

Cross Village event blends Shakespeare, sundials and scrap-wood music

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Poetry, fairies and music: Cross Village trail becomes a 'Midsummer's Daydream'

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The [Good Hart Artist Residency](https://petoskeynews.com/story/entertainment/arts/2025/08/09/cross-village-event-blends-shakespeare-sundials-and-scrap-wood-music-good-hart-artist-residency/85460639007) recently hosted “A Midsummer’s Daydream,” drawing over 100 guests to Cross Village.

The event, held on July 20, took place on the property of Debbie Hindle and Ken Ross, according to a