

# Sturgeon Bay Historical Society Newsletter

Summer 2022



DOOR COUNTY  
GRANARY

## DOOR COUNTY GRANARY NEWS



### On November 19, 2021, we broke ground on the Door County Granary!

One of the last remaining wooden grain elevators on the Great Lakes, the Door County Granary is on its way to becoming a community gathering space and interpretive center on Sturgeon Bay's west waterfront. It will tell the story of our agrarian past and the vital place granaries held in America's food infrastructure. The Door County Granary is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### Reasons for Celebration!

- March 2022 – The Door County Granary earned the 2021 Unbuilt Architecture and Design Award from the Boston Society for Architecture. This is our *second major national and international award*, joining the Progressive Architectural Award from *Architect Magazine* received in 2021.
- April 2022 – A new poured foundation and 51 new pilings sunk deep into the lakebed allowed the Granary to be returned to the location it was built on in 1901.
- May 2022 – The Door County Granary project received a \$100,000 grant from the 1923 Fund to aid in restoration efforts.
- May 2022 – Senator Tammy Baldwin, chair of the Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration, recommended the Door County Granary for inclusion in fiscal year 2023 financing. We'll let you know as we hear more.
- June 2022 – Nicole Matson has joined our team as Project Manager! Nicole has extensive experience in planning, communication and volunteer coordination. Most recently she has worked for Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership as the Coordinator of the Climate Change Coalition of Door County, where she co-created the highly successful Door County Big Plant program. Nicole will oversee fundraising, financial and contractual management, communications with partnering entities and interface with the construction team.

- June 2022 –31 original, old-growth hand-hewn columns will be delivered back from Tennessee where they have been painstakingly restored. The Historical Society is raising \$171,000 to reinstall them and return the granary to its 75ft. height. **Can you help?** See donation details below.
- We continue to pursue grants at the state and national level as well as donations from individuals and companies with ties to the local community. Do you know of someone who would be interested in hearing the story of the Granary? We are always on the lookout for Granary enthusiasts. If you think you might know someone, please consider reaching out to us so we can make a connection.
- If you're part of a group interested in learning about the Granary's history, we have a PowerPoint program we'd love to share! Contact us at [sturgeonbayhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sturgeonbayhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) and we'll present "**Door County Granary, Embodying the American Dream**" at an upcoming meeting.



Drilling and placing 51 pilings for support.



Pouring the foundation.



Supporters gathered at the granary site for a reception following the presentation of a \$100,000 grant from the 1923 Fund.



**Donations may be sent to:**

Door County Community Foundation-Granary Fund  
222 N 3rd Ave. Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

**or donate online at:**

[doorcountgranary.org](http://doorcountgranary.org)

**Thank you!**

*The Door County Granary is a component fund of the Door County Community Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3 public charity. All contributions are deductible to the fullest extent as allowed by law.*