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Bay View, An American Idea, Available now!

Bay View, An American Idea, 2nd edition 2025, by Mary Jane Doerr is being sold at the Gathering Post for \$60. All proceeds support the Jubilee summer. This 2010 winner of the Michigan State History Award is greatly expanded with fascinating essays and sensational photographs by members. Andrian Boyer's photograph of Marcus Fransico is on the back. Color photographs have been used throughout. Only 150 copies (signed and numbered for our 150th year) were ordered and over 2/3rds are already sold.

This book is a great gift! Pick up extra copies at the Gathering Post. If you would like to mail one, you are welcome to do so, at your own expense.

Also available is *The Songs of J. Will Callahan*, winner of the 2022 Michigan State History Award and chosen from 100,000 entries for Honorable Mention in the 2023 New York Book Festival.

Dear voting members:

This is a friendly reminder to please join us for the 150th Bay View Association Annual Meeting, this Saturday, August 2nd at 9 a.m. in the John M. Hall Auditorium. **Polls open at 8:30 a.m.**

As per our By-Law 29-a - Annual Meeting:

There shall be an annual meeting of this Association on Saturday of the seventh week of the assembly season at 9 a.m., Petoskey local time, in John M. Hall Auditorium (the "Annual Meeting"). Seventy-five (75) Leaseholding Members shall constitute a quorum for conducting business at each such annual meeting.

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Bay View

AN AMERICAN IDEA



BY MARY JANE DOERR



From the Executive Director, Megan DeWindt



Collaboration and Community at Bay View

This upcoming week, Bay View has the distinct honor of

hosting fellow members of the **Chautauqua Trail**, an organization of about 20 Chautauqua communities across North America. Each year, the group gathers to connect, share ideas, and carry forward the vision of the Chautauqua Movement, a uniquely American tradition that began in the 1870s to offer lifelong learning, spiritual enrichment, cultural arts, and recreation in an intentional community.

This year, the Trail gathering is happening right here in Bay View. We are proud to welcome these like-minded communities to our historic campus and invite our own community members to take part. The business meetings of the Chautauqua Trail are open to all, and I encourage you to attend and learn more about the broader movement to which we belong. Meetings will be held in **Evelyn Hall** on **Friday, August 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., and Saturday, August 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Collaboration is something I deeply value, and this year has been rich with it - from the Trail to local partnerships. This spring, Bay View also hosted the Chautauqua **Learning Lab**, a new initiative that brings together leadership and staff from Chautauqua communities to collaborate, share

knowledge, develop efficiencies, and build relationships. These connections help strengthen not just Bay View, but the entire movement.

Through these connections, we were introduced to **America in Bloom**, an independent nonprofit that helps communities of all sizes thrive by celebrating their strengths and identifying areas for enhancement. Bay View joins **Boulder Chautauqua** and **Lakeside Chautauqua** as early adopters of this initiative, and we are already learning a great deal.

This week, representatives from America in Bloom visited our campus. They toured our buildings, programs, and green spaces, and many Bay View residents generously offered their time and stories to help share who we are. I want to thank all who have taken part; your hospitality and your honest reflections have made a real impact.

America in Bloom will soon share a report that recognizes what we're doing well and suggests areas where we might grow even stronger. As we reflect on **Bay View's 150th Jubilee** and look to the next 150 years, this is the perfect moment to take stock of where we are and how we can build on our unique legacy.

Bay View has always been a place of progress rooted in tradition, and I believe these partnerships are part of how we continue that legacy. I hope you'll join me in welcoming our Chautauqua colleagues this week, learning more about the broader movement we belong to, and celebrating the spirit of collaboration that helps Bay View thrive, both today, and into the future.

Final Chance!

Bid on "The Campus at 150" – Auction Closes on Association Day, Saturday, August 2 at 1 p.m.

Time is almost up! Don't miss your opportunity to own *The Campus at 150*, a stunning original oil painting by celebrated Petoskey artist **Kevin Barton**, created in honor of Bay View's 150th Jubilee. This commissioned piece beautifully captures the spirit and charm of our historic campus—and supports the **Bay View Fund**, sustaining the programs that make our mission possible.

- **Auction closes: Saturday, August 2 at 1 p.m.**
- **Starting bid: \$2,000 | Minimum increases: \$500**
- **Need a proxy?** Contact the Development Office (231-881-9711) today!

