**Houghton Reunion Highlights**

**LOGISTICS:**

Karen Hubbell Wertanen is our host and lives in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) of Michigan.

**Hotel -** Our 2019 HMSL family reunion will be held at the 7-story full service hotel, Franklin Square Inn, overlooking the Portage Canal in Houghton, Michigan. The room block is already available. It is much easier to call to make the reservation than to try to do it online. There is a group rate for the rooms at $124 per night and just tell them you are with the ‘Hubbell Family’. **To register** for your stay with the Franklin Square Inn call 888-487-1700 or 906-487-1700. Be sure to mention **Hubbell Family** to get our group rate and these rooms will be reserved up to June 1st, 2019 for us. Check online at houghtonlodging.com for more information on the hotel.

**The meetings** will be held at both the hotel and at Michigan Tech University (MTU). The University is 0.5 miles from the hotel. It is a lovely walk. Parking for those who should ride and carpools will be arranged as needed – let Karen know if you need transport.

**Getting there -** There are a lot of options for getting to Houghton depending on your time and inclination. This is a beautiful vacation area and although we will tour a lot of the places there are plenty more to see as you venture to the reunion.

Houghton has a sister city on the other side of the Portage Canal which is Hancock. They have an airport with daily service on Delta and United. The hotel will arrange a courtesy shuttle for you if you ask them.

Other cities to fly to with driving times as follows are Marquette (2 hours 30 minutes) Duluth Minnesota (4 hours) Minneapolis (6 hours) Green Bay (4 hours) Milwaukee (5 hours) Detroit (9 hours).

The hourly schedule of events shown in the agenda printed nearby. There are two tours and four talks scheduled for the meeting.

This university was founded in 1885 on land donated by Jay Abel Hubbell. Many of the materials in the University Archives detail his colorful life. The town of Hubbell itself was named after this controversial and successful man three years after his death. We will have a guided tour of the archives and then be allowed to use the interactive map overlays to tour the physical evolution of the university through time.

**SATURDAY JUNE 22nd CIRCLE TOUR NEAR HOUGHTON**

On Saturday, June 22nd, two continuous shuttle buses will leave from the hotel every 45 minutes and visit many local area sites. The idea is to be able to hop on and off the bus, go only to the sites you want to see, and stay as long as you would like at each stop. Not everyone will want to go to all the places available. With that in mind, and to keep the cost low, the admission to each site is separately priced (just wear your name badge for our group discounts). The buses will run from 9AM to 5PM.

The stops include:

1. **A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum of MTU** has a huge collection of minerals and a magnificent fluorescent mineral exhibit. The mineral and mineralogy of the U.P. and particularly of the Keweenaw Peninsula is quite unique and rich in history as well as minerals! ($6 Adult, $5 Senior, $2 Junior 9-17, Children 8 and Under Free)
2. **Quincy Copper Mine Tour** has several options: Surface Tour only, Surface Tour with Tram Ride or the Full Tour with Underground ($20 Adult). We recommend the full tour. All tours include a visit to the museum, a video tour of the No. 2 Shaft Rock House and a guided tour of the enormous and complex Nordberg steam powered hoist engine and the building it is in. The full tour includes a tour of the underground facilities as well as the above ground hoist. This tour is two hours and takes you underground in the cog railway for a full understanding of the mining process. When you get off the cog rail tram your underground guide will drive you through the adit (horizontal mine entrance) nearly one-half mile straight into the side of the hill. The adit is approximately 15 feet high and 15 feet wide. On the way to the No. 5 shaft you will see early mine cars on rails and how they functioned. At the No. 5 shaft you will see the large opening (stope) developed in the late 1850’s and into the Civil War, the water filling the lower levels of the mine, demonstrations of manual and pneumatic drilling equipment, and learn of the rigors of work in this immense man-made labyrinth.

Since this underground tour fills up quickly, we are asking you to book on the registration form and then plan your bus transportation accordingly.

1. **Calumet,** a town 12 miles north of Houghton filled with cultural history. Its National Historic District is an area of about 20 blocks filled with galleries, shopping, historic buildings (don’t miss the opera house), antique shops, restaurants, museums, and the Keweenaw National Historical Park Headquarters.

