

■ This Is How You Spell Success: FLIC 2013

The Flathead Lake International Cinemafest (FLIC) held February 1-3, brought sparkle and fresh entertainment, along with out-of-town visitors, to Polson's typically quiet winter.

FLIC kicked off on Friday with the gala Opening Night Champagne Soiree where 150+ guests enjoyed sparkling wine and a wide array of scrumptious hors d'oeuvres in the festively decorated ballroom at the KwaTaqNuk Resort. Guests who came dressed as their favorite film stars, among them Snow White, James Dean, Sean Connery, the Black Swan and "leading ladies" in glamorous gowns, added to the fun.

Following the opening, filmgoers walked the red carpet leading into the Showboat Theater to begin viewing the first of 27 independent films ranging from documentaries to animated shorts, by filmmakers from around the United States, Canada, and Europe.

FLIC's guests of honor included Jeff Chiba Stearns, an international award-winning

animation and documentary filmmaker from Vancouver, B.C., whose feature-length documentary, "One Big Hapa Family," wove both live action and animation to



A cast of characters appeared at FLIC's Opening Party Champagne Soiree held at the KwaTaqNuk Resort.

an appreciative sell-out crowd. Another honored film producer was David W. King, a 30-year veteran of the Hollywood film industry, who moved to Polson nearly a year ago. His docu-reality series "Chasing

Fame," were the featured films on Saturday evening. The audience had the opportunity to hear Stearns and King speak about their work and ask questions following these special screenings.

All films submitted had been screened by local judges and were organized into two-hour viewing blocks from Friday evening, throughout Saturday, until Sunday afternoon when the awards ceremony was held, and "Best Of" awards were given in various categories.

The idea to host a film festival in Polson came from the Year-Round Recreation Committee of Envision Polson!, a group formed under the guidance of the Greater Polson Community Foundation. The purpose is to offer events and activities for residents and visitors alike and to create a special weekend that will spark the winter economy of Polson. A committee of 21 volunteers worked for over a year organizing FLIC 2013. They already are at work on the second annual FLIC to be held January 24-26, 2014. Save the dates!

■ Heart & Soul Project Completes Year One

A couple of years ago, GPCF board members probably wouldn't have believed you if you had told them that the Foundation would be responsible for a project that in 2012 would yield over 1,000 community volunteer hours, engage around 200 local residents in conversations about Polson's future, provide information and insights at 20 events and presentations, and place Polson in a national spotlight. But that is exactly what happened, thanks to the Polson Heart & Soul Project, which was brought to our community by the GPCF's successful grant application to the Orton Family Foundation in 2011.

Under the leadership of Coordinators Daniel and Darlis Smith and a vibrant Community Advisory Team, the project is now being guided into the final year of the program. Polson's Heart & Soul project centers on neighborhood gatherings which engage participants in dialog about what they love about Polson and what

they hope for Polson's future. From this engagement of many people from across our diverse community, the project will ultimately yield identification of shared community values and guidelines that will be useful to the City of Polson in planning for Polson's future. Understanding community values and wishes will also help the Greater Polson Community Foundation and other agencies to prioritize and more cohesively contribute to community improvements.

To keep up-to-date with the Polson Heart & Soul project, visit the website and "Like" it on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/PolsonHeartSoul. For more information about becoming involved, contact the Polson Heart & Soul office at (406) 250-3498.



■ Tax Law Changes/ Estate Planning Workshop Set For June 6

Dr. Marsha Goetting, economic specialist from MSU, will present key information on changes to the Federal tax laws as well as basic information on estate planning at a workshop set for Thursday, June 6, 2013, at the KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and again from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Watch for registrations forms which will be available at local banks and printed in local newspapers.



Dr. Marsha Goetting

Dr. Goetting has presented workshops in Polson for the past four years. She is known for her lively presentations, her keen sense of humor, and most of all her depth of knowledge. She has her PhD. Degree in family resource management from Iowa State University.

■ Consider A Donor-Advised Fund

Establishing a donor-advised fund allows the donor to actively participate in the grantmaking process by periodically recommending how to use the gift. The community foundation verifies that the donor's recommendations meet its grantmaking policies and that the grantee organization is a qualified public charity or governmental entity. The foundation's board of directors has the final approval of these recommendations. Grant awards are issued to the charities in the name of the donor-advised fund (or anonymously if the donor prefers), and contributions to the fund qualify for income tax deductions in the year they are made. If you are interested in starting a donor-advised fund and desire more information please call 406-883-4198.

■ Your Support Of GPCF Makes "Book Nooks" A Reality

Things are moving ahead for North Lake County Public Library's "TAKE TIME TO READ" project, with much gratitude to the Greater Polson Community Foundation for its support. Locations for four "Book Nooks" have been secured, and everyone is anticipating these important additions to our community. Each station will consist of an eye-catching hardwood rocking chair with comfy cushions sporting the library's logo, and a tasteful shelving unit holding free books and other reading material. These will be placed in Polson locations where children and adults routinely wait. Community members will be encouraged to select a book to read on site or take home and enjoy at their leisure. The first four Book



Nooks will be placed at the Tribal Health Clinic, Beacon Tire, St. Joseph Hospital, and the Wash N Go Laundromat. (Many thanks to these entities for their willingness to host the library's materials!) Rocking chairs and cushions have been ordered, nice donated books for adults and children are being collected, and the project will soon be up and running!

■ Woolhiser Guest Speaker At Luncheon Meeting

The Greater Polson Community Foundation hosted a luncheon Thursday, January 10 for local C.P.A.s, attorneys, insurance agents, and financial planners with guest speaker, Dale Woolhiser, president of the Missoula Community Foundation. He also serves on the board of directors for the Montana Community Foundation.

