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The Newsletter of the  
**Friends of the Van Pelt Library**  
Michigan Tech University  
1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, MI 49931  
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## ***Friends Annual Meeting and Officer Elections Thursday, 29 October 2015***

Mark your calendars: The Friends Annual Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, 29 October 2015 from 4:30-6:00pm in the East Reading Room in the Van Pelt and Opie Library. All members and the public are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Robin Mueller and Bob Wheeler will be giving a presentation at the Annual Meeting on the subject of the work of the Copper Country Ancient Sites Conservancy, [www.coppercountryancientsitesconservancy.com/](http://www.coppercountryancientsitesconservancy.com/). The Mission of the CCASC is to facilitate the identification, protection and professional investigation of the ancient archaeological sites of Lake Superior's Copper Country, while also promoting the education of the general public concerning ancient archaeology. Robert Wheeler is President of CCASC, and Robin Mueller was one of the organizers of the Copper Conference held in Houghton this summer (Daily Mining Gazette 7-August-2015). That event, sponsored by CCASC, covered a range of topics in pre-history of the Copper Country. Mueller and Wheeler's presentation will begin after a short business meeting and elections for the Friends of the Van Pelt Library. There will be plenty of time after the presentation for questions and discussion.

In addition to Mueller's presentation, the Friends will hold Board elections. Nominated for Board membership are:

Kevin Waters; Eloise Haller; Kelly Luck; Dana Richter; Steven Walton

Nominations for officer positions are:

Amy Hughes, Chairman  
Susan Martin, Vice Chairman  
Mary Marchaterre, Secretary  
Kelly Luck, Treasurer

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor; there are positions open on the Board for interested volunteers. Please contact a Board member to find out more about joining the Friends Board.

## ***Friends Annual Book Sale Dates Announced—And Some Big Changes***

The Friends of the Van Pelt Library will hold their 2016 Book Sale Saturday 9 April 2016 with the Friends-Only Pre-Sale on Friday 8 April 2016. Both events are scheduled to take place in the East Reading Room of the J. Robert Van Pelt and Opie Library. The Pre-Sale on Friday will be from 5pm-7pm (membership available at the door) and the Saturday main Sale (including sale of Library withdrawn books) will be from 10am-4pm, with the Bag Sale being held from 3pm-4pm.

Since the first Friends Book Sale, the Sale has always taken place in the Memorial Union Ballroom on Michigan Tech's campus. For 2016, the sale comes home to the Library itself, a short distance to the east. "We're excited about this change, bringing the sale into the East Reading Room," says Library Director Ellen Marks. "We can show off our facility and the Friends Art Collection."

Parking during the sale will be easier on Saturday, a plus of the change. Spread the word—Books for sale in April! All proceeds benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library.

## ***A New Name for the Friends***

*Amy Hughes, Chairman of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library*

It has been over 10 years since the Library at Michigan Technological University was renamed the J. Robert Van Pelt and John and Ruanne Opie Library.

The previous name was the J. Robert Van Pelt Library.

When the Friends of the Van Pelt Library was formed in 1995, Section 1 of the bylaws stated:

"The name of the organization shall be "Friends of the J. Robert Van Pelt Library of Michigan Technological University," and the organization shall be known as "Friends of the Van Pelt Library."

The Friends Board agreed that it is time to update the branding of our organization. The board proposes that the name of our organization be "Friends of the J. Robert Van Pelt and John and Ruanne Opie Library of Michigan Technological University," and the organization shall be known as "Friends

of the Michigan Tech Library." This would change our acronym from FVPL to FMTL. The proposed name change will be voted on by the membership in attendance at the Friends annual meeting on 29 October 2015 (see article this newsletter).

Amendments to the bylaws will be voted on at the annual meeting to update the name of the organization throughout the document, if the vote to change the name is successful.

The proposed amendments to the bylaws are indicated below. Note that only the articles of the bylaws needing name changes are included. The entire text of the bylaws can be viewed at [www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/bylaws.htm](http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/bylaws.htm).

## Friends Bylaws Changes

**BOLD** = ADD

~~STRIKETHROUGH~~ = DELETE

By-laws of the Friends of the Van Pelt **and Opie** Library of Michigan Technological University

Article I. Name and Address

Section 1

The name of the organization shall be "Friends of the J. Robert Van Pelt **and John and Ruanne Opie** Library of Michigan Technological University," and the organization shall be known as "Friends of the ~~Van Pelt Michigan Tech~~ Library."

Section 2

The post office address of the principal office is: Friends of the ~~Van Pelt Michigan Tech~~ Library, J. Robert Van Pelt **and John and Ruanne Opie** Library, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, MI 49931; or such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

Article II. Purpose

Section 1

The purpose of the Friends of the ~~Van Pelt Michigan Tech~~ Library shall be to promote an interest in the Library among alumni and public; to provide a fuller understanding of the role of the Library in education; to encourage gifts and bequests in support of the Library; and to assist the Van Pelt **and Opie** Library in its educational mission through exhibits, programs, publications, and other means.

Section 2

The monies raised by the Friends of the ~~Van Pelt Michigan Tech~~ Library shall be donated to and administered by the Michigan Tech Fund to the benefit of the J. Robert Van Pelt **and John and Ruanne Opie** Library.