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1. The **Copper Town USA Museum** in Calumet offers a variety of exhibits relative to the Copper Mining Industry and the Community Life associated with it. The most recent and popular exhibits are the Rastello Shoe Shop that was in Calumet and a portion of the Pattern Shop which was the original use of the entire museum building for almost 70 years of its’ history. Other exhibits include minerals, prehistoric mining, C & H Hospital operating room, early one room school, the Italian Hall Tragedy of 1913, and others. ($5 Adult, $3 Ages 6-15)
2. **Quincy Copper Smelter**, which is located along the Portage Canal – directly across the water from our hotel. As the copper rock made its journey from the stamp mill in nearby Mason to the smelter, it was purified and cast into ingots and cakes to be shipped to buyers all over the world. Since closing in the 1970’s, this site remains one of the best-preserved copper smelting sites of its time. A one-hour tour here will take you through the smelting of the copper ore from the mine to the point where it could be made into ingots for transport across Lake Superior to eventual industrial use. ($5 Adult, Children under 10 Free)

**MONDAY – JUNE 24 ALL DAY TOUR OF THE KEWEENAW PENISULA TO COPPER HARBOR AND HUBBELL**

On Monday, June 24th, we will be riding a large comfortable coach bus to Copper Harbor. This small town is located at the end of the road, 47 miles north of Houghton on the northern-most tip of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula on Lake Superior’s spectacular shoreline. Some stops on this all day trip will be at a Monk’s Jampot Shop and Bakery, Jacob’s Falls, Eagle Harbor Lighthouse, Copper Harbor for lunch and shopping, Fort Wilkins Historic State Park and of course the Town of Hubbell, Michigan!

**Jacob Falls** is located right off the road near the famous Monks Jampot shop and Bakery. It is a mainstay of Keweenaw visitors. The main drop of the falls is visible from the road, a tall slide down smooth rock that pours from an impressive cut above. Additional climbing for those inclined will take you to two more waterfalls and impressive views. .

Lake Superior is the largest fresh water lake in the world. It is a body of water with many moods it has claimed impressive ships over the years. Picture rocks and many colors of the Lake Superior coastline are to be seen from the many scenic stops along the way. The lighthouses are beacons to mariners.

The red brick **Eagle Harbor Light Station** sits on the rocky entrance to the harbor and is a working lighthouse as it guides mariners across the northern edge of the Keweenaw Peninsula. The original lighthouse, built in 1851, was replaced in 1871. The octagonal brick light tower is ten feet in diameter, with walls 12 inches thick and it supports a 10-sided cast iron lantern. The fourth order Fresnel lens was replaced by an automated lantern in 1968. This red brick lighthouse is still standing and is furnished with period furnishings ($5 Adult, Children Free)

**Copper Harbor** is located at the northern tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula, is one of the best natural harbors in Keweenaw County and was a quick focus of attention after copper was discovered on the peninsula in the 1830s. In the early 1840s, a copper rush took place that saw a flood of fortune-seekers moving to the peninsula.

The U.S. government was concerned about possible disorder and violence, and lake shipping interests asked the government to build an aid to navigation so that essential supplies could be shipped in and the copper moved out. In 1844, Fort Wilkins was established at the direction of Secretary of War William Wilkins. The troops stationed there were intended to help with local law enforcement and to keep the peace between miners and local Ojiwas. Some of the Chippewa opposed the Treaty of La Pointe that had ceded the area to the United States in 1842-1843. However, the fort proved to be unnecessary. The Chippewa largely accepted the influx, and the miners were law-abiding. **Fort Wilkins Historic State Park** is now a restored 1844 military outpost which features costumed interpreters who demonstrate the history of the Keweenaw Peninsula fort, two Copper Harbor lighthouses, and an excellent museum.

Of course the Town of Hubbell is a big draw for this family and we will be there! The Historic Post Office in this small town of less than 1000 people is a great place for a Hubbell photo. The town was named after Jay Abel Hubbell three years after this death in 1900. Prior to that time it was called South Lake Linden.