Program Updates:

- **Monday, August 4th:**
Ann Voskamp: Religion & Life Hour: Q&A new location: Hall Auditorium
- **Wednesday, August 6th:**
Albion College Lecture & Reception from 6:30-7:30 p.m. new location: Evelyn Hall
- **Wednesday, August 6th:**
Bay View Brass at the Browns at 8:30 p.m. in Sunset Park
- **Thursday, August 7th:**
Robin Wall Kimmerer: Drum Circle @ 6:15 p.m. on Hall Auditorium Steps
- **Friday, August 8th:**
American Spirituals Intensive Concert @ 8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium

From the Education Director, Julia Healy

Founders of American Spoon and The Berry Center to Discuss Pressing Concerns of Small, Family Farms

According to the USDA Census of Agriculture, fewer farms exist in the US today than in 1850. Farm consolidation, mechanization, hybrid seeds, synthetic fertilizer and pesticides have enabled large-scale farming and increased yields with less labor. But have we paid too steep a price for that productivity gain?

Author Wendell Berry, an early leader in the organic-food movement, has written extensively on the subject, defending the longstanding structure of small family farms and rural communities against the invasion of “factory” farming. Berry’s daughter, Mary, founded The Berry Center in New Castle, Kentucky in 2011 to help offset the pressures brought on by agricultural industrialization.

Farming is facing not just declining numbers of family farms. It’s also contending with an aging population. Farmers aged 65 and older have increased 12% since 2017, while those aged 35-65 have decreased 9%. One bright spot: the number of beginning farmers and farmers under the age of 35 has increased by 11% since 2017. One million new farmers, with fewer than 10 years of experience, have entered the field in recent years.

Those new farmers, along with the established farming population, need resources and support. That is where the Berry Center comes

in. Mary Berry founded the center in 2011 “for the purpose of bringing focus, knowledge and cohesiveness to the work of changing our ruinous industrial agriculture system into a system and culture that use nature as the standard, accept no permanent damage to the ecosphere, and take into consideration human health in local communities.”

American Spoon founder Justin Rashid knows a thing or two about building a business, and about maintaining a healthy ecosystem of independent food producers in a tight-knit community.

“[American Spoon was] a farm-to-table market,” he says, “before farm-to-table was a thing.” The legendary company he founded in 1982, a “purveyor of spoonable preserves” and so much more—has grown to include five retail stores, partnerships with companies like Zingerman’s in Ann Arbor, and an online business that distributes catalogs to millions of fans around the world.

On **Tuesday, August 5th at 4:30 p.m. in Voorhies Auditorium**, Justin Rashid and Mary Berry will share their insights into what it takes to maintain and grow a sustainable mid-level economy with, and for, independent food producers. They’ll be joined by Rashid’s son Noah Marshall-Rashid, who now runs the company his father founded, and Berry Center board member Maggie Keith, fourth-generation steward of the biodynamic beef producer Foxhollow Farm in Kentucky.

The night before, **Maggie Keith will give a brief introduction to biodynamic farming at the 7:30 p.m. Monday Night Movie, *The Biggest Little Farm***, a heartwarming and award-winning documentary about a 200-acre

biodynamic farm near Los Angeles. Please join us Monday and Tuesday for what are bound to be eye-opening and enlightening presentations about the current state of farming in the US, and what we can all do to support our treasured local growers.



Left to Right: Justin Rashid (Founder of American Spoon), Noah Marshall-Rashid (son to Kate and Justin), and Kate Marshall (wife to Justin Rashid)



Mary Berry (Founder of The Berry Center, daughter of Wendell Berry)

New Classes Next Week, August 4-8

- Lunch and Learn with Ziibimijwang Farm: Monday, 11 a.m. in Loud Hall
- Watercolor Sketchbook Journal: Monday-Thursday, 3 p.m. in Loud Hall Kitchen **SOLD OUT**
- Biggest Little Farm: Monday Night Movie, 7:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall
- American Spoon and The Berry Center: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall
- Constellations: Wednesday, 3 p.m. in Voorhies Hall
- Scarrow Friday Forum: Club Manitou/Club Ponytail: A Harbor Springs Legacy: Friday, 10 a.m. in Voorhies Hall

From the Performing Arts Director, Chris Ludwa

As we near the close of this Jubilee season, I find myself filled with gratitude for the many supporters and friends who make Bay View so extraordinary. This week, I want to shine a special spotlight on one individual whose artistry and dedication have helped define our musical life for over two decades.

Dr. Risa Renae Harman has served as our soprano faculty member and voice chair for the past 26 years—a remarkable legacy of leadership, talent, and heart. Risa has graced the Hall stage in nearly every Sunday Vesper Concert since 1999 (even performing virtually in 2020), dazzling us with her soaring high notes, expressive nuance, and signature style—yes, we'll always remember the elegant gowns and the unmistakable “Risa Twirl.”

