

# Michigan Hemingway SOCIETY



**Michigan In Hemingway:**  
**A Sense of Place**  
**July 22 - 25, 1999**

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The July 21, 1999, centennial of Ernest Hemingway's birth provides an unusual opportunity to shed new light on the life and work of the Nobel Prize-winning author who spent his first 19 summers at Walloon Lake, near Petoskey in Northern Michigan. The Michigan Hemingway Society is working in conjunction with several other organizations, notably the Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park, Illinois, and the Little Traverse Historical Society (LTHS) to schedule social, cultural, and educational events to mark this important anniversary.

We will also be celebrating two other 100th birthdays in Petoskey. One is of our special member and friend, Irene Goldstein Gordon: "Irene was Ernest's date, a handsome girl exactly his age....." (Ernest Hemingway, A Life Story, Carlos Baker, p. 65) Irene and Ernie were good friends in Petoskey and Chicago in 1919-20, and, because her birthday is the day after his, he always wrote to her at least once a year to honor that occasion. The other is of the beautiful Perry Hotel where MHS members gather each October. (This year's dates: Oct. 16-18, 1999.)

## **"In Another Country" - Thursday, July 22**

- MHS Motor coach leaves Oak Park, Illinois, 7:00 a.m.
- MHS Welcome Reception at museum on Little Traverse Bay, 7:30 p.m.
- Special guest: Irene Gordon, friend and lifelong correspondent of Hemingway
- Readings, performance by the "Beach Bards", 8:30 p.m.

## **"On Writing" - Friday, July 23**

- MHS academic Papers at North Central Michigan College (NCMC), 8:30 - noon
- MHS Luncheon at City Park Grill (Hemingway ate and drank here); presentation by Hemingway nephews James and John Sanford on the republication of their mother Marcelline's book, *At The Hemingways*. John Sanford will also read his humorous parody, "To Knot or Not to Knot."
- MHS Writer's Panel at NCMC conference center featuring Michigan authors on "Michigan as Muse", 2:00 p.m., with Tom Carney, Mike Delp, Jerry Dennis, Judith Guest, Anne-Marie Oomen, and Gloria Whelan. Dr. Chris Picard of NCMC will be featured as panel moderator.
- Book signings, book fair at NCMC conference center, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Traditional Lake Michigan fish boil dinner and musical entertainment at Petoskey's Waterfront, with bicycles, automobiles, and clothing from the era of Hemingway in Michigan to benefit LTHS. Beginning 6 p.m.
- Lovely Walloona*, a play by Hemingway researcher/scholar Morris Buske, will be presented as reader's theatre by Little Traverse Civic Theatre. Buske will show the background slides during the play, which deals with the conflict between Hemingway and his parents after WWI. 8:30 pm NCMC conference center.

**"The Last Good Country" - Saturday, July 24**

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- Breakfast on your own
- Box lunches provided for MHS conferees today
- Canoe trip option (discretionary fly fishing) on Bear River *e-mail for reservations/fishing guides*
- Walking tours of story settings and Hemingway haunts in Petoskey with local expert, Brad Leech
- Tours of Windemere, Hemingway's summer cottage (access by shuttle only)
- MHS tours and readings at the Indian Camp, Horton Bay, and the Horton Bay General Store
- Irene Gordon's birthday reception, Perry Hotel, 1:30-4:00 PM (MHS will honor Mrs. Gordon on Thurs. evening as well, since some conferees will have tours conflicting with this time slot.)
- MHS dinner at the historic Bay View Inn, 6:00 p.m., followed at 8:30 p.m. by author Constance Cappel [formerly Montgomery] who is issuing a new edition of her *Hemingway in Michigan*.

**"The End of Something" - Sunday, July 25**

- MHS breakfast at historic Terrace Inn in Bay View, 8:30 a.m.
- Keynote speaker Dr. Joseph Waldmeir, charter president and founder of the Michigan Hemingway Society: "Why We Celebrate Hemingway."
- MHS bus departs for Chicago 10:30, ETA 6:30 p.m.

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The city of Petoskey's celebration is a week-long observance from July 18 through 25. Numerous events are planned in Oak Park from July 16 through their concluding gala birthday party July 21.

**Museum Exhibits - July 19 - 24**

Little Traverse History Museum will mount eight outstanding exhibits relating to the Hemingways: period clothing, furnishings from Windemere, family photographs, etc. The museum is normally open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday but will offer extended hours during Birthday Week. Admission: \$1 per person. The museum is located in Petoskey's waterfront park.

**Windemere Tours - July 18 -24**

With cooperation from the Hemingway family, tours of the cottage on Walloon Lake will be offered from Sunday, July 18 through Saturday, July 24 at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The cottage will be decorated circa 1915 and will exhibit furnishings and artifacts used by the Hemingway family during the first two decades of the century. Transportation and admission to the site must be made by authorized shuttle only; no parking is available for private vehicles. MHS conference participants will receive tickets and reservation times in their registration packets upon arriving in Petoskey. This tour opportunity is a rare one, as the cottage is a private home.

