



# The Beaumier News

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The Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center celebrates the history and culture of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. It serves the university by providing opportunities for greater knowledge, scholarship and exposure to the unique culture of the Upper Peninsula for students, faculty, staff and the general public. The center maintains an active schedule of public programs and exhibitions to engage the public and develop a greater appreciation for the region's great social and cultural diversity.

## Beaumier Donates \$1 Million for new Beaumier Center facility

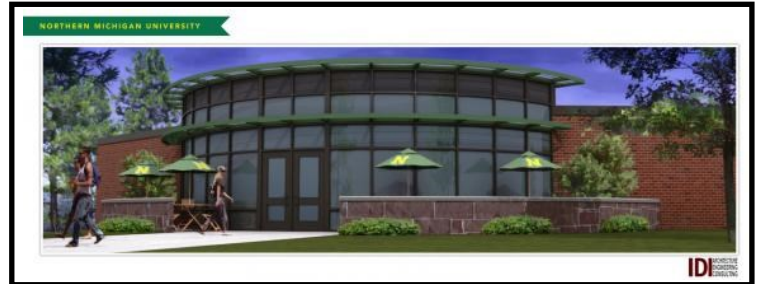
On April 2, Northern Michigan University announced a new donation from Dr. John Beaumier to fund the creation of the Beaumier Alumni Welcome and U.P. Heritage Center to be located in a newly refurbished Gries Hall. Dr. John Beaumier, a retired orthopedic surgeon and Northern Michigan University alumnus, has committed \$1 million to the NMU Foundation for renovations, updates and additions to the new facility.

The architectural plans for the center have been completed and are currently out for bid. Construction is planned to begin this fall and will continue through the winter. No formal opening date has yet been given for the center.

Beaumier was born in Escanaba. He retired in 1998 from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he served as a director of orthopedic evaluation. He also was an associate professor of orthopedic surgery at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine.

"It means a lot to me to be able to support the Beaumier Alumni Welcome and U.P. Heritage Center," he said. "It has been my dream."

An addition and renovations to portions of the former Gries Hall first-floor space will accommodate a reception area, exhibition space for the U.P. Heritage Center (to be relocated from



Cohodas Hall), instructional space, a seminar room, formal reception area, staff offices, collections storage space and an exhibit prep area. The project also will include a new rotunda entrance/façade facing Seventh Street.

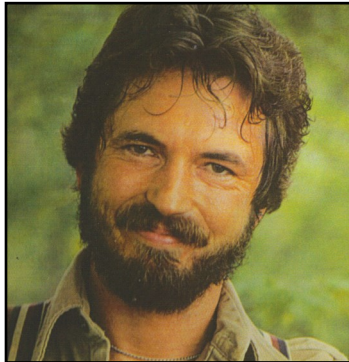
"John's generous commitment is the latest example of his enduring loyalty to Northern and fulfills his longtime desire to establish an alumni center on campus," said NMU President Fritz Erickson. "With its central location and inviting entrance, this center will serve as a warm welcome to alumni and visitors. It will also provide an ideal home for the center that already celebrates the rich heritage of John's native Upper Peninsula through engaging displays and programs."

The Beaumier family previously contributed \$1 million to create an area on campus that would feature exhibits highlighting the region's socioeconomic, cultural and industrial heritage. The U.P. Heritage Center opened in December 2006 in the Superior Dome and in 2008 moved to its current location.

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Schedule**

## Upcoming Beaumier Center Fall Events



### **Beaumier Coffee House Series “The Songs of Mark Mitchell” Friday, September 11 at 7 p.m. Black Box Theatre, NMU**

Suggested Donation: \$5 adults, \$1 students/kids

This show features the songs of the influential Marquette singer-songwriter Mark Mitchell, performed by local musicians, including Michael Waite, Malamute, Corinne Rockow, Dan Truckey, Jim & Ray, Jerry Mills and more.

### **Beaumier Film Series “Winona: A Copper Mining Ghost Town” Jamrich Hall 1100 Friday, September 18 at 7 p.m.**

Free Admission

Over the years, retired NMU professor Michael Loukinen has made some of the most significant documentaries about the cultures and people of the Upper Peninsula. His newest film tells the story of the dying mining town of Winona, Michigan. This is the world premiere of the film and is co-sponsored by the NMU Department of Sociology and UP North Films.



Pampa Land Mill Workers—Winona, MI ca. 1924  
Image courtesy of Joy Brusio Ollila.

### **UNITED Conference**

Standing for Uniting Neighbors In The Experience of Diversity, the UNITED conference is a yearly event at NMU. The Beaumier Center is collaborating with UNITED and the Hiawatha Music Co-op to bring Ginny Hawker and Tracy Schwarz, two tradition bearers of Southern Appalachian music, to campus for a workshop and performance.



