

# **CHAPTER 3: HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter begins by briefly discussing Door County’s “community character,” which is intertwined with many of the county’s historical and cultural resources. It then provides a brief history of the county’s residents and its development, followed by an inventory of the historical resources in Door County. Included are discussion of the county’s historical associations; the area’s maritime history and maritime museums, lighthouses, and shipwrecks; general museums; archaeological sites; sites on the state and/or federal historic registries; and cemeteries. Finally, this chapter provides an inventory of cultural resources, such as cultural organizations, educational and cultural opportunities, visual and performing arts groups and venues, and festivals.

### **COMMUNITY CHARACTER**

Community character is defined by a variety of sometimes intangible factors, including the people living in the area, the visual character of the area, and the quality of life offered to residents and visitors. Door County’s community character was ranked as either the county’s highest or second-highest asset during the public input exercises conducted at the countywide visioning sessions in 2006 and 2007. As is evidenced by the lists below of responses from residents at those visioning meetings, all aspects of community character – the people, the visual attributes, and the general quality of life – as well as the county’s specific historical and cultural resources, define or exemplify life in Door County.

#### Character of the People

- Volunteerism – caring community
- Social conscience – caring about each other, sense of community
- Diversity of skills and interests
- Stable religious community
- Community pride
- Work ethic
- Good base of retirees to help with cultural and educational activities

#### Visual Character

- Beautiful scenery, rural setting, natural/pastoral areas
- Rural farmland and buildings
- Scenic vistas and living
- Rural scenic beauty
- Character of the original town centers
- Quaintness and uniqueness of villages

#### Quality of Life

- Small-town flavor – peaceful lifestyle (as opposed to hectic urban lifestyle)
- Fellowship of community – people are supportive and close-knit
- Sense of peace
- Safe, healthy, tight-knit community
- Low crime rate/safety
- Low population density
- Slow population growth
- Diverse communities; diversity between rural and tourist areas/community centers
- Cities and villages
- Big-city amenities in a small-town setting
- Clean environment
- Good human service agencies
- Small government footprint
- Large tax base

## Historical and Cultural Resources

- Arts, music, theatre, galleries, authors, museums
- Arts and cultural resources – talented mix of people as well as places/organizations
- History and architecture
  - Maritime history and museums, shipwrecks, lighthouses
  - Influence of Belgian and other ethnic groups
  - Michigan Street Bridge
  - Historic buildings throughout the county
- Agricultural heritage and setting

## **HISTORICAL RESOURCES**

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF DOOR COUNTY**

Humans have inhabited the Door Peninsula for approximately 11,500 years. The area now known as Door County was first visited or settled by numerous Indian tribes, including the Menominee, Winnebago, Outagamie, Iroquois, Sauk, Ottawa, Illinois, Chippewa, and Pottawatomie. These Native American peoples lived in the area, fished the waters, and hunted in the woodlands for centuries before European settlers visited or migrated into the Great Lakes region. Door County's name is derived from Native Americans' description of the dangerous six-mile wide passage between Lake Michigan and Green Bay: The French translated the Native American phrase for the passage to "La Porte des Morts;" literally, in English, "The Door of Death" (now most often called Death's Door).

The earliest recorded history for the area begins with French explorer Jean Nicolet landing on Door County islands in 1634, with the first permanent white settlers arriving in the 1830s. Between 1860 and 1870, the population of the county increased from 2,948 to 4,919 people. Lumbering, fishing, and shipbuilding were the predominant businesses during the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Due to its rocky soil, the county's land was generally not suitable for farming crops, but it was good for growing fruit trees, such as apple and cherry. Tourism also became an important economic activity, with early tourists arriving primarily by steamboat and motorized vehicles. Door County has remained an attractive tourist destination, with tourism comprising a significant portion of the county's economic activity.

Table 3.1 below provides a timeline of some events of historical importance to the county's culture and economy.

**Table 3.1: Timeline of Historic Events in Door County**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Event</b>
1634	Jean Nicolet lands on Door County islands.
1665	Radisson and Grosseliers winter here with Pottawatomis; establish fur trading business.
1669	Father Claude Allouez winters with Pottawatomis. First to write of “La Portage des Eturgeons,” the area now known as Sturgeon Bay.
1673	Father James Marquette, missionary and explorer, and Louis Joliet stop in county for 3 months.
1679	Robert La Salle visits on ship “Griffin.”
circa 1690	Nicholas Perrot visits Pottawatomis on Washington Island.
1720	Father Pierre de Charlevoix, Jesuit, visits and writes of area.
1816	American troops from Mackinac visit and name Washington Harbor for their flagship.
1817	Stone quarry operating at Bowyer Bluff on Washington Island.
1835	First white settlers to the county, Increase and Mary Ann Claflin, build a cabin at Little Sturgeon (located in what is now Town of Gardner).
1836	First lighthouse in county, Pottawatomi, built on Rock Island. First commercial fishing in the county established by Rock and Washington Island settlers.
1846	Asa Thorp arrives in Fish Creek. In 1855, he builds the first commercial pier in the county there.
circa 1850	Commercial stone quarry operations established around the county, many around Sturgeon Bay.
1850s	First house built in Sturgeon Bay, by Robert Graham. Commercial lumbering of pine and cedar begins, continuing for approximately 40 years. Norwegian Moravians settle Ephraim and Sturgeon Bay. Belgians settle in southern Door County, primarily in what are now the Towns of Union, Brussels, and Forestville. Sawmill established by Freeland B. Gardner at Little Sturgeon.
1851	Door County created as a separate governmental entity by act of the legislature (previously part of Brown County), with Baileys Harbor as county seat.
1856	First school in the county recognized by the state, in Sturgeon Bay (the few previous schools were private and informal in structure and schedule).
1857	First church in the county – Ephraim Moravian Church – constructed.
1860	First ferry begins providing service across Sturgeon Bay.
1862	First orchard (apples) set out in the county, by Swiss immigrant Joseph Zettel, in the Town of Sevastopol on land currently the site of THE Farm. First newspaper – <i>Door County Advocate</i> – established by Joseph Harris, Sr., with 104 subscribers.
circa 1870	Germans settle in what are now Towns of Baileys Harbor, Forestville, Liberty Grove, and Nasewaupee. Icelanders join Scandinavians on Washington Island.
1871	Fire destroys lives (128) and property in southern Door County within hours of Chicago Fire.
circa 1872	Lime kiln established at Little Sturgeon. Telegraph line installed between Two Rivers and Sturgeon Bay.
mid-1870s	Ice harvesting business and storage house established, at Little Sturgeon.
1878	First unit of the Door County Court House built, in Sturgeon Bay, at a cost of \$12,500. (Previous court house, dedicated in 1860, was a converted hotel in Sturgeon Bay.) It was subsequently torn down in 1991.
1879	Sturgeon Bay to Lake Michigan canal opens for sizable vessels (work began 1872).
1880s	First banks established in the county.
1881	Thomas Smith and John Leathem form schooner and barge repair business.
1890s	First tourist steamboats arrive in Northern Door. First canning company, “Reynolds Preserving,” established in the county, in Sturgeon Bay.
1894	Railroad lines completed – “Ahnapee and Western” – connecting Sturgeon Bay to Green Bay. The line includes a bridge across Sturgeon Bay.
1898	First “true” shipyard – one focused on building ships to sell to others – established in the county, by August Riebolt and Joseph Wolter, located in Sturgeon Bay.