But beyond the stage, Risa has been a driving force behind the scenes. As voice chair, she helped grow our program from modest operas in Voorhies with piano to full productions in Hall and performances at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Her sharp organizational mind and deep care for our students have ensured we remain competitive with the best summer vocal programs nationwide. Risa has shared her gifts not only in the classroom and onstage, but in weddings, memorials, and countless cherished Bay View moments—always with warmth, grace, and a touch of Southern hospitality.

We also extend our deep thanks

to Nick Gisonde, Risa's husband and right-hand partner in Bay View's voice program. Nick has worn many hats: opera scenes co-leader, fight choreographer, director, sound engineer, and always a steady source of support and creativity behind the scenes. His presence has been a key part of the program's continued excellence.

As we reflect on Risa's incredible legacy, we also look ahead with gratitude for what's to come. After 26 remarkable years, Risa will be stepping into a new role at Bay View. While she is passing the torch as our full-time soprano faculty and voice chair, we are thrilled to share that she will continue with us in a guest artist capacity beginning next summer. This transition will allow her to share her extraordinary talent onstage, while also enjoying more of the magic of Bay



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View from a new perspective. We'll honor Risa at the **final Vesper concert on Sunday, August 10th** with a brief presentation, and we invite you to join us afterward in **Evelyn Hall** for a **“Card Shower”**—bring a note, card, or memory to share with Risa as we celebrate her remarkable 26 years. As she recently shared, “Nearly half my life has been here in Bay View.” What a blessing her presence has been for all of us.

And finally, a warm invitation: Please join us this **Sunday, August 3rd, following Vespers for our Scholarship Reception** on the steps of Hall Auditorium. This joyful gathering is a chance to meet our amazing students and hear firsthand how your support changes lives. We invite you to bring a gift or pledge to the Scholarship Fund—especially as fewer students major in music and financial needs grow, your generosity helps sustain this meaningful tradition. You can give online at

<https://next.blackbaud.com/adaptlive-donor-form/?formid=168754u-975142aa-9c1c-25eb628baa8&envirop=10AB795U2ibqyP6Wj&source=us>

Let's come together to celebrate all that makes Bay View shine.

From the Recreation Director, Amy Seamster Liddicoat

There's a lot happening around Bay View as we savor the final moments of summer!

The Boys' and Girls' Club made a big impact last week, packing an incredible **15,840 meals** for *Meals of Hope*. Their hard work and spirit of service are a shining example of compassion in action—thank you to all who participated.

MEALS OF
Hope



The Fawns celebrated the season with a cheerful Fawns Picnic, and both Tot Lot and Fawns were treated to a visit from an amazing storyteller. She brought stories to life by acting them out, singing songs, and engaging the campers in fun and imaginative ways. The children helped retell *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and sang along with *Herman the Worm*—laughter and smiles all around! A heartfelt thank you to Morning Council for generously funding this special experience.



The Mary Spayde Craft House has been a joyful hub of creativity, connection, and hands-on fun for generations. From popsicle-stick masterpieces to hand-drawn treasures, it's a space where imaginations run wild and memories are made. If you've ever painted a rock, made a lanyard, or watched a child beam with pride over a homemade creation, you know how special this place is. We're inviting you to help keep the Craft House thriving by collecting the following items over the

winter for donation: felt, Altoid tins, costume/junk jewelry, wine corks, rubber bands, pillow stuffing, artificial flowers, game pieces, playing cards, and zippers.

A few quick reminders as we head into August:

- **Wood Shop Donations:** Please do not leave items at Roger Plummer's cottage. All donations should be brought directly to the Wood Shop or Craft House.
- **Boat Storage:** Make sure your summer and winter storage fees are paid. Payments can be made at the Boathouse through **August 9th**. If you plan to keep your vessel out past the end of the Assembly Season, please mark it with "2025" clearly and make arrangements for it to be put away later.
- **Lost and Found:** Please check the Lost and Found at both the Waterfront and Club. Unclaimed items will be donated after Week 8, so don't wait too long!

And finally, while the Assembly Season may be winding down, we're still hoping for many more sunny days. Lockers will remain available until late September, and swim lines will stay in the water well beyond the end of the season. Please remember when the red flag is flying, the beach is unguarded.

Thank you for being part of what makes Bay View so vibrant and supporting us in our mission towards **Fun and Recreation for ALL!**



Important 2025 Dates from Jen Cronk

Saturday, August 2, 2025: Annual Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Hall Auditorium. Voting by paper ballot ends at 12 p.m. Election of Officers at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, August 8, 2025: Final day of Recreation Programming.