**Sat. September 19, 1- 3p.m.**  
**Pioneer A&B, Don H. Bottum University Center**  
**Ginny Hawker and Tracy Schwarz** will conduct a *Master Artist Workshop - Southern Appalachian Harmony*

**Sunday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Great Lakes Rooms**  
**Don H. Bottum University Center**  
**Ginny Hawker and Tracy Schwarz** bring the sweet harmonies of American traditional music to Marquette to kick off the UNITED Conference. Warm-up Band: All Strings Considered, local traditional folk music.

## Canadian Heritage Tour—September 19 - 28, 2015



### Still a handful of seats available!

The Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center and Checker Tours are leading a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Ontario and Quebec as part of the Canadian Heritage Tour. This tour will take place from September 19 – 28, 2015 and will include guided tours of historic sites and museums in Ottawa, Montréal, Québec City and Trois Rivières. There will also be two free days built into the trip so that participants can tour the cities and countryside on their own.

Prices for the tour depend on whether a person shares a room or will be staying by themselves. The rates per person are as follows: double occupancy - \$1,298, single occupancy - \$1,988. This includes cost of lodging, transportation, tours and museum fees. The price also includes three special meals during the trip. Trip insurance and car rental is available for an additional fee. To reserve a spot, make a deposit of \$300 by contacting Lane Dawson of Checker Tours at 906-486-8697. Individuals who currently do not have someone to travel with, but would like to get the double occupancy rate, can be paired with another single individual if possible.

To take part in this trip a valid enhanced driver's license or U.S. Passport is required. Check on these items before sending in deposit.



Below is the itinerary of the trip, which will begin and conclude in Marquette. The trip will take place on a chartered coach through Checker Tours and is limited to 54 passengers.

Saturday, September 19 – Leave Marquette. Spend the night in Sudbury, Ontario.

Sunday, September 20 – Leave Sudbury and spend the night in Ottawa, Ontario.

Monday, September 21 – Visit the Canadian National Archives or other museums in Ottawa. Drive to Montréal and check into hotel.

Tuesday, September 22 – Guided tours of Montréal

Wednesday, September 23 – Free day in Montréal or surrounding environs.

Thursday, September 24 – Drive from Montréal to Québec City (with stop and tour of Trois Rivières).

Friday, September 25 – Guided tours of Québec City and St. Anne De Beaupré.

Saturday, September 26 – Free day in Québec City or surrounding environs.

Sunday, September 27 – Leave Québec for North Bay, Ontario. Spend night.

Monday, September 28 – Leave North Bay, Ontario for Marquette.

For more information on the trip, call Daniel Truckey at 906-227-1219

Send deposit check of \$300 (made out to *Checker Tours*) to:  
Lane Dawson, P.O. Box 81, Ishpeming, MI 49849



## Fall Events at the Beaumier (cont.)

### **French Canadian Heritage Days**

#### **Family Day at the Beaumier Center**

**Saturday, October 3, 1 - 3 p.m. - Free admission**

Event will feature French-Canadian craft making for the whole family and a genealogy workshop.

### **Beaumier Coffee House Series**

#### ***Les Poules à Colin***

**Ore Dock Brewing Company,**

**Sunday October, 4 at 7p.m.**

**Admission: \$10 adults/\$5 students**

French-Canadian Dance with the Québécois musical group, Les Poules à Colin. This dance is co-sponsored by the Hiawatha Music Co-op. Click on this link to see a video of the group performing. [Video Link.](#)



### **Beaumier Film Series & CineArts Films**

#### **“Un Rêve Américain”**

**Friday, October 9 at 7 p.m. - Free Admission**

**Community Room, Peter White Public Library**

A documentary co-sponsored by the Beaumier Center and CineArts Films. Franco-Ontarian musician Damien Robitaille introduces us to the extraordinary history of the people in the United States of French Canadian heritage. Driving from Montreal to Los Angeles, winding his way through New England, New York, Michigan, the Midwest and the legendary Far West, he brings the milestone events of their exodus to life.

### **Exhibit Opening—Off the Grid – Living off the land**

**Saturday, October 17 at 1 p.m.**

**Beaumier Center, 105 Cohodas Hall - Free Admission**

This new exhibition will focus on the growing movement towards “off the grid” living in the Upper Peninsula and its roots in both Native American and early pioneer living in the region.