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**Table 3.1: Timeline of Historic Events in Door County (continued)**

Year	Event
early 1900s	Highway improvements – surfacing with crushed stone and grading – encourage increased tourism via motor vehicles.
1909	First state park – Peninsula State Park – established in the county.
circa 1917	First milk processing (condensing and canning) plant established, in Sturgeon Bay. First cherry canning operations established, by Reynolds Preserving, in Sturgeon Bay.
1922	Summer art classes taught by Chicago Art Institute staff held in Baileys Harbor. Summer music classes taught by Lawrence Conservatory of Music staff in Idlewild.
1931	Dedication of the first highway bridge across Sturgeon Bay (downtown, Michigan Street Bridge). Previous crossings were via railroad bridge or boat.
1935	Founding of The Clearing and Peninsula Players.
1941-1945	Sturgeon Bay shipyards boom during World War II.
1946	Peak year of cherry production in Door County with 43 million pounds of cherries produced.
1949	Lake-to-Lake Milk Cooperative starts collecting milk in Door County, providing a Grade A milk market for dairy farmers.
1950s	Some zoning in place at county level, administered by county clerk.
1960	A Swedish freighter hits the bridge in Sturgeon Bay, knocking it out of commission for 18 days and spurring demand for a second bridge.
1965	Founding of Peninsula Art School (now Peninsula School of Art).
1968	Railroad discontinues service to Door County. County of Door enacts comprehensive zoning, including shoreland zoning per state statute requirements.
1969	National Geographic prints article on Door County titled “A Kingdom So Delicious.”
early 1970s	First multi-family developments with condominium-style ownership established in the county.
1971	Manitowoc Company buys shipyard from Christy Corporation and greatly increases production, including the construction of 1000-foot ore carriers.
1978	Bayview Bridge dedicated.
1983	Sherwood Point Lighthouse, the last manned lighthouse on the Great Lakes, is automated.
1995	Peterson Builders, Inc., long-standing local shipyard business, launches its last boat, a crane barge. Two shipbuilders remain (Palmer Johnson and Bay Shipbuilding).

Source: George Evenson, *Door County Historian*.

## **HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ARCHIVES**

Door County has many associations dedicated to the preservation of the county’s historic sites and artifacts, including:

- Baileys Harbor Historical Society
- Belgian American Club
- Citizens for Our Bridge, Inc.
- Door County Historical Society
- Ephraim Historical Foundation
- Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands
- Friends of Rock Island
- Gibraltar Historical Association
- Jacksonport Historical Society
- Liberty Grove Historical Society
- Sister Bay Historical Society

Door County also has three archival resources housing a variety of information about the history of the county and its residents.

- Door County Archives: Located at the Door County Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay, the purpose of the Door County Archives is to secure, maintain, and make accessible to scholars and other interested persons the official records of county organizations and agencies, and other records and photos of historical value relating to life in Door County.
- Door County Library Laurie History Room: Located within the Sturgeon Bay Library, the Laurie History Room houses a collection of books and information on Door County and Wisconsin history. Also available are decades of the local newspaper on microfilm for reading and printing, plat books going back to 1899, and a list of everyone buried in Door County cemeteries.
- Washington Island Archives: Located in the Washington Island Community Center, the Washington Island Archives is a repository for Town of Washington records, including tax records; school records; Census, cemetery, and genealogical records; publications produced on the island as well as island articles submitted to the *Door County Advocate*; and pictures, maps, audio tapes, and video tapes.

## **MARITIME HISTORY**

The waters of Lake Michigan, Green Bay, and Sturgeon Bay surrounding the Door Peninsula have provided transportation and trade routes and food supplies for centuries. Native Americans originally fished and hunted these waters for beaver, whitefish, and trout, later using the waters to establish a fur trade with people living in what is now Canada. French explorers and fur traders followed, opening more trade routes between Door County and Canada and replacing small canoes with large ships. In the 1850s, the shipping industry in the county thrived due to demand from the outside world for pine logs, lime, cedar, cord wood, telephone poles, railroad ties, hemlock bark, and, later, stone and potatoes. Door County's commercial fishing and shipbuilding industries also got their start in the 1850s. By 1882, there were roughly sixty shipping piers located around the county.

Today, sport and commercial fishermen travel the waters in search of a variety of catch. Shipbuilders have developed from small shipyards into large thriving industries, and other marine-related companies continue to derive their livelihood from the water. Although the bays and lakes are no longer the main travel route to and from Door County, the waters surrounding the peninsula continue to fuel the economy through shipbuilding, commercial fishing, and water-based recreational opportunities. The tourism industry is also fueled by the county's rich maritime history in the form of lighthouses, shipwrecks, and maritime museums.

## **WISCONSIN'S MARITIME TRAILS PROGRAM**

Wisconsin's Maritime Trails program uses Web sites, interpretive signage, public presentations, and shipwreck moorings to encourage divers, snorkelers, boaters, maritime enthusiasts, and tourists to visit and enjoy Wisconsin's diverse collection of maritime resources. A collaborative effort between the Wisconsin Historical Society and the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute, the Maritime Trails initiative also seeks to document, preserve, and protect the state's submerged archaeological sites. More information about the following Door County museums, lighthouses, and shipwrecks may be found on the Maritime Trails Web site, listed in the Resources and Further Information section at the end of this chapter.

## **MARITIME MUSEUMS**

The Door County Maritime Museum was founded in 1969 by a group of commercial fishermen in Gills Rock. That museum opened its doors to the public in 1975, followed the next year by a small

maritime museum in Sturgeon Bay. In 1997, a 20,000 square-foot facility was constructed to replace the original Sturgeon Bay museum.

The organization overseeing operation of the museums expanded its name in the summer of 2002 to The Door County Maritime Museum & Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc. in order to clarify and solidify its role in preserving the lighthouses of Door County. The museum has also operated the Cana Island Lighthouse since 1975.

In addition to the displays and exhibits at each museum location, educational outreach takes the form of special events held throughout the year such as the Door County Lighthouse Walk, held each year in May or June, and the Classic and Wooden Boat Show, in August.

## LIGHTHOUSES

Door County has ten lighthouse locations, listed below in Table 3.2. Note that the Cana Island, Chambers Island, and Pilot Island lighthouses are all on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. (See Table 3.4.)

**Table 3.2: Door County Lighthouses**

Name	Location City/Village/Town
Baileys Harbor Range Lights (2 lights)	T. Baileys Harbor
Cana Island Lighthouse*	T. Baileys Harbor
Chambers Island Lighthouse	T. Gibraltar
Eagle Bluff Lighthouse*	T. Gibraltar
Old Baileys Harbor Light (Birdcage)	T. Baileys Harbor
Pilot Island	T. Washington
Plum Island Range Lights	T. Washington
Pottawatomie Lighthouse (on Rock Island)*	T. Washington
Sherwood Point	C. Sturgeon Bay
Sturgeon Bay Canal Station (2 lights)	C. Sturgeon Bay

*Source: Door County Maritime Museum and Door County Historical Museum.*

\* Lighthouses the public may tour.

## SHIPWRECKS

There are 211 shipwrecks in the waters around Door County, according to the Wisconsin Historical Society Shipwreck Database. Some of these local shipwrecks are on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, are marked with buoys, and/or have historic markers:

- Five shipwrecks are listed on the State Register of Historic Places; two of those five are also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. (See Table 3.4.)
- Eight shipwrecks are marked with Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) mooring buoys. With the help of volunteers from around the state, the WHS maintains permanent mooring buoys on several popular historic shipwrecks. The mooring buoys make the sites more accessible and safer for divers. The moorings also prevent anchor damage to often fragile shipwreck structures.
- Nine shipwrecks have historic markers. A number of Wisconsin's Great Lakes shipwrecks have been designated by historic markers installed by the Wisconsin Historical Society's Maritime Preservation and Archaeology Program.