He spoke about the benefits of well-thought estate planning not only for the beneficiary, but for the donor as well, explaining the special benefits of donor directed funds and the unique benefits of the Montana Endowment Tax credit.



■ Our Vision & Mission

The Greater Polson Community Foundation was organized in 2008 to create a permanent endowment fund to support community needs by: 1) gathering and wisely investing permanent funds, 2) offering donors various gifting options, 3) awarding grants, 4) developing partnerships through collaboration with others, 5) promoting philanthropy, and 6) inspiring community pride and unity.

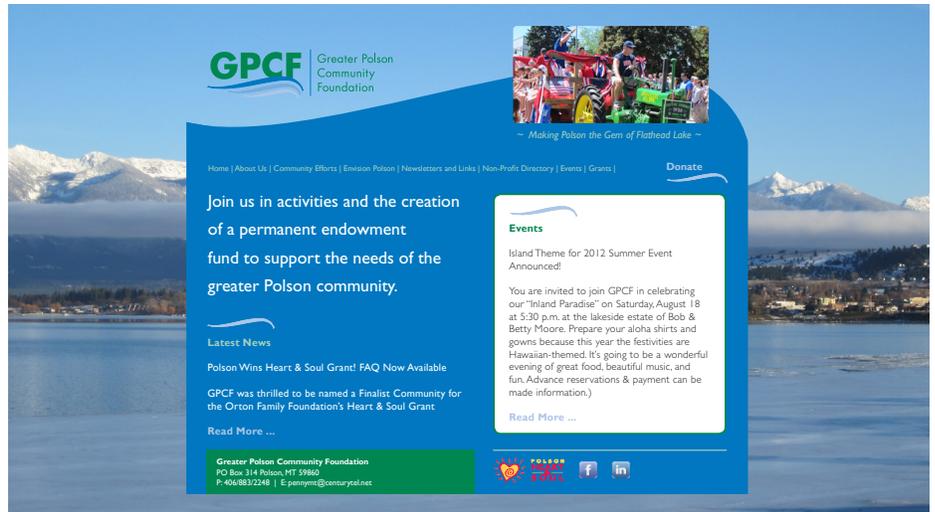
■ Directors of the Greater Polson Community Foundation

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■ GPCF Unveils New Logo And Website

Late last summer the GPCF conducted a review of its logo and website. The GPCF Board determined there was a need to change both items and retained the graphic design services of double entendre design, inc. to help develop a visually distinctive logo and website that communicate a straight-forward and clear message for the foundation. Harmen Steele, website developer, was selected to provide the back-end website programming. The logo and website are now completed and ready to be unveiled here to the public.

The new logo represents a bold, strong and stable foundation. The waves symbolize movement, advancement in a positive direction and an influx of fresh ideas. The color green is representative of growth, vitality, positivity and strength. Blue is representative of steadfastness and strength and is associated with unity, conservatism and stability. As an extension to the brand identity, the website incorporates the same colors



(Above) The new Greater Polson Community Foundation logo and home page.

and wave elements. Background photos on each page reflect the natural beauty and small town atmosphere that make "Polson the Gem of Flathead Lake". A looping slideshow of community members and event photos are a new feature to the home page. The website was switched from a proprietary platform to an open-source WordPress platform and hosting

by DreamHost, making it free and easier to update site content with little to no coding experience. WordPress is also highly customizable which will allow the foundation to easily add on features.

You are invited to visit the website to view the new look and features at: greaterpolsoncommunityfoundation.org.

■ Envision Polson! Capitalizing On Successes In 2011-2012

The Envision Polson Steering Committee Team members will be meeting, Tuesday, April 9th at 5:00 p.m. at the First Interstate Bank Conference room. It has been just a little over two years ago since the Greater Polson Community Foundation assumed the role of community convener and invited community members/leaders, business owners, non-profits and education leadership to the first Envision Polson! meeting in January of 2011.

Since that time, the individual committees have achieved many successes. The upcoming meeting is an opportunity to showcase the planning that has gone into these projects, review the scope of the individual projects, hear how the projects were funded, and to hear the future plans of each team. This convening will provide background, updates and the opportunity to consider resources for pending projects. This gathering is an opportunity to reawaken and reenergize the teams, create fund raising strategies for pending projects, set the stage and create plans for the coming year.

Please visit our website at: greaterpolsoncommunityfoundation.org/envision-polson/ for additional information, the list of upcoming events and committee volunteer opportunities for the following committees: Beautification; Year-Round Recreation; Youth; Economy/Standard of Living; Unique Feature: Our Lake; Tourism; Health & Well-Being; and Leadership Collaboration & Communication.

You're Invited! Envision Polson Steering Committee Team Members

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

First Interstate Bank
Conference Room
49573 U.S. 93, Polson

Dinner Provided
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Facilitated Session
6:00 – 8:30

Envision Polson! Committee
Updates

■ Greater Polson Community Foundation Sustaining Founders 2012

These donors have consistently supported the GPCF since it was first organized in 2008.

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■ Important Dates To Remember

GPCF Grant Applications

The 2013 GPCF grant applications are available at: greaterpolsoncommunityfoundation.org. Applications are due Wednesday, July 10, 2013. Awardees will be announced at the annual "Passion for Polson Event" on Saturday, August 17, 2013.

Save-The-Date

The GPCF annual Passion for Polson Event will be held Saturday evening, August 17, 2013. It will be the best party of the summer. Be sure and mark the date on your calendar now!



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