Friday, August 8, 2025: Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

Sunday, August 10, 2025: Closing day of the 150th Assembly Season.

Friday, August 22, 2025: Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

Friday, September 12, 2025: Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

Friday, September 26, 2025: Final Regular In-Person Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

Friday, October 10, 2025: - Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

Monday, October 27, 2025: Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Monday, November 3, 2025: Final day cottagers can be in their cottage. Closing day of Bay View.

Monday, December 15, 2025: Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. EST.

***Red signifies dates regarding voting**



From the Worship Director, Rev. Hilary Barrett

Ann Voskamp will be our Preacher of the Week – August 3rd & 4th

Ann Voskamp is the wife of a farmer, mama to seven, and the author of the New York Times bestsellers *The Broken Way*, *The Greatest Gift*, *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift*, and the sixty-week New York Times bestseller *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*, which has sold more than 1.5 million copies and has been translated into more than twenty languages and her latest book is *Waymaker: Finding the Way to the Life You've Always Dreamed of*.

Named by Christianity Today as one of fifty women most shaping culture and the church today, Ann is a passionate advocate for the marginalized and oppressed around the globe, partnering with Mercy House Global, Compassion International, and artisans around the world through her fair-trade community, Grace Crafted Home. She and her husband took a leap of faith to restore a 125-year-old stone church into The Village Table, a place where everyone has a seat and belongs. You can track her on Facebook, Threads, and Instagram at AnnVoskamp or on her website: <https://annvoskamp.com/>.

Voskamp will preach at our Assembly Worship Service (Sunday at 10:45 a.m.) and then join us for a faith-deepening conversation in our Religion and Life Hour on Monday at 10 a.m.

Please note change of location: Ann Voskamp's Q&A on Monday at 10 a.m. in Hall Auditorium.

Also this Week! Robin Wall Kimmerer at Bay View & Crooked Tree Arts Center

Join us **August 7th** for special events with **Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer**, a plant ecologist, educator, and writer who articulates a vision of environmental stewardship grounded in scientific and Indigenous knowledge.

The day starts with Coffee @ 10 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center, a unique opportunity to participate in a moderated conversation with Dr. Kimmerer. In order to ensure a lively conversation at the Coffee @ 10, we are soliciting questions in advance from the community! Please visit <https://bit.ly/all-flourishing-is-mutual> to submit a question in advance of the event.

At 7pm, Dr. Kimmerer will deliver a keynote address at John M. Hall Auditorium. Tickets available at

<https://www.outpoststage.com/shows/robin-wall-kimmerer-7pm-aug-2025/58454502/tickets/5759920902909058534024>

or from the Box Office. Dr. Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, acclaimed professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*, which has earned Kimmerer wide acclaim. Her first book, *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses*, was awarded the John Burroughs Medal for outstanding nature writing, and her other work has appeared in *Orion*, *Whole Terrain*, and numerous scientific journals. In 2022, *Braiding Sweetgrass* was adapted for young adults by Monique Gray Smith. This new edition reinforces

how wider ecological understanding stems from listening to the earth's oldest teachers: the plants around us.

Campus Club

As a reminder, **the annual Memorial Service and Annual Meeting are on Tuesday, August 5th, under the Event Tent. The service begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m.** See you there.

It's also that time of the season when the beautiful flowers around the lawn bowling court are blooming in a kaleidoscope of colors. As we did last year, we're cutting and arranging the flowers for the Bay View community. We only ask for a donation so we can cover our landscaping costs.

Woman's Council

Please join the Woman's Council for our final meeting. All are welcome.

August 5 at NOON: Please note the time change for our annual **"Carry-In Luncheon"** and Installation of Woman's Council Officers and Directors. Bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. Beverages are provided. This is our last regular meeting of the 2025 Assembly Season.

Thank you to all who visited the Woman's Council booth at Treasures in the Trees. It was a fun morning!

The Bay View Jubilee Season would be a great time to consider adding a leaf to the Woman's Council Commemorative Tree to honor a beloved family member or friend who has belonged to the Woman's Council or Morning Council. The suggested donation

for each leaf is \$100. Please contact Cooper at (586) 303-5285 or rcooper01@att.net for information.

Contact Nina Howerton (616) 350-1441, the Woman's Council House Hostess, for information about the 5 rooms available to rent at the Woman's Council Building until the end of the season. In the off season, please contact Kathy Duquette.

Contact Patti van der Have (239) 994-1000 regarding information and reservations for event rentals of the Woman's Council Building.

CAMPERS OF THE WEEK



CONGRATULATIONS!

Memorials

Rose Crandell

Celebration of Life

Saturday, August 2nd
4-6 p.m.