## MUSEUMS

Table 3.3 below lists Door County's museums and other historic sites that are open to the public for the viewing of historic buildings, artifacts, and/or artwork.

**Table 3.3: Door County Museums and Other Historic Sites**

Name	Location
Bjorklunden Stavkirke (Chapel)	Town of Baileys Harbor
Cana Island Lighthouse	Town of Baileys Harbor
The Clearing	Town of Liberty Grove
Corner of the Past/Old Anderson House Museum	Village of Sister Bay
Door County Historical Museum	City of Sturgeon Bay
Door County Maritime Museum, Gills Rock	Town of Liberty Grove
Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay	City of Sturgeon Bay
Eagle Bluff Lighthouse	Peninsula State Park
Ephraim Foundation Museums	Village of Ephraim
. Anderson Barn Museum	
. Anderson Store Museum	
. Thomas Goodletson Cabin	
. Historic Iverson House	
. Pioneer Schoolhouse	
. The Svalhus	
Erskine Root Cellar	Town of Jacksonport
Gibraltar Town Hall	Town of Gibraltar
Gus Klenke Garage	Town of Liberty Grove
The Hardy Gallery (houses the Francis Hardy Center for the Arts)	Village of Ephraim
Historic Village at the Crossroads at Big Creek	City of Sturgeon Bay
Jackson Harbor Maritime Museum	Town of Washington
Jacobsen Museum	Town of Washington
Liberty Grove Historical Society Museum	Town of Liberty Grove
Miller Art Museum	City of Sturgeon Bay
The Historic Noble House	Town of Gibraltar
Pottawatomie Lighthouse	Rock Island State Park
Thordarson Estate	Rock Island State Park
Washington Island Farm Museum	Town of Washington

Source: *Door County Museum, 2008.*

## **ARCHEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SITES**

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The Wisconsin Historical Society has designated 15 archeological sites in Door County, 11 of which are maritime-related. Of the four archaeological sites on land, two are restricted to discourage trespassing, potential looting, and to show respect for sites that may be sacred to others. The other two are found in state parks: the Rock Island Historic District and the Bay View Site at Whitefish Dunes. More information about Door County’s archeological sites may be found on the Wisconsin Historical Society’s Web site, listed in the Resources and Further Information section at the end of this chapter.

### **NATIONAL AND STATE REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Both the National and State Registers of Historic Places include sites, buildings, structures, objects, and districts that are significant in national, state, or local history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect historic and archeological resources. The National Register is the official list – maintained by the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior – of historic properties in the United States deemed worthy of preservation. There are 59 places in Door County listed on the National Register. (See Table 3.4.)

The Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) was founded in 1846, two years before Wisconsin became the 30th state. The State Register is Wisconsin's official listing of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin's heritage, maintained by the Division of Historic Preservation at the WHS. There are 62 sites (35 buildings, 9 districts, 15 sites, and 3 structures) in Door County on the state register, 59 of which are also on the national register. The state register includes three additional shipwrecks not on the National Register. (See Table 3.4.)

Properties are usually nominated for potential inclusion on the State Register and the National Register at the same time. The process of getting a site approved for listing on the registries can take up to 18 months.

Owners of private property listed in the State and National Registers are not restricted in what they can do with the property, although certain activities – such as demolition or historically inappropriate renovations – would prompt removal of the property from registry lists. Benefits to a property owner of having a site listed on the registers include:

- eligibility for state and federal income tax credits for rehabilitating historic properties (up to 25% of total project cost);
- eligibility for federal grants, when available;
- consideration in the planning of federally assisted and state assisted projects, as well as projects of local governments and school boards, when those projects affect the property;
- eligibility to use the state's Historic Building Code, which may facilitate rehabilitation;
- qualification for state and federal charitable income tax deductions for the donation of historic preservation easements; and
- eligibility for official State Register of Historic Places plaques.

**Table 3.4: National and State Registers of Historic Places, Door County**

Name	Location	
	City/Village/Town	Type*
Anderson Dock Historic District	V. Ephraim	District
Baileys Harbor Range Lights	T. Baileys Harbor	District
Baileys Harbor Town Hall - McArdle Library	T. Baileys Harbor	Building
Bohjanen's Door Bluff Pictographs	T. Liberty Grove	Site
Bouche, J.B., House	T. Brussels	Building
Bullhead Point Historical and Archeological District	C. Sturgeon Bay	District
Cana Island Lighthouse	T. Baileys Harbor	Building
Carnegie Free Library (Sturgeon Bay Old Library)	C. Sturgeon Bay	Building
Chambers Island Lighthouse	T. Gibraltar	Building
Christina Nilsson (shipwreck)	T. Baileys Harbor	Site
Church of the Atonement	T. Gibraltar	Building
Clafin Point Site	T. Gardner	Site
Clearing, The	T. Liberty Grove	Site
Cupola House	V. Egg Harbor	Building
Draize, August, Farmstead	T. Union	Building
Eagle Bluff Lighthouse	T. Gibraltar	Building
Englebert, Frank and Clara, House	T. Brussels	Building
Ephraim Moravian Church	V. Ephraim	Building
Ephraim Village Hall	V. Ephraim	Building
Falque, Joachine J., House	T. Brussels	Building
Fleetwing (shipwreck)	T. Liberty Grove	Site
Frank O'Connor (bulk carrier)	T. Baileys Harbor	Site
Free Evangelical Lutheran Church - Bethania Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation	V. Ephraim	Building
Gibraltar District School No. 2	V. Ephraim	Building
Globe Hotel	T. Baileys Harbor	Building
Hillside Hotel	V. Ephraim	Building
Iverson, Andreas, House and First Public School	V. Ephraim	Building
Jischke's Meat Market	V. Sister Bay	Building
Joint Brussels and Garner District School Number One	T. Brussels	Building
Larson, L. A., & Co. Store	C. Sturgeon Bay	Building
Little Lake Archeological District	T. Washington	District
Louisiana (shipwreck)	T. Washington	Site
Louisiana Street/Seventh Avenue Historic District	C. Sturgeon Bay	District
Meridian (schooner) Shipwreck Site	T. Liberty Grove	Site
Michigan Street Bridge	C. Sturgeon Bay	Structure
Monfils, Joseph, Farmstead	T. Brussels	Building
Namur Belgian-American District	T. Union	District
Noble, Alexander, House	T. Gibraltar	Building
Peterson, Peter, House	V. Ephraim	Building
Pilot Island Light	T. Washington	Building
Pilot Island NW Site	T. Liberty Grove	Site
Plum Island Range Rear Light	T. Washington	Structure
Porte des Morts Site	T. Liberty Grove	Site
Pottawatomie Lighthouse	T. Washington	Building
Rock Island Historic District	T. Washington	Site
Sherwood Point Light Station	T. Nasewaupee	Building
Sturgeon Bay Canal Lighthouse	C. Sturgeon Bay	Structure
Sturgeon Bay Post Office	C. Sturgeon Bay	Building
Third Avenue Historic District	C. Sturgeon Bay	District

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**Table 3.4: National and State Registers of Historic Places, Door County (continued)**

Name	Location	
	City/Village/Town	Type*
Thordarson Estate Historic District	T. Washington	District
Thorp, Freeman and Jesse, House and Cottages	T. Gibraltar	Building
Vangindertahlen, Louis, House	T. Brussels	Building
Vorous General Store	T. Gibraltar	Building
Water Tower	T. Washington	Building
Welcker's Resort Historic District	T. Gibraltar	District
Whitefish Dunes - Bay View Site	T. Sevastopol	District
Zachow, William, Farmstead	T. Liberty Grove	Building
Zahn, Albert, House	T. Baileys Harbor	Building
Zahn, August, Blacksmith Shop and House	T. Baileys Harbor	Building
<b>State Register Only</b>		
Iris (shipwreck)	T. Washington	Site
Joys (shipwreck)	T. Washington	Site
Ocean Wave (shipwreck)	T. Sevastopol	Site

Source: Wisconsin Historical Society.