### **Beaumier Coffee House Series**

#### **John Mallo and Jose Minos/Derrell Syria Project**

**Saturday, November 14 at 7 p.m.**

**Peter White Lounge, Don H. Bottum University Center, NMU**

**Suggested Donation - \$5 adults/\$1 students**

### **Presentation, “Pre-colonization Diet and Indigenous Foods”**

**Dr. Martin Reinhardt**

**Thursday, November 19, 7 p.m.**

**Beaumier Center, 105 Cohodas Hall - Free Admission**



Dr. Martin Reinhardt

## French-Canadian Benefit Dinner/U.P. History Awards

On May 8, the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center and the ACF Upper Michigan Culinarians Inc., joined forces for a benefit dinner featuring the cuisine of one of the Upper Peninsula's largest ethnic groups. "A French Canadian Dinner" raised over \$1,300 which will go to student scholarships to attend Northern Michigan University's hospitality management program and for the Beaumier Center's public programming fund. It featured six magnificent courses originating in Quebec, made by some of the Upper Peninsula's greatest chefs.

The dinner was held in the Great Lakes Rooms of the Don H. Bortum University Center at NMU. French-Canadian folk music was performed by Dave Bezotte and Daniel Truckey. In addition, the Beaumier Center presented the 2015 Upper Peninsula Folklife Awards to folklorist Michael Loukinen and folk musician Corrine Rockow.



The Upper Michigan Culinarians, Inc. are professionals from around the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. They have been affiliated with the American Culinary Federation (ACF) since 1989. The ACF is a national organization which has about 225 chapters and 20,000 members across the USA, and internationally with the World Association of Cooks Society (WACS). Several chefs participated in the event, including; Nichole Durley, Robin Holmes, Eric Juchemich, Chris Kibit, Jeremy Pomeroy, Chris Sturzl and Tony Tollefson.



The menu for the dinner included the following dishes and various accompanying wines.

### **Tourtière avec Nougabricot**

Miniaturized classic ground Pork Pie served with a Québécoise preserve of Apricot, Almonds, and Pistachios, with U.P. Honey

### **Pois Crème Salad**

Pea and Ramp custard with Maple Candied Bacon, pickled Spruce tips, Potato Confit, Arugula, and Cloudberry Vinaigrette

### **Lac Tartare de Truite**

Cold Smoked Lake Trout with Egg, Red Onion, Tomato, and Fromage à la crème

### **Beouf et Pommes de Terre**

Smoked and Braised Beef Short Rib and Cabernet Sauvignon reduction, Pomme Puree/Pomme Frites with Black Truffle, Pain Grille Fromage, and Demi Glace de Veau

### **Fromage**

Brie with Potato, Bacon, and Roasted Garlic

### **Maple Quartet**

Crown Royal Soaked Cake, Beurre Fouette, Glazed Pecans, and Shortbread Cookie

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**In May, the Beaumier Center bid adieu to two of its talented, graduating student assistants.**



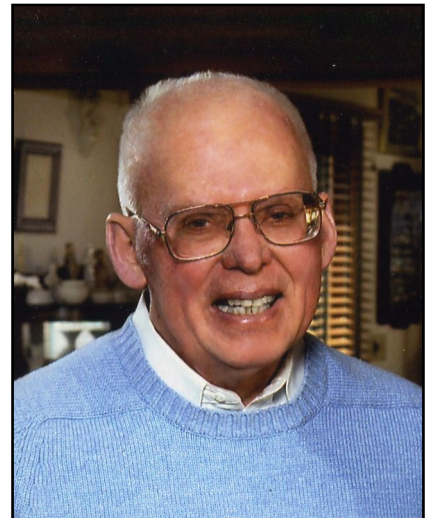
Gabby Hoffman received her B.A. in Anthropology and Marley Chynoweth received her B.A. in History/Public History.



They were both integral to the Center's operations over the past year and will be greatly missed.

## **Beaumier Donates \$1 Million for Center (cont. from pg. 1)**

Beaumier has maintained close ties to his alma mater since graduating in 1953. He served on the NMU Foundation Board of Trustees and was national campaign chair for the university's first comprehensive fundraising campaign. He is a past recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, a member of the NMU Sports Hall of Fame for his contributions to football and was the featured speaker and honorary degree recipient at the university's December 2006 commencement.



**Dr. John Beaumier**

"It was an honor and a privilege to work with John Beaumier to make a vision that he has had for Northern for many years a reality," said former NMU president David Haynes. "NMU is fortunate to have an alumnus as supportive and generous as John."

Beaumier Center director Dan Truckey says that this new facility will help the center to not only grow but attract new audiences. "The location is excellent due to it being more centralized on campus

and across the street from the DeVos Art Museum, Forest Roberts Theatre and Reynolds Recital Hall. In addition, it will serve as a perfect gathering point for alumni visiting the university and all campus visitors. Lastly, we will have more storage space for our collections, which has become a major issue for the center. We want to start collecting more materials from around the U.P. and now we will have the space to do so."