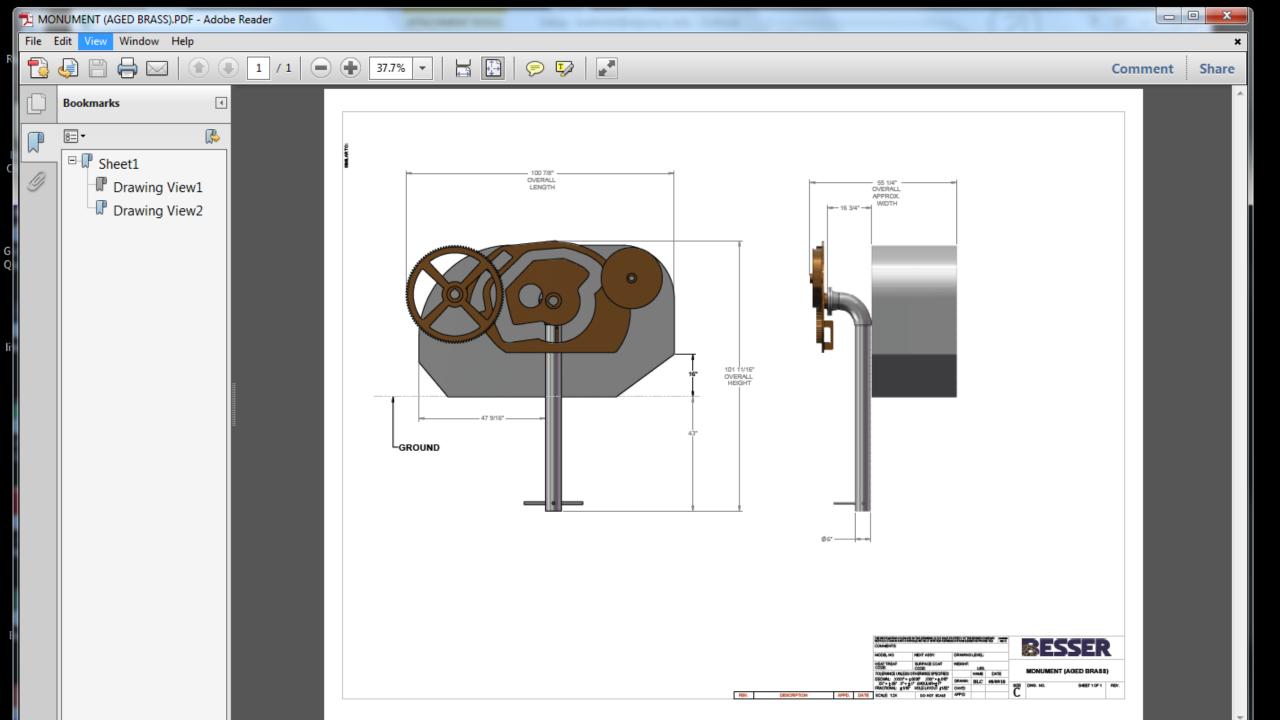


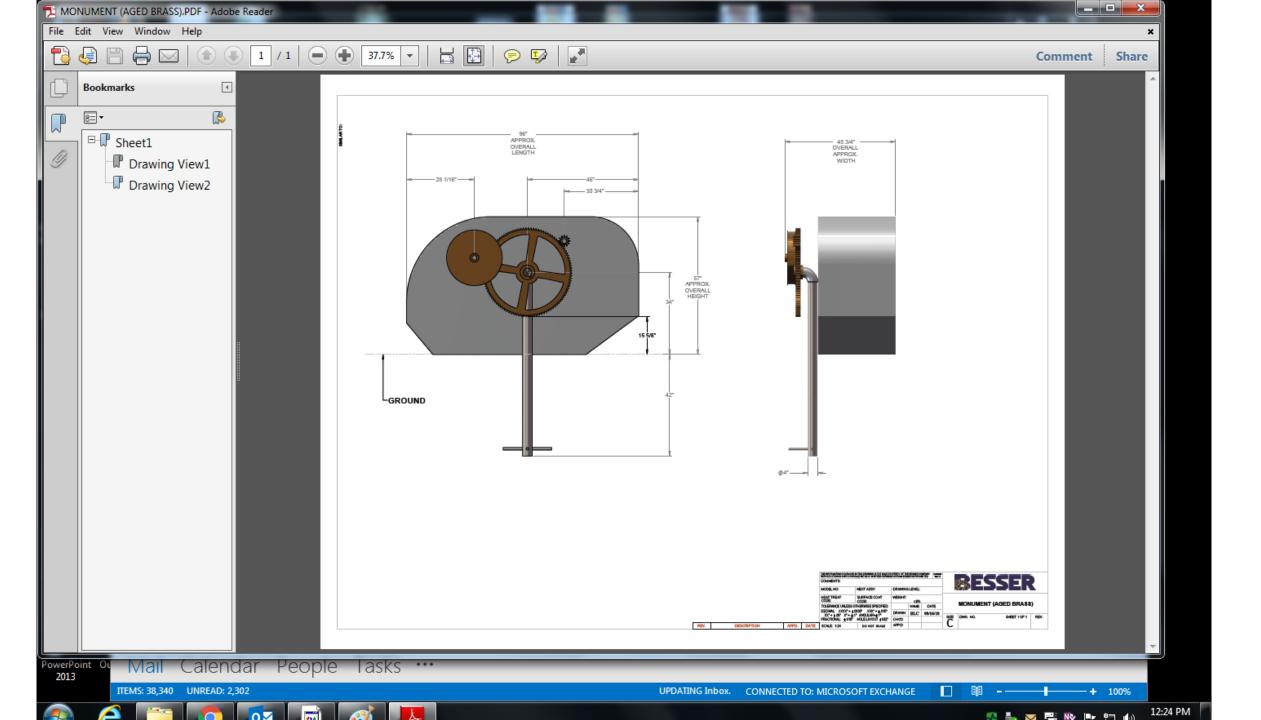
















Sculpture 5 – Healthcare and Education Scott Stevens of Alpena, Michigan (Stevens Custom Fabrication)

Relief of helping hands; Aluminum

Sculpture height 5' – width 4'

Stone height 5.5' – width 8' – weight approximately 7-8 tons

Located on the campus of Alpena Community College

Summer Solstice Sunset – 313° (Azimuth)

This silhouette of helping hands represents the fortitude of communities building support structures that enhance strength, creativity, and productivity to make individuals and communities healthy, wealthy, wise, and sustainable. Healthcare and education are pillars supporting community viability and are a legacy of overall economic and community development. They are undercurrents of timeless necessity for a vibrant society/community and comprise the foundation for modern economic and community prosperity. Alpena and Northeast Michigan have a rich history of providing local access to superior healthcare and education, including higher education, for their citizens.









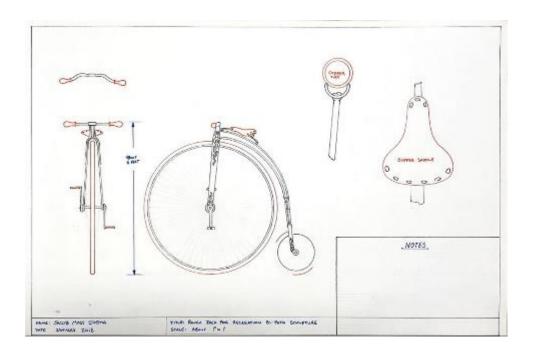
Sculpture 6 – Recreation and Tourism Jacob Idema of Alpena, Michigan