\*Types of Places:

- A building is constructed to shelter human activity. Examples include houses, barns, and commercial buildings.
- A site is the location of a significant event or a place of occupation or activity. It has historic value regardless of existing structures or buildings. Examples include shipwrecks, archaeological sites, and parks.
- A structure is made for purposes other than shelter. Examples include bridges, boats and ships, and grain elevators.
- A district is a group of historically-related properties, like a neighborhood or a downtown.

**WISCONSIN'S ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY INVENTORY**

As required by state law, the WHS maintains a permanent record of historical and architectural information called the Architecture and History Inventory (AHI). The AHI is used to identify properties that may qualify for the national and state historical registers and which may serve educational and tourism purposes. This database – which can change frequently – contains data on buildings, structures, and objects that illustrate Wisconsin's unique history. It documents a wide range of historic properties such as barns, log houses, metal truss bridges, and small-town commercial buildings that create Wisconsin's distinct cultural landscape.

The AHI lists 1,046 sites in Door County. The creation of that list began in the mid-1970s, when graduate school students did informal surveys by riding around in the county on bicycles, taking photos of places that looked historic. Since then, WHS has distributed grants to agencies such as Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission and the Gibraltar Historical Society to conduct more systematic surveys of selected areas within the county. Other properties have been added to the list through federally-funded projects that require notification of historical properties, such as the Highway 57 expansion, Housing and Urban Development projects in the City of Sturgeon Bay, and the Coast Guard's involvement with maritime structures. Between 2004 and 2007, additional research was conducted in the Towns of Nasewaupee and Gardner by a local resident, resulting in the addition of 14 more sites to the AHI. For information on how to obtain copies of these studies, see the WHS information in the Resources and Further Information section at the end of this chapter.

## CEMETERIES

The third edition of *Cemeteries of Wisconsin* lists local cemeteries by geographic township and range. It ignores incorporated community boundaries, so cemeteries located in the villages and the City of Sturgeon Bay are included in the towns' totals. Table 3.5 lists all Door County cemeteries identified in *Cemeteries of Wisconsin*, plus others identified in county records. Other burial sites present in the county may not be listed here, particularly smaller, family cemeteries or unnamed cemeteries. Note that the Sturgeon Bay Library Laurie History Room has a list of all known persons buried in Door County.

**Table 3.5: Cemeteries, Door County**

Name	Location	Name	Location
Baileys Harbor	T. Baileys Harbor	Stevenson Family	T. Gibraltar
St. Mary of the Lake Catholic	T. Baileys Harbor	St. Paul's Lutheran	T. Gibraltar
Brussels Town Cemetery	T. Brussels	Zion	T. Gibraltar
Emanuel's Lutheran Cemetery	T. Brussels	Holy Nativity/Christ the King (Episcopalian)	T. Jacksonport
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery	T. Brussels	Jacksonport Lakeview	T. Jacksonport
St. Michael's Catholic Church	T. Brussels	St. Michael's Catholic	T. Jacksonport
St. Hubert Catholic	T. Brussels	Zion Lutheran	T. Jacksonport
White Star Church Cemetery	T. Brussels	Ellison Bay	T. Liberty Grove
Clay Banks Town Cemetery	T. Clay Banks	Liberty Grove	T. Liberty Grove
Tanum Lutheran Cemetery	T. Clay Banks	Little Sister	T. Liberty Grove
Egg Harbor	T. Egg Harbor	Rowleys Bay	T. Liberty Grove
St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery	T. Egg Harbor	St. Rosalia's Catholic	T. Liberty Grove
St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery	T. Egg Harbor	Sister Bay Moravian	T. Liberty Grove
Brockhausen Cemetery	T. Forestville	Trinity Lutheran	T. Liberty Grove
Brown Church Cemetery	T. Forestville	Elton J. Schulties Memorial	T. Nasewaupée
Emanuel Lutheran	T. Forestville	Hainesville Cemetery	T. Nasewaupée
Forest Lutheran Cemetery	T. Forestville	Pilgrim's Rest	T. Nasewaupée
Forestville	T. Forestville	St. Salan	T. Nasewaupée
Holy Name of Mary Catholic	T. Forestville	Salem	T. Nasewaupée
Maplewood	T. Forestville	Salem Luther Cemetery	T. Nasewaupée
St. Mary's Cemetery (Old) Cemetery	T. Forestville	Schumacher - Nasewaupée	T. Nasewaupée
St. Mary's, Holy Name of Mary	T. Forestville	Weckler - Pilgrims Rest	T. Nasewaupée
St. Michael	T. Forestville	Bayside	T. Sevastopol
St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery	T. Forestville	Family Cemetery (abandoned)	T. Sevastopol
Woller	T. Forestville	Mausoleum - Catholic	T. Sevastopol
Geise Family	T. Gardner	St. John's Evangelical Lutheran	T. Sevastopol
Precious Blood Episcopal Cemetery	T. Gardner	St. Joseph's Catholic	T. Sevastopol
St. John the Baptist Spiritualist	T. Gardner	SS. Peter & Paul Catholic	T. Sevastopol
St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery	T. Gardner	Whitefish Bay	T. Sevastopol
Stevenson Pier Cemetery	T. Gardner	Mt. Olive	T. Sturgeon Bay
Tornado Park	T. Gardner	Shiloh	T. Sturgeon Bay
White Star Spiritualist Cemetery	T. Gardner	Sturgeon Bay/Samuelson Family/ South Side/Circle Ridge	T. Sturgeon Bay
Blossomburg	T. Gibraltar	St. Francis Depaul	T. Union
Bethany Lutheran	T. Gibraltar	St. Mary of The Snow Catholic (New)	T. Union
Clafin/Thorpe	T. Gibraltar	Lighthouse	T. Washington
Eagle Island	T. Gibraltar	Rock Island Cemeteries	T. Washington
Ephraim Moravian	T. Gibraltar	Sand Beach	T. Washington
Evangelical United Brethren	T. Gibraltar	Washington Island Township	T. Washington
Goodletson Family	T. Gibraltar		
Horseshoe Island (abandoned)	T. Gibraltar		
Juddville	T. Gibraltar		

Source: *Cemetery Locations in Wisconsin 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 2005*; *Door County Land Information Office, 2007*.

## **CULTURAL RESOURCES**

Participants at the countywide visioning sessions held in 2006-2007 highly valued the county's cultural resources, ranking them among Door County's greatest assets and a major contributor to the county's quality of life.