Petoskey Bay View Country Club

Bona Beckley

Greet the Family

Saturday, August 9th
2-4 p.m.

1092 Pine St.

From the Donor & Communications Director, Michelle Hansen

A Walk Down Memory Lane

When Brian Black opened his letter from the Bay View 2000 time capsule this summer, it was like opening a window into the past. In it, a younger Brian had written: *"I hope, in 25 years, the next generation of Blacks will enjoy tennis."* Mission accomplished.



This summer, his 4½-year-old grandson, Liam stepped onto the Bay View courts for his very first tennis lesson — carrying forward a love of the game that's now spanned three generations.

Brian grew up in Bay View and spent a few memorable summers working at the tennis courts. "My chief job was pulling weeds," he says with a smile, "but I loved it." Tennis was a joy then, and still is. He raised his children here, watching them swing their racquets on the same courts where he once pulled weeds — and now the next generation is picking up the sport.

These days, Brian and his wife Paula are avid pickleball players. "I've never enjoyed Bay View as much as I do now," Paula shared. "Pickleball has the best community and the people are so much fun." In fact, the couple recently led a beginner pickleball clinic — their way of sharing their joy (and expertise) with others. Nearly 30 eager players joined in the fun!

Their generosity extends beyond the court. Brian and Paula are faithful donors, giving their **time, talent, and treasure** to help secure Bay View's future. With three grandchildren already growing up in the community they love, they're investing in a legacy of community and belonging.

As Brian prepared his submission for the 2025 Jubilee time capsule, he gratefully reflected on the lifelong friendships he formed here, with Tad Asbury, Billy Crawford, Toby Jones, and David McDevitt and others who have shared the journey. "The thing about Bay View is that you know someone, and you knew their parents, and maybe even their grandparents. Their kids and your kids went to Boys' and Girls' Club together. Where else do these deep connections exist?"

It's a good question — and a beautiful reminder of what makes Bay View so special.

"When I think about all Bay View has given me," Brian said, "I am lucky to give something back."

From weed-pulling to pickleball, from shared summers to shared service, Brian and Paula Black are part of the story we're still writing, together, in Bay View. And for that, we are so very grateful.

Bay View Week of Handbells Concert

The Bay View Week of Handbells Concert will take place in John M. Hall Auditorium on **Thursday, August 14th at 7:30 p.m.** The free concert features 108 handbell musicians from all over the US performing on their handbells. The varied musical selections will range from a Bach/Vivaldi transcription, to an arrangement of "Till There Was You" from The Music Man. The concert will open with a fanfare composed for the 150th anniversary of the Bay View Association with ringers located in five different places in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Free will donations are appreciated.



Has your cottage been in the same family for 100 or more years?



Century Cottage owners can now purchase a sign to commemorate your family's legacy! Century Cottage applications are available at Wade Administration Building and must be verified by the Bay View Archives. Signs are \$105. Orders will be placed as they are received.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 3rd

- **Assembly Worship**
10:45 a.m. in Hall Auditorium
- **Vesper Concert - Bridge Over Troubled Water**
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium
(Student Scholarship Reception immediately following)

Monday, August 4th

- **Religion & Life Hour**
10 a.m. in **Hall Auditorium**
- **Monday Night Movie - Biggest Little Farm** (Thanks to Jim and Kathy Schroeder, In Memory of Lenoir Stanley)
7:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall

Tuesday, August 5th

- **Thank You Breakfast for Volunteers**
9 a.m. in Evelyn Hall
- **Woman's Council Carry-In Luncheon**
12 p.m. at Woman's Council

- **Building an Economy for Small and Mid-Size Farmers - A Conversation with the Founders of American Spoon and The Berry Center.**
4:30 p.m. in Voorhies Hall
- **Campus Club Memorial Service**
7 p.m. in the Event Tent
- **Wednesday, August 6th**
 - **Albion College Lecture and Reception**
6:30 p.m. in **Evelyn Hall**
- **Thursday, August 7th**
 - **Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer Coffee @ Ten**
10 a.m. at Crooked Tree Arts Center
 - **Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer**
7 p.m. in Hall Auditorium
- **Friday, August 8th**
 - **LAST DAY OF CLUB**
9:30 a.m. at Swift Field
- **Saturday, August 9th**
 - **Bay View Brass Finale**
8 p.m. in Hall Auditorium



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To be an institution in which Christian values and traditions are central. To enrich the human experience for individuals and families within Bay View and the surrounding community through a seasonal program of religious, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities. To provide a Christian perspective in a changing world.*

**Such as love, faith, grace, hope, respect, hospitality, and service to others.*