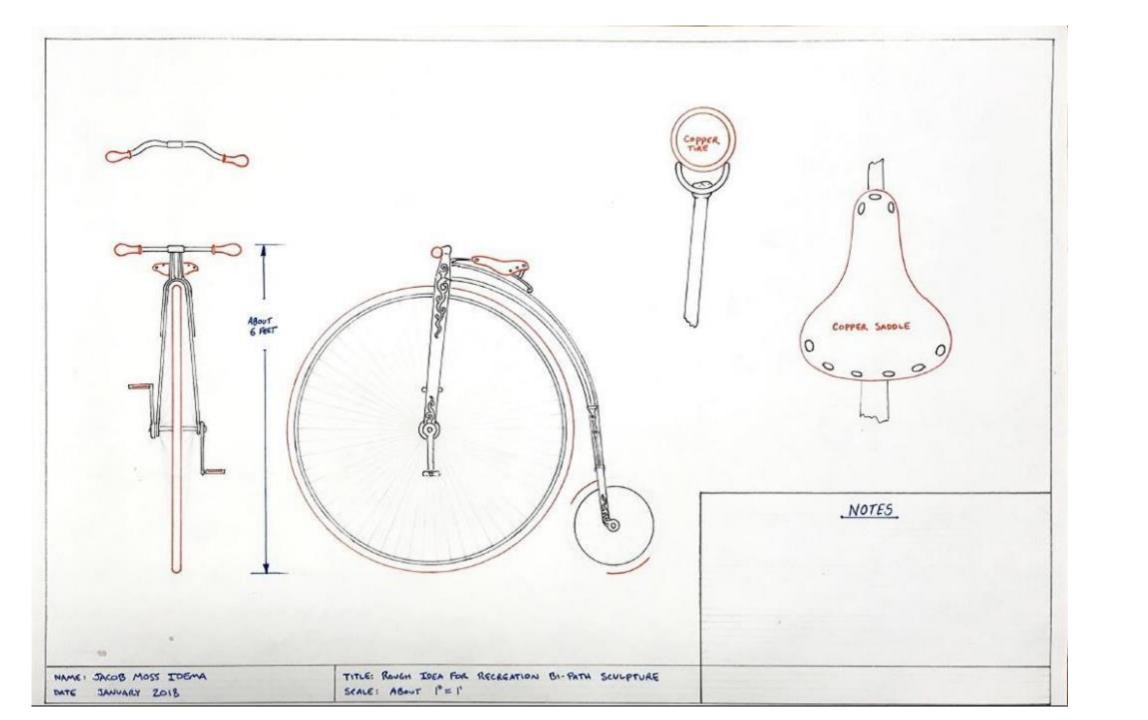
Hand forged historic high-wheel bicycle; Steel and copper Sculpture height 6' – width 4'

Stone height 7' – width 5' – weight approximately 4 tons

Located at Washington Avenue Park, corner of Washington Avenue and S 11th Avenue

This sculpture represents the importance of recreation and tourism in Alpena and Northeast Michigan. It celebrates the timeless value of such activities for overall economic and community development, health and prosperity, especially in a modern economy. Hand forged to represent an historic high-wheel bicycle, this sculpture is life size. The representation of an historic bicycle evokes the original spirit of the Alpena Bi-Path as the "Alpena Sculptured Walkway/Bikeway," a project commemorating our nation's Bicentennial celebration in 1976. The bicycle is placed leaning against a pillar of limestone as if someone had been riding along the "Sculptured" Bi-Path and decided to stop and take a leisurely swim in the Thunder Bay River and the wildlife sanctuary at the heart of the City of Alpena.

















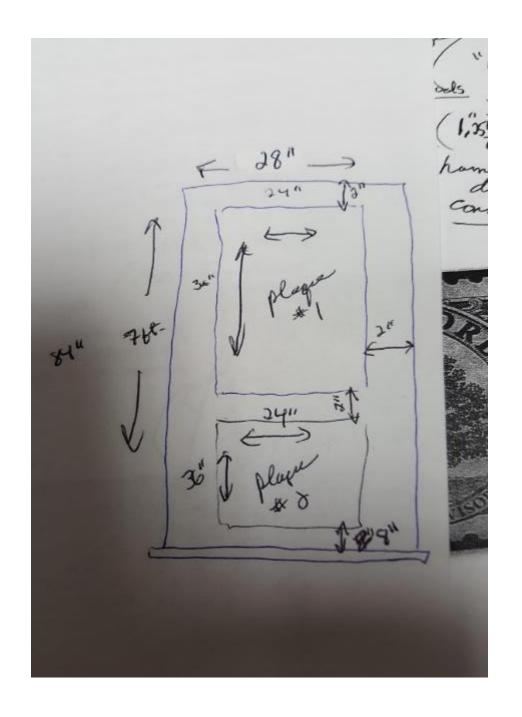








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"History of Industry Sculpture Series" (2018)

Commissioned by Thunder Bay Arts Council, Inc. and Alpena Community College in September 2017, installed June - September 2018, and dedicated September 21, 2018.

This sculpture series is made possible with financial and material resources from the following:

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Alpena County Youth and Recreation Committee

City of Alpena

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Thank you to those early visionaries who drew attention to this site's significance and placed the historical markers so long ago, to those who have cared for it through the years, and to Boy Scout Troup 78 for their refurbishment of the site in 2007 (Eagle Scout Project, Stephen F. Sutherland).