Cultural resources in the county include a wide array of associations and schools, galleries and studios, theatre groups, performing arts centers, and festivals. A diversity of galleries, studios, museums, and performance spaces offer the opportunity to see original works by local painters, potters, sculptors, craftsmen, weavers, and performers, many of whom draw inspiration from the natural beauty of the area. Education centers offer opportunities for people of all ages to learn about the natural environment, art, folk art, dance, drama, history, horticulture, literature, and many other topics.

In July 2002, the Wisconsin Arts Board (WAB) announced the results of a study of the economic impact of the non-profit arts industry in Wisconsin. The study was part of a national report conducted by Americans for the Arts. The WAB helped to facilitate the gathering of detailed economic data from approximately 300 arts organizations in Wisconsin, including many in Door County, which also commissioned its own in-depth local study. According to the study, Door County arts organizations and their audiences:

- Support the full-time equivalent of 427 jobs.
- Paid \$6.5 million in household income to local residents.
- Generated \$614,000 in revenue for local governments.
- Generated \$813,000 in revenue for the state government.

### **ASSOCIATIONS**

Door County has a variety of associations dedicated to cultural education, appreciation, awareness, outreach, events, and exhibits.

#### **DOOR COUNTY ART LEAGUE**

The Door County Art League was organized in 1986 for the purpose of developing active community interest in the field of creative arts. Membership is open to artists and all other persons interested in and supportive of the visual arts in Door County.

#### **PENINSULA ARTS ASSOCIATION**

The Peninsula Arts Association (PAA) is an agent for the WAB that makes funds available to artists and arts organizations through a regranteeing program. State funds must be matched locally on a dollar-for-dollar basis and the combined monies are then distributed or regranted. Since 1994, the PAA/WAB partnership has distributed over \$500,000 to local artists and arts organizations in Door County.

#### **PENINSULA ARTS AND HUMANITIES ALLIANCE**

The Peninsula Arts and Humanities Alliance is dedicated to promoting the area's arts, humanities, and natural sciences. Its members offer activities including educational opportunities, environmental studies, museums, performing arts, and visual arts.

## **POTTERS' GUILD**

There are more than half a dozen potters making and selling their wares in Door County. The Potter's Guild is an advertising cooperative for Door County's potters to share in advertising costs.

## **WASHINGTON ISLAND ART ASSOCIATION**

The Washington Island Art Association was founded as a non-profit group dedicated to the idea of bringing exceptionally high quality, low cost workshops to its members in the unspoiled natural beauty of Door County's Washington Island.

## **CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Door County has a variety of cultural and educational opportunities for all ages of visitors and residents including the study of music, art, nature, and theatre. Note that museums, which offer an array of cultural and environmental educational opportunities, are listed in the historical resources section earlier in this chapter and are therefore not listed again here.

## **THE ART AND NATURE CENTER**

Located in an old schoolhouse on Washington Island, the Art and Nature Center features an art gallery and a nature room. The Nature Room features live exhibits including a 180-gallon fish tank with lake fish, an observation beehive, an exhibit of local snakes, toads, and frogs and hands-on exhibits such as microscopes and an extensive fossil collection. A naturalist is on staff to talk with visitors and lead hikes and classes. A variety of children's art classes are offered during July and August.

## **BIRCH CREEK**

Founded in 1976, Birch Creek is located in the Town of Egg Harbor and offers a unique summer music school for students and nightly concerts for visitors and residents. Students – typically ages 14 to 19 – are offered advanced training as well as the opportunity to perform publicly alongside nationally and internationally-renowned music professionals.

## **BJÖRKLUNDEN (Björklunden vid Sjön)**

Björklunden is a 425-acre estate on Lake Michigan in the Town of Baileys Harbor and serves as Lawrence University's northern campus, hosting retreats and seminars for Lawrence students throughout the academic year and adult continuing-education seminars during the summer. The Björklunden lodge hosts many musical events that are open to the public and the facilities, including lodging, are available for use by private, public, and corporate groups for conferences, meetings, and special events.

## **THE CLEARING**

The Clearing is a "folk school" for adults located in Ellison Bay. It was established in 1935 by renowned landscape architect and conservationist Jens Jensen, and is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The Clearing provides diverse educational experiences in the folk school tradition, in a setting of quiet forests, meadows, and water.

## **CROSSROADS AT BIG CREEK**

Located just east of the City of Sturgeon Bay, this 115-acre preserve includes several educational resource centers and an extensive all-season trail system that connects to evergreen and hardwood forests, streams, seasonal ponds, wetlands, and upland meadows. Crossroads offers experiential life-long learning focused on science, history, and the environment.

### **DOORWAYS THEATRE**

Doorways Theatre, sponsored by Door Shakespeare, is based in Sister Bay. Doorways is a summer theatre workshop offered when funding and staffing permit for children to develop communication skills, creative writing, and group social skills through the process of creating original theatre.

### **FRANCIS HARDY CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

The Francis Hardy Center for the Arts is a non-profit organization with a gallery location in the heart of Ephraim's historic district on Anderson Dock. The mission of the Francis Hardy Center for the Arts is to promote awareness and appreciation of the arts through education and outreach programs, events, and exhibits. The Hardy Gallery showcases various educational exhibitions seasonally from May to October.

### **THE MILLER ART MUSEUM**

The Miller Art Museum was established in 1975 by a gift from Ruth and Gerhard Miller to foster and inspire community creativity through its permanent collection and changing exhibitions and to be a catalyst for enrichment through cultural, art appreciation, and educational programming for people of all ages. It is housed in a wing of the Sturgeon Bay Library.

### **PENINSULA SCHOOL OF ART**

Founded in 1965, the Peninsula School of Art is located in Fish Creek in the Town of Gibraltar. It offers a variety of year-round exhibitions, educational programs, and interdisciplinary exhibits combining art, theatre, music, and dance. In addition to exhibitions, the Guenzel Gallery hosts meet-the-artist events, lectures, live theatre, poetry readings, concerts, and other special events.

### **THE RIDGES SANCTUARY**

The Ridges Sanctuary, formed in 1937, is the oldest non-profit nature preserve in the state. Comprised of more than 1,600 acres of pristine natural areas located in the Town of Baileys Harbor, the sanctuary has been designated as a State Natural Area, an Important Bird Area, and a National Natural Landmark. Environmental education programs are offered year round as well as naturalist-led hikes. During the summer, day camp programs for children in preschool through fifth grade, family workshops, and a weekly lecture series are offered.

### **SIEVERS SCHOOL OF FIBER ARTS**

Founded in 1979, Sievers School of Fiber Arts is a three-season visual arts and crafts school located on Washington Island. The school offers weeklong and weekend classes for students of all skill levels.

### **THIRD AVENUE PLAYHOUSE**

The Third Avenue Playhouse (TAP) was founded in 1999 to provide high quality, year-round community performing arts and educational opportunities in Door County. TAP seeks to inspire cultural awareness through classes and workshops, including a writer's workshop and classes in short and long fiction, poetry, and playwriting. TAP also offers children's theatre arts project, For Kids By Kids, which encompasses stage productions and a performing arts curriculum, and an annual summer theatre camp where children from ages 8 – 14 have an opportunity to study the craft of theatre, including auditions, voice, blocking, lighting, sound, and set design.

### **CULINARY ARTS, WINERIES, AND BREWERIES**

Door County has a variety of cooking schools and wineries and one micro-brewery. The cooking schools offer instruction from professional chefs, with events and classes often focusing on local foods. The wineries offer a variety of award-winning locally produced wines along with tours, wine tasting facilities, and on-site sales.

