

SPARK! PLACES OF INNOVATION

Welcome to the Spark! Places of Innovation exhibit which is part of the Smithsonian's Museum on Mainstreet series. Benzonia Public Library and Mills Community House are proud to host this wonderful exhibit.

Rural Americans are innovative thinkers. Sometimes we invent-creating something completely new. Most times we innovate-improving upon our existing skills, knowledge, and resources to create new opportunities. Spark! Places of Innovation takes visitors on a journey to see places where uniqueness is an asset and to meet people who have stepped outside their comfort zone to solve community problems. These towns are working not just to survive, but to thrive through innovation.

We appreciate the generous support from our community members and local businesses in bringing the Smithsonian to Benzie County.

EXHIBIT HOURS AT

Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-upper level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Oct. 14-Nov. 25, 2023

Thursday 3-6

Friday 12-6

Saturday 12-6

Sunday 1-4

See inside for calendar of collaborating events with location codes.

EVENT LOCATIONS

Archangel Ancient Tree Archive (ARC)

16880 Front St., Copemish

Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN)

2804 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia

Benzie Area Historical Society (BAHS)

6941 Traverse Ave., Benzonia

Benzonia Public Library (BPL)

891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Cognition Science & Discovery Center (COG)

232 N. Michigan Ave., Beulah

Gathering Place (GP)

10579 Main St., Honor

Grow Benzie & Fibershed (GB) & (GBFS)

5885 Frankfort Hwy., Benzonia

Mills Community House (MCHA)

891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Sleeping Bear Farm (SBF)

971 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah

Thank you...

*To all of our community
supporters, partners, and
Volunteers!*



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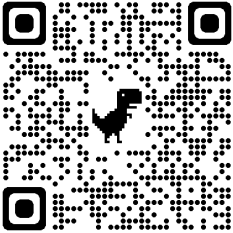


**Discover Innovation &
Inspiration In
Rural Communities**

**October 14, 2023
through
November 25, 2023**

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Smithsonian, and Michigan Humanities,
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Free Admission

SUNDAY	M	T	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPARK! PLACES OF INNOVATION EXHIBIT RUNS OCT 14-NOV 25 <i>See exhibit hours on Places of Innovation page. All programs are FREE!</i> Find more event info at www.benzonialibrary.org or scan QR code at right. Locations vary, match code with venue address on back page. NOTE: code is shown after program time.					Program Details 	OCTOBER 14 RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY 11:00 AM FRONT STEPS (MCHA) GRAND OPENING OF EXHIBIT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RIBBON CUTTING (MCHA)
OCTOBER 15 SUDS & CIVILIZATION: A SOCIAL HISTORY OF SPIRITS 2:00-3:00 PM (MCHA)	<i>NO events on Mondays or Tuesdays</i>	OCTOBER 18 THE ROYAL HONEYBEE TOUR BY ST. AMBROSE, SLEEPING BEAR FARM, AND BEEDAZZLED 11:00-NOON (SBF)	OCTOBER 19	OCTOBER 20 MAKING & REPURPOSING AT THE FIBER SHED 10:00 AM-NOON (GBFS)	OCTOBER 21	
OCTOBER 22		OCTOBER 25 ARCHANGEL: TREE SCHOOL 10:00-11:00 AM (ARC) MI HERITAGE HOME WORKSHOP BY BENZIE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOON-1PM (MCHA)	OCTOBER 26 ARCHANGEL: OLD GROWTH TREE GENETICS 10:00-11:00 AM (MCHA)	OCTOBER 27	OCTOBER 28 ZONTA: SEWING BEE-MATSECTOMY PILLOWS 9:00 AM-NOON (MCHA) REPURPOSEFUL LIBRARIANS & FIBERSHED KIDS CRAFT FEST 2:00-4:00 PM (MCHA)	
OCTOBER 29 THOMPSONVILLE: PAST & FUTURE 2:00-3:00PM (MCHA)		NOVEMBER 1 NOVEMBER 2 FROM PLANT NURSERY TO COMMUNITY CENTER WITH GROW BENZIE –POTLUCK 6:00-7:30 PM (GB)	NOVEMBER 3 HOLIDAY BOOK, PUZZLE & CRAFT SALE 10:00 AM-6:00 PM (BPL)	NOVEMBER 4 HOLIDAY BOOK, PUZZLE & CRAFT SALE 10:00 AM-2:00 PM (BPL)		
NOVEMBER 5 VR DRIVING & FLYING PLUS STEM STATIONS COGNITION 1:00-3:00 PM (MCHA)		NOVEMBER 8 NOVEMBER 9 NOVEMBER 10 MAKING & REPURPOSING AT THE FIBER SHED 10:00 AM-NOON (GBFS)	NOVEMBER 11 GYOTAKU FISH PRINTING WITH BENZIE CONSERVATION DIST. SESSION #1: 2:00-3:00 PM (MCHA) SESSION #2: 3:00-4:00 PM (MCHA)			
NOVEMBER 12 BENZONIA MAKER FEST FUN FOR ALL AGES 2:00-4:00 PM (MCHA)		NOVEMBER 15 40 YEARS OF NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS (BACN) 3:00-4:00PM PANEL DISCUSSION 4:00-5:00 PM TOUR/REFRESHMENTS	NOVEMBER 16 GATHERING PLACE: TREAT & TOUR 2:00-4:30PM (GP)	NOVEMBER 17 PLANETARIUM: TOUR THE SOLAR SYSTEM WITH COGNITION 3:00-5:00PM (COG)	NOVEMBER 18 REPURPOSEFUL LIBRARIANS SCANDINAVIAN STAR & IRIS FOLDING CARDS CLASS (ADULTS) 2:00-4:00 PM (MCHA)	
NOVEMBER 19		NOVEMBER 22 NOVEMBER 23 THANKSGIVING DAY EXHIBIT CLOSED	NOVEMBER 24 FESTIVAL OF TREES 4:00-7:00 PM (BAHS)	NOVEMBER 25 FESTIVAL OF TREES 12:00-6:00 PM (BAHS) FINAL DAY OF EXHIBIT		