A special thank you to Carmeuse Lime and Stone Calcite Operation of Rogers City for the initial donation of limestone foundations for each of the sculptures and to Lafarge-Holcim for additional stone. Without these donations, the series could not have been created as conceived. Additionally, thanks to Carmeuse for securing Moran Iron Works' crane which was necessary to get the job done and for safe and precise execution of heavy lifting.

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Matt Spragg

Jim Bruski

Todd Timmerick

Travis Weide

 This project has been a successful collaboration of the arts, industry and nature mixed with a little ingenuity – perhaps the secret to the success of any 21st century community's development.

The History of Inclustry As Told by the Alpena Bi-Path Sculptures

History, art, engineering, skilled trades, geography, astronomy, businesses, non-profits, government

Applications for classroom – learning engagement

Civil Society

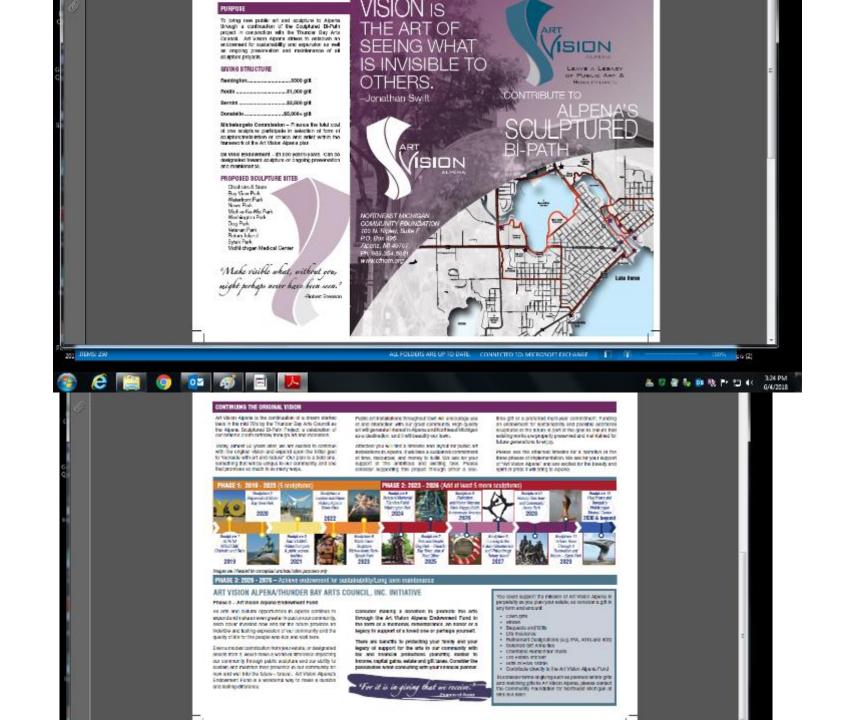
- Community engagement & service
- Community development

Coming next...

Phase 3



- Sytek Park
- Bay View Park
- Avery Park
- Dog Park, etc.



CONTINUING THE ORIGINAL VISION

Art Vision Alpena is the continuation of a dream started back in the mid 70's by the Thunder Bay Arts Council as the Alpena Sculptured Bi-Path Project: a celebration of our nation's 200th birthday through art and recreation.

Today, almost 50 years later, we are excited to continue with the original vision and expand upon the initial goal to "recreate with art and nature". Our plan is a bold one, something that will be unique to our community, and one that promises so much in so many ways.

Public art installations throughout town will encourage use of and interaction with our great community. High quality art will generate interest in Alpena and Northeast Michigan as a destination, and it will beautify our town.

Attached you will find a timeline and layout for public art installations in Alpena. It will take a sustained commitment of time, resources, and money to fulfill. We ask for your support of this ambitious and exciting task. Please consider supporting this project through either a one-

time gift or a preferred multi-year commitment. Funding an endowment for sustainability and possible additional sculptures in the future is part of the goal to ensure that existing works are properly preserved and maintained for future generations to enjoy.

Please see the attached timeline for a narrative of the three phases of implementation. We ask for your support of "Art Vision Alpena" and are excited for the beauty and spirit of pride it will bring to Alpena.