## **COOKING SCHOOLS**

### **Inn at Kristofer's**

Located in the Village of Sister Bay, the Inn at Kristofer's offers a variety of cooking classes and events throughout the year.

### **Savory Spoon Cooking School**

The Savory Spoon Cooking School, a member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals, is a seasonal school open from June to October.

### **The Washington Hotel Culinary School**

The Washington Hotel Culinary School provides cooking instruction from professional chefs in all areas of the culinary arts, with an emphasis on local foods.

## **WINERIES/BREWERIES**

### **Door Peninsula Winery**

Located in Carlsville (Town of Egg Harbor), the Door Peninsula Winery offers a production facility and a tasting room for over 50 samples.

### **Orchard Country Winery**

Founded in 1985, Orchard Country Winery is a small family-owned winery housed in a historic dairy barn built in the early 1900s, located in Fish Creek (Town of Gibraltar). Over 100 acres of fruit-bearing trees and grape vines used in the wine-making process are also located on-site.

### **Red Oak Vineyard**

Located in Sturgeon Bay, Red Oak is a family-owned and operated winery and vineyard that produces traditional wines.

### **Shipwrecked Brewery**

Shipwrecked Brewery is Door County's only micro-brewery. It is located downtown in the Village of Egg Harbor.

### **Simon Creek Vineyard & Winery**

Located in the Town of Jacksonport, Simon Creek offers award-winning wines and tours of the winery and processing facility.

### **Stone's Throw Winery**

Located at Peninsula Center in the Town of Baileys Harbor, Stone's Throw Winery offers traditional wines made from California and Door County grapes.

## **VISUAL ARTS: GALLERIES AND STUDIOS**

Door County has a long-standing tradition of attracting artists to the area, with a variety of galleries and studios up and down the peninsula displaying a variety of artwork by local, regional, state, and national artists. Artists also display their works at local shops, restaurants, and events. The types of arts found in the county include:

- Painting (oil, pastel, watercolor, etc.)
- Photography
- Sculpture (metal, wood, glass, pottery, etc.)

- Weavings
- Crafts (furniture, leather, etc.)

## **PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS**

Door County has a variety of performing arts groups providing entertainment for residents and visitors.

### **AMERICAN FOLKLORE THEATRE**

The American Folklore Theatre (AFT) produces original musical shows in repertory under an outdoor amphitheater in Peninsula State Park from June to August every year. Their fall season runs from August to October at the Historic Ephraim Village Hall. The mission of AFT is to create, develop, and present professional musical and dramatic productions that will further the knowledge and appreciation of the culture and heritage of the United States.

### **BIRCH CREEK**

In addition to music education for young people, Birch Creek offers residents and visitors nightly concerts by students and music professionals during summer months.

### **DOOR SHAKESPEARE**

Door Shakespeare is a non-profit professional theatre troupe that performs Shakespeare and other classical theatre during the summer in an outdoor garden setting located at Björklunden in the Town of Baileys Harbor.

### **ISADOORA THEATRE COMPANY**

Isadoora is a semi-professional non-profit community theatre organization with a 3-show season running October through May at various venues in Door County. The mission of Isadoora Theatre Company is to celebrate theatre through its basic elements of movement, music, story, and thought.

### **ISLAND PLAYERS**

Since 1984, Island Players has served Washington Island as a non-profit community theatre. It is the smallest community theatre in the state. Players produce full-length plays and musical productions, sponsor workshops and informal play readings, and provide programs in the public school and a summer acting camp for children.

### **MIDSUMMER'S MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Started in 1991 as a festival of chamber ensemble music held over several weeks in the summer, Midsummer's Music Festival now offers numerous professional concert programs throughout the year in churches, private homes, art galleries, and retreat centers throughout the county.

### **PENINSULA MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The Peninsula Music Festival offers nine professional symphonic concerts over the course of three weeks each August at the Door Community Auditorium in Fish Creek (Town of Gibraltar). Professional orchestral musicians come from all over the world to be part of this annual Music Festival.

### **PENINSULA PLAYERS**

Founded in 1935, Peninsula Players is America's oldest professional resident summer theatre. Peninsula Players offers five shows each season, varying from comedies to drama, with nightly performances in an open-air theatre. It is located along the shoreline of Green Bay, between the Village of Egg Harbor and Fish Creek (Town of Gibraltar).

### **PAUL SILLS' WISCONSIN THEATER GAME CENTER**

The Sills' center, located in the Town of Liberty Grove, offers one-week improvisational theatre intensives for students, actors, directors, and teachers.

### **STEEL BRIDGE SONGFEST**

The Steel Bridge Songfest (SBSF) was established in 2005 by Citizens for Our Bridge, Inc. as a music festival promoting the preservation of the Michigan Street Bridge and the Third Avenue Historic District. In conjunction with its annual musical festival, the SBSF offers educational opportunities in song writing and music technical experience for the community and its youth.

### **WASHINGTON ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Washington Island hosts a music festival each August. The festival is a series of concerts performed by world-class musicians who donate their talents and spend two weeks living and performing on the island.

### **PERFORMING ARTS VENUES**

Door County has 4 formal performing arts venues that offer a variety of entertainment throughout the year. Other performing arts venues in the county include many of the sites discussed above; dozens of coffee shops, galleries, taverns, and restaurants; and open-air performance spaces in several municipalities.

### **DOOR COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM**

A 750-seat venue, Door County Auditorium features excellent acoustics and an intimate setting for professional and community performances. Year round programming includes the Fireside Coffeehouse Concert Series, Peninsula Music Festival, St. Norbert Lecture Series, local and professional theatre, dance, and music. The Door Community Auditorium seeks to serve as an arts, cultural, and educational center for the entire region.

### **DOOR COUNTY OUTPOST**

The Door County Outpost offers food and drink along with live music performances by national folk artists. Concert-style seating capacity for approximately 65 people.

### **PEG EGAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

The Peg Egan Performing Arts Center is an outdoor amphitheater in the Village of Egg Harbor that hosts a variety of musical performances throughout the summer months.

### **THIRD AVENUE PLAYHOUSE**

In addition to its educational programming, each year Third Avenue Playhouse (TAP) sponsors numerous local theatre productions. TAP also offers performance space to other theatre, as well as music ensembles.

### **TRUEBLOOD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

The mission of the Trueblood Performing Arts Center is to provide and maintain a public facility in which creativity may flourish and to encourage public participation in education and entertainment for the residents and visitors to Washington Island.

### **FESTIVALS**

Door County has many festivals and complimentary events throughout the year, providing social, celebratory, cultural, and educational opportunities for visitors and residents alike. Listed in this section are the standing festivals. Detailed information is available through the Door County

Visitor Bureau or the local business/civic associations listed immediately below. (See the Resources and Further Information section for Visitor Bureau contact information.)