Article III. Membership

Membership in the Friends is open to any person or organization interested in supporting the activities

and programs of the Van Pelt **and Opie** Library. Membership categories shall be set by the Board of Directors and may be modified by the Board. Memberships also may be awarded by vote of the Board, generally in consideration of services rendered or donations (monetary or non-monetary) made.

Article V. Board of Directors

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven to fifteen members.

Section 2

Prior to the first annual meeting, the Friends of the ~~Van Pelt Michigan Tech~~ Library shall be governed by the Steering Committee, which shall act as the Board of Directors. At the first annual meeting, the membership shall elect seven to fifteen directors. Immediately following election, those selected shall draw lots with one-third of the directors to serve one-year terms, one-third to serve two-year terms, and one-third to serve three-year terms. Members shall elect directors at each subsequent annual meeting; the number of directors to be elected and the length of their terms (three years maximum) shall be determined by the membership.

Section 3

The University Librarian and **Library** Director of the Van Pelt **and Opie** Library, and the ~~Executive Provost~~ **Provost** and Vice President **for Academic Affairs** and ~~Provost~~ of Michigan Technological University shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4

Nominations for Board membership shall be made by the Board of Directors and may also be made from the floor at the annual membership meeting. Nominees must indicate their willingness to serve.

Section 5

Should any duly-elected member of the Board resign or be unable to complete his/her term, the vacancy created may be filled by appointment by the Board of directors.

Section 6

The Board may remove any Director who has three or more consecutive absences from regular meetings of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Friends of the ~~Van Pelt Michigan Tech~~ Library shall run from July 1 through June 30.

## ***Friends Sponsor Graduate Intern for University Archives***

*Lindsay Hiltunen, Senior Archivist, Michigan Tech University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collection*

This past summer the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections, in partnership with the Friends of the Van Pelt Library, were able to host a graduate intern in July and August. Alison Fukuchi, a resident of Chicago and a graduate student remotely attending San Jose State University, was selected as the *Friends of the Van Pelt Library Graduate Intern* after a competitive national search.

The first Friends Intern had a very busy summer. During her time in Houghton, Alison assisted with public service and behind-the-scenes duties in the Michigan Tech Archives during the busy summer research season. In addition to helping staff the reference desk, she provided much-needed processing work, arranging and describing roughly 14 cubic feet of material and interfiling new acquisitions into larger existing collections. She worked with a variety of records, including those for the Michigan Technological University Commencement Collection, the Alumni Association, and personal papers, most interesting of which was a small collection related to Thomas Howe. Howe served as Director and Treasurer of the Pittsburgh and Boston Mining Company, which was active in Keweenaw County, Michigan operating the Cliff Mine. Alison was a dedicated worker and a wonderfully collegial intern, impressing staff and patrons alike with her knowledge and quality customer service skills. She has a few semesters left in her degree, but we are confident she will become a great archivist!

### ***Visit Us Online***

You can renew your membership in the Friends online and you can also buy Friends notecards and the beautiful Friends Michigan Tech Blanket. All this with a few clicks beginning here:

[www.mtu.edu/library/friends/](http://www.mtu.edu/library/friends/)

The Friends website shows photos of all the notecards, including the popular train in snow (look under announcements). Each pack contains 12 distinct historical cards. The 4 foot by 5 foot cotton blanket in blue and white features historic buildings from the Michigan Tech campus (design shown on the website) and sells for \$65 plus tax and shipping. All items make great gifts for Michigan Tech alumni and friends. All proceeds of items for sale benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library.



*Alison Fukuchi, a graduate student at San Jose State University, worked in the Michigan Tech University Archives and Historical Collection this summer in an internship sponsored by the Friends.*

## ***Econo Foods Computers for Kids Program Benefits Library***

*Submitted by Mary Marchaterre*

Time to collect your receipts from Econo to benefit the Van Pelt Library at Michigan Tech. Through its *Computers for Kids* program, Econo Foods donates to the Friends one percent of the sum of all Econo receipts collected.

Many thanks to those who are participating, and a big "keep it up" to all collecting receipts for this year.

Want to help?

Please collect your receipts from Econo Foods and send them to us or drop them in the collection box at the Library (there's a slot in the Friends *Books For Sale* display near the Service Desk). Want to help more? Put out a collection box in your area and encourage your coworkers to bring in their receipts for our library. There are drop boxes for Econoslips in the Chemical Engineering office (203 Chem Sci), the Chemistry office (607 Chem Sci), in the coffee area in the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of First Merit Bank (Hancock), and they can also be sent by campus mail to Amy Hughes at Lakeshore Center. Every little bit helps.

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*It's time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Van Pelt Library.*

Membership Categories

Friend	\$20-49
Family Member	\$50-99
Benefactor	\$100-249
Book Sponsor	\$250-999
Best Friend	\$1000+

*Senior Citizens and Students may join for \$15*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

To renew your membership in the Friends, please go [www.mtu.edu/library/friends/](http://www.mtu.edu/library/friends/) or send your contribution with this form to:

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