Images are intended for conceptual and inspiration purposes only

PHASE 3: 2026 - 2076 - Achieve endowment for sustainability/Long term maintenance

ART VISION ALPENA/THUNDER BAY ARTS COUNCIL, INC. INITIATIVE

Phase 3 - Art Vision Alpena Endowment Fund

As arts and cultural opportunities in Alpena continue to expand and make an even greater impact on our community, each dollar invested now and for the future provides an indelible and lasting expression of our community and the quality of life for the people who live and visit here.

Even a modest contribution from your estate, or designated assets from it, would make a world of difference impacting our community through public sculpture and our ability to sustain and maintain their presence in our community for now and well into the future - forever. Art Vision Alpena's Endowment Fund is a wonderful way to make a durable and lasting difference.

Consider making a donation to promote the arts through the Art Vision Alpena Endowment Fund in the form of a memorial, remembrance, an honor or a legacy in support of a loved one or perhaps yourself.

There are benefits to protecting your family and your legacy of support for the arts in our community with tax and financial protections (benefits) related to income, capital gains, estate and gift taxes. Consider the possibilities when consulting with your financial planner.

"For it is in giving that we receive."

Francis of Assisi

You could support the mission of Art Vision Alpena in perpetuity as you plan your estate, so consider a gift in any form and amount:

- · Cash gifts
- Stocks
- Bequests and Wills
- · Life Insurance
- Retirement Designations (e.g. IRA, 401k and 403)
- · Deferred Gift Annuities
- · Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Life Estate Interest
- · Gifts of Real-estate
- Contribute directly to the Art Vision Alpena Fund

To consider forms of giving such as planned estate gifts and matching gifts to Art Vision Alpena, please contact the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan at 989.354.6881.

PURPOSE

Art Vision Alpena strives to bring new public art and sculpture to Alpena through a continuation of the Sculptured Bi-Path project in conjunction with the Thunder Bay Arts Council. Art Vision Alpena strives to establish an endowment for sustainability and expansion as well as ongoing preservation and maintenance of all sculpture projects.

GIVING STRUCTURE

 Remington
 \$500 gift

 Rodin
 \$1,000 gift

 Bernini
 \$2,500 gift

 Donatello
 \$5,000+ gift

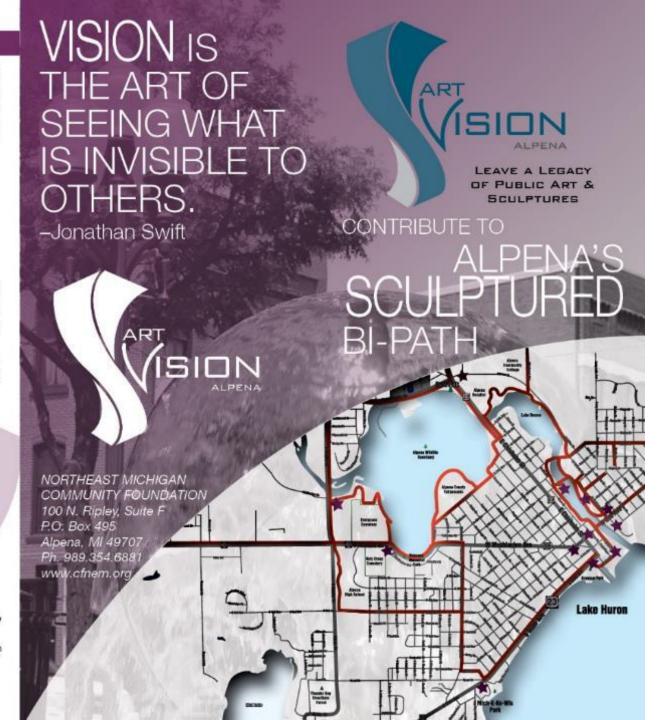
Michelangelo Commission – Financing the total cost of one sculpture allows you to participate in the selection of the artist, form and installation of the sculpture within the framework of the Art Vision Alpena plan.

Da Vinci Endowment – A \$1,000 per year gift for 5 years can be designated toward a sculpture or ongoing preservation and maintenance.

PROPOSED SCULPTURE SITES

Chisholm & State
Bay View Park
Waterfront Park
News Park
Mich-e-Ke-Wis Park
Washington Park
Dog Park
Veteran Park
Rotary Island
Sytek Park
MidMichigan Medical Center

"Make visible what, without you, might perhaps never have been seen."



WBKB coverage of ART Vision Alpena

• http://www.wbkb11.com/art-vision-finally-coming-to-life



