

Marquette Beautification & Restoration Committee, Inc.

Summary of Activities December 2007

Goals for 2007

1. Be a more visible committee to the community
2. Be more involved with local city committees
3. Attempt to expand our project visibility beyond S. Front Street
4. Promote more educational programs for the community
5. Continue our Awards Program
6. Start planning for our 30th anniversary (2008)

Activities:

Contracted with Landmark Inn to meet at facility regularly in 2007

Conducted a membership drive (81 members) and published a directory

Conducted a Corporate and Friends Membership drive

Brochure used to increase membership and inform individuals about our committee at various events throughout the year.

Hosted several speakers throughout out the year – Sara Cambensy – Kaufman Auditorium, Eric Meister – Meister Greenhouse, Barb Kelly, Dennis Stachewicz – Mqt. City Planner, Judy Akkala – Mqt. City Manager, Judy Vonck – Waterfront Building, Jim Islieb – MSU Extension, April Meister – Meister Weddings, Jennifer Binkley Power – Northern Options Energy Center, Kim Smith-Potts – Garden Bouquet & Honeydale Farms, Paul Albert – City Arborist & Fred Rydholm – Local Historian

Continued working with Lake Superior Community Partnership. Our committee plants & tends the gardens around their building and large volume copying done at LSCP

Joe Sabol updated our committee's website throughout the year. www.mqtbeautification.org

Continued our M-DOT affiliation with our Adopt-a-Highway on S. Front Street

Continued to have our Petunia Pandemonium project and our West End Garden as an Adopt-A-Park in the city of Marquette

Coordinated the city wide Spring Clean-up of Marquette for the 29th year.

Awards given to area residents & businesses that made an impact &/or improvement on the community

Continued our Banner Project on S. Front Street – Banners were changed by the Mqt. BL&P

West End Garden by Welcome to Marquette Sign was planted this year with annuals & perennials.

Fall Bulb Sale – variety of bulbs were sold to members & garden club members. Lynette Schneider was in charge of this fundraiser.

Participated in the Spring & Fall Community Day Event at Younkers

Sold See's Candy as a fundraiser at the Holiday season.

Planned and executed another Petunia Pandemonium season. School children planted on Friday.

Conducted the 14th Annual Garden Tour on July 26. Honored the Host/Hostesses at the Holiday Luncheon.

Judged the Balcony Flower Contest at Tourville West Apartments

Raised \$1,000 for the 4th of July Committee

Formed a committee to work on the 30th Anniversary Celebration in 2008

Placed ad in Progress Section of the Mining Journal in March and a Thank You ad in Mining Journal in the Fall.

Committee had tour of Waterfront Building.

Committee held meeting in August at Honeydale Farms – toured the flower growing operation.

Assisted the Landmark Inn with celebrating their 10th Anniversary by doing the decorations for the evening event.

Participated in the Spring Arts Awareness Fair on May 12th at PWPL