

Celebrate the U.P. in Marquette 2017

When: Friday evening and all day Saturday, March 24/25, 2017

Where: Four Corners, at intersection of Front and Ridge Streets (Federated Women's Clubhouse, Peter White Public Library, Landmark Inn), and Ore Dock Brewery

What: Poetry readings in conjunction with a wetland painting/photo exhibit
Song writing competition honoring U.P. nature and spirit
Keynote address by naturalist/writer John Bates (Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin) on sense of place
Thirteen presentations during day on Saturday
Family-friendly events on Saturday
Panel at 4:00 P.M. Saturday afternoon on successful community conservation projects
Closing Reception at Federated Women's Clubhouse

Topics (not exact titles) and Presenters (confirmed listing as of 1/29/2017):

1. U.P. Underground Rivers and Streams — Mac Strand, NMU biologist
2. Weavings: Scenes and Portraits — Mary Burns, artist (Manitowish Waters, WI)
3. Outfitting a Nation with Outdoor Gear: The Story of the U.P.'s Webster Marble — Dennis Pace and Troy Henderson (Iron Industry Museum)
4. U.P. 200 Dogsled Race — Dr. Tim Hunt
5. The Character and Future of U.P. Small Towns — Bob Archibald, historian
6. Book Discussion: *Half-Earth, Our Planet's Fight for Life* (Edward O Wilson) — Mary Martin, Dave Allen, Jon Saari
7. 2016: The Mushroom Year to Remember — Dana Richter, MTU mycologist
8. Surfing Lake Superior — Keith Glendon and Ella Skrocki
9. The Lower Menominee River Lake Sturgeon Story — Bill Ziegler, DNR biologist
10. WETLANDS Gallery Talk — featuring artists who participated in Save the Wild U.P.'s summer excursions to view threatened Wildcat and Mulligan wetlands along the proposed route of CR-595. Huron Mountain Club Gallery, Peter White Public Library.
11. Poems inspired by wetlands — invited participants, including keynoter John Bates
12. Water in Marquette City: hydrology, systems, history — Jim Compton, city hydrologist
13. Beer brewing in the U.P. — Russell Magnaghi, NMU historian

Time slots:

Friday evening song competition winners presented at Ore Dock Brewery, 6-8:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. (Keynote address), 10:15, 11:30, 1:30 P.M., 2:45 P.M. (Landmark Inn, Federated Women's Clubhouse, Peter White Public Library), 4:00 P.M. panel, followed by reception at Clubhouse

Schedule will be finalized by 2/15/2017