## **BUSINESS/CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS**

- Door County Visitor Bureau
- Baileys Harbor Visitor Center
- Carlsville Business Association
- Egg Harbor Business Association
- Ephraim Business Council
- Fish Creek Civic Association
- Jacksonport Area Business Association
- Sister Bay Advancement Association
- Sturgeon Bay Visitor & Convention Bureau
- Washington Island Chamber of Commerce

## **FESTIVALS AND EVENTS**

### **May**

- Door County Festival of Blossoms: Month-long, county-wide celebration of spring with events in numerous communities.
- Sister Bay Festival of Blossoms
- Jacksonport Maifest

### **June**

- Ephraim Fyr Bal Festival
- Little Sturgeon Days (Town of Gardner)
- Olde Ellison Bay Days (Town of Liberty Grove)
- Steel Bridge Songfest (City of Sturgeon Bay)

### **July**

- Fourth of July: Festivals in the Town of Baileys Harbor and the Village of Egg Harbor
- Annual Jefferson Street Festival (City of Sturgeon Bay)
- Belgian Days (Town of Brussels)
- Summer Cherry Harvest Fest at the Orchard Country Winery and Market (Highway 42 between Egg Harbor and Fish Creek)
- Carlsville Day (Town of Egg Harbor)
- Washington Island Fly-In/Fish Boil

### **August**

- Washington Island Scandinavian Festival
- Jacksonport's Annual Cherry Fest
- Door County Fair (City of Sturgeon Bay)
- Hardy Gallery Festival of the Arts (Ephraim)
- Thresheree and Antique Machinery Show (Town of Sevastopol, south of Valmy)
- Washington Island Fair and Parade
- Sons of Norway Norskfest (Bay View Lutheran Church, Sturgeon Bay)
- Kermis (traditional Belgian harvest celebration; held throughout Southern Door towns starting late August through September)

### **September**

- Sister Bay's Labor Day Weekend Marina Fest
- Jazz on Jefferson (City of Sturgeon Bay)

- Annual Corn Fest (Schopf's Hilltop Dairy, Town of Egg Harbor)
- Old World Craft Fair (Jefferson Street, City of Sturgeon Bay)
- Ephraim's Saturday Stroll
- Harvest Festival and Harvest Moon Celebration (City of Sturgeon Bay)
- Baileys Harbor Autumnfest
- Fall Harvest Fest (Orchard Country Winery and Market; Highway 42 between Egg Harbor and Fish Creek)

### **October**

- Pumpkin Patch Festival (Village of Egg Harbor)
- Townline Art Fair (Ephraim)
- Washington Island Cider Pressing Party and Fall Festival
- Sister Bay Fall Festival

### **November**

- Christmas by the Bay (City of Sturgeon Bay)
- Capture the Spirit (Villages of Ephraim and Sister Bay)

## **RESOURCES AND FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INITIATIVES**

#### **American Folklore Theatre** (<http://www.folkloretheatre.com/>)

P.O. Box 273  
Fish Creek, WI 54212  
Phone: (920) 854-6117

#### **The Art and Nature Center** ([www.wianc.org](http://www.wianc.org))

1799 Main Road  
Washington Island, WI 54246  
Phone: (920) 847-2025

#### **Birch Creek** ([www.birchcreek.org](http://www.birchcreek.org))

3821 County E  
P.O. Box 230  
Egg Harbor, WI 54209-0230  
Phone: (920) 868-3763

#### **Björklunden** ([www.lawrence.edu/dept/bjork](http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/bjork))

7590 Boynton Lane  
P.O. Box 10  
Baileys Harbor, WI 54202-0010  
Phone: (920) 839-2216

#### **The Clearing** ([www.theclearing.org](http://www.theclearing.org))

12171 Garrett Bay Road  
P.O. Box 65  
Ellison Bay, WI 54210  
Phone: (920) 854-4088

**Crossroads at Big Creek** (<http://www.crossroadsatbigcreek.org/>)

P.O. Box 608  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
Phone: (920) 746-5895

**Door County Archives** (no Web site)

477 North Sixth Avenue  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
Phone: (920) 743-2563

**Door County Art League** ([www.doorcountyartleague.org](http://www.doorcountyartleague.org))

P.O. Box 405  
Fish Creek, WI 54212  
Phone: See Web site for telephone numbers

**Door County Auditorium** ([www.dcauditorium.org](http://www.dcauditorium.org))

3926 Highway 42  
P.O. Box 397  
Fish Creek, WI 54212  
Phone: (920) 868-2728

**Door County Library** ([www.dcl.lib.wi.us](http://www.dcl.lib.wi.us))

107 South Fourth Avenue  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
Phone: (920) 743-6578

**Door County Maritime Museum** ([www.dcmmm.org](http://www.dcmmm.org))

- **Sturgeon Bay Museum**  
120 North Madison Avenue  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
Phone: (920) 743-5958
- **Gills Rock Museum**  
12724 Wisconsin Bay Road  
Ellison Bay, WI 54210  
Phone: (920) 854-1844

**Door County Outpost** ([www.doorcountyoutpost.com](http://www.doorcountyoutpost.com))

4690 Rainbow Ridge Court  
Egg Harbor, WI 54209  
Phone: (920) 868-4321

**Door County Visitor Bureau (DCVB)** (<http://www.doorcounty.com>)

1015 Green Bay Road  
Sturgeon Bay WI 54235  
Phone: (920) 746-6663 or 868-3521

Door County Event Calendar (<http://www.doorcounty.com/web/dceventcalendar.asp>)

Business associations' Web site addresses: For a list of Door County business associations and their contact information, go to the DCVB Web site and select "Plan Your Trip" to get to the "Door County Service Directory," then select the "Visitor Information" link.

**Door Shakespeare** ([www.doorshakespeare.com](http://www.doorshakespeare.com))

P.O. Box 351  
Baileys Harbor, WI 54202  
Phone: (920) 839-1500

**Francis Hardy Center for the Arts** ([www.thehardy.org](http://www.thehardy.org))

P.O. Box 394  
Ephraim, WI 54211  
Phone: (920) 854-2210

**Gibraltar Historical Society** (<http://www.gibraltar150.com/>)

Email: [info@gibraltar150.org](mailto:info@gibraltar150.org)  
P.O. Box 150  
Fish Creek, WI 54212  
Phone: (920) 868-2091

**Isadoora Theatre Company** ([www.isadoora.com](http://www.isadoora.com))

P.O. Box 734  
Fish Creek, WI 54212  
Phone: (920) 493-3667

**Island Players** (<http://www.washingtonislandchamber.com/arts.html>)

P.O. Box 160  
Washington Island, WI 54246  
Phone: (920) 847-2215

**Midsummer Music Festival** (<http://www.midsummersmusic.com/>)

508 Country Walk Drive, Suite 109  
P.O. Box 1004  
Sister Bay, WI 54234  
Phone: (920) 854-7088

**The Miller Art Museum** ([www.millerartmuseum.org](http://www.millerartmuseum.org))

107 South Fourth Avenue  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
Phone: (920) 746-0707

**Paul Sills' Wisconsin Theater Game Center** ([www.paulsills.com](http://www.paulsills.com))

2397 Old Lime Kiln Road  
Baileys Harbor, WI 54202  
Phone: (920) 854-5072

**Peninsula Arts Association** (<http://www.peninsulaartsassociation.com/>)

P.O. Box 213  
Ephraim, Wisconsin 54211  
Phone: (920) 854-1833

**Peninsula Arts and Humanities Alliance** (<http://www.doorcountyarts.com/>)

**Peninsula Music Festival** ([www.musicfestival.com](http://www.musicfestival.com))

3045 Cedar Street  
P.O. Box 340  
Ephraim, WI 54211  
Phone: (920) 854-4060

**Peninsula Players** ([www.peninsulaplayers.com](http://www.peninsulaplayers.com))

4351 Peninsula Players Road  
Fish Creek, WI 54212  
Phone: (920) 868-3287

**Peninsula School of Art** ([www.peninsulaartschool.com](http://www.peninsulaartschool.com))

3900 County F  
P.O. Box 304  
Fish Creek, WI 54212  
Phone: (920) 868-3455

**The Ridges Sanctuary** ([www.ridgesanctuary.org](http://www.ridgesanctuary.org))

8288 County Q  
P.O. Box 152  
Baileys Harbor, WI 54202-0152  
Phone: (920) 839-2802

**Sievers School of Fiber Arts** ([www.sieversschool.com](http://www.sieversschool.com))

986 Jackson Harbor Road  
P.O.Box 100  
Washington Island, WI 54246  
Phone: (920) 847-2264

**Steel Bridge Songfest** ([www.steelbridgesongfest.org](http://www.steelbridgesongfest.org))

311 Pennsylvania Street  
Sturgeon Bay WI 54235  
Phone: (920) 743-5605

**Third Avenue Playhouse** ([www.ThirdAvenuePlayhouse.com](http://www.ThirdAvenuePlayhouse.com))

239 North Third Avenue  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
Phone: (920) 743-1760

**Washington Island Art Association** (<http://www.washingtonislandchamber.com/arts.html>)

P.O. Box 16  
Washington Island, WI 54246  
Phone: No telephone number.

**Washington Island Music Festival** ([www.washingtonislandmusicfestival.com](http://www.washingtonislandmusicfestival.com))

P.O. Box 235  
Washington Island, WI 54246  
Phone: (920) 847-3434

**Trueblood Performing Arts Center (PAC)** (<http://www.truebloodpac.com/>)  
870 Main Road  
P.O. Box 136  
Washington Island, WI 54246  
Phone: (920) 847-2062

## **COOKING SCHOOLS AND WINERIES**

**Door Peninsula Winery** ([www.dcwine.com](http://www.dcwine.com))  
5806 Highway 42 N  
Carlsville, Wisconsin 54235  
Phone: (920) 743-7431

**Inn at Kristofer's** ([www.innatkristofers.com](http://www.innatkristofers.com))  
734 North Bay Shore Drive  
Sister Bay, WI 54234  
Phone: (920) 854-9419

**Orchard Country Winery** ([www.orchardcountry.com](http://www.orchardcountry.com))  
9197 Highway 42  
Fish Creek, Wisconsin 54212  
Phone: (920) 868-3479

**Red Oak Vineyard** ([www.redoakvineyard.com](http://www.redoakvineyard.com))  
325 North Third Avenue  
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235  
Phone: (920) 743-7729

**Savory Spoon Cooking School** (<http://www.savoryspoon.com/>)  
Email: [savoryspoon@aol.com](mailto:savoryspoon@aol.com)  
12042 Highway 42  
Ellison Bay, WI 54210  
Phone: (920) 854-6600

**Shipwrecked Brewery** ([www.shipwreckedmicrobrew.com](http://www.shipwreckedmicrobrew.com))  
7791 Egg Harbor Road  
Egg Harbor, WI 54209  
Phone: (920) 868-2767

**Simon Creek Vineyard & Winery** ([www.simoncreekvineyard.com](http://www.simoncreekvineyard.com))  
5896 Bocek Road  
Jacksonport, Wisconsin 54235  
Phone: (920) 746-9307

**Stone's Throw Winery** ([www.stonethrowwinery.com](http://www.stonethrowwinery.com))  
3382 County E  
Peninsula Center, Wisconsin 54202  
Phone: (920) 839-9660

**The Washington Hotel, Restaurant & Culinary School** (<http://www.thewashingtonhotel.com/>)  
354 Range Line Road  
Washington Island, WI 54246  
Phone: (920) 847-2169

## **REGIONAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INITIATIVES**

### **Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission** (<http://www.baylakerpc.org/>)

441 South Jackson Street  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301  
Phone: (920) 448-2820

Through a grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission commissioned a survey in 1998 to provide information regarding Door County's historical and architectural resources in eleven unincorporated communities, including: Carnot, Maplewood, Valmy, Jacksonport, Baileys Harbor, Peninsula Center, Rowleys Bay, Ellison Bay, Gills Rock, and Washington and Detroit Harbors. This report may be useful in the development of local preservation plans; to identify buildings, structures, sites, and historic districts that meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; and to increase public and private sector awareness of the county's historical and architectural heritage.

### **National Trust for Historic Preservation** ([www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org))

Oshkosh Office  
516 Algoma Boulevard #312  
Oshkosh, WI 54901  
Phone: (920) 233-0995

The National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize communities.

### **Wisconsin Arts Board** (<http://artsboard.wisconsin.gov/static/>)

First Floor, 101 East Wilson Street  
Madison, Wisconsin 53702  
Phone: (608) 266-0190

The Wisconsin Arts Board is a state agency that nurtures creativity, cultivates expression, promotes the arts, supports the arts in education, stimulates community and economic development, and serves as a resource for people of every culture and heritage. The Americans for the Arts - Door County Study may be found at [http://arts.state.wi.us/static/study/door\\_county.xls](http://arts.state.wi.us/static/study/door_county.xls).

### **Wisconsin Heritage Tourism Initiative**

(<http://agency.travelwisconsin.com/Programs/heritage.shtm>)

P.O. Box 8690  
Madison, WI 53708-8690  
Phone: (608) 266-7621 or 266-7299

The Wisconsin Heritage Tourism Program began in 1990 as an economic development initiative conducted in association with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It has helped develop grassroots heritage tourism organizations by encouraging Wisconsin communities to use their unique features to tap into the growing heritage tourism market – and also to protect that heritage at the same time.

### **Wisconsin Historical Society** (<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>)

816 State Street  
Madison, WI 53706  
Phone: See Web site for telephone number information.

The society was founded in 1846, two years before Wisconsin became the 30th state, and it ranks as one of the largest, most active, and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. The society maintains the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Database which contains the Archaeological Sites Inventory (ASI), Architectural History Inventory (AHI), and the Bibliography of Archaeological Reports (BAR).

Note that on file with the Towns of Nasewaupée and Gardner are studies conducted by a local resident between 2004 and 2007 of historical sites within these towns. This research resulted in the addition of 14 more sites to the AHI. Contact information for the Town of Gardner may be found at <http://www.townofgardner.org/>. There is no town telephone number or Web site for the Town of Nasewaupée. Contact the Door County Planning Department at (920) 746-2323 for local official contact information.

Listed below are several programs the Wisconsin Historical Society has initiated to help individuals and municipalities preserve the history and culture of Wisconsin.

- Wisconsin Barn Preservation Program – A collaborative between the University of Wisconsin-Extension, the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Wisconsin State Historical Society aimed at both addressing public concerns and drawing attention to the importance of preserving the elements of Wisconsin's rural countryside.
- Wisconsin Main Street Program – A comprehensive program designed to revitalize downtowns and give new life to historic business districts, Main Street Wisconsin is based on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Program. It was co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Trust, the State Historical Society, and the former Wisconsin Department of Development (now Department of Commerce). In Door County, the City of Sturgeon Bay is the only municipality participating in this program.
- Heritage Tourism Initiative – The Heritage Tourism Initiative has helped develop grassroots heritage tourism organizations by encouraging Wisconsin communities to use their unique features to tap into the growing heritage tourism market while protecting that heritage at the same time. This program was co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Trust, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and the former Wisconsin Department of Development, Division of Tourism (now the Department of Tourism).
- Agriculture Building Preservation – Inspired by the National Trust's popular Barn Again! Program, this initiative provides information and forums to help owners of historic agricultural buildings determine how to maintain and reuse their buildings. It is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Trust, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and the University of Wisconsin-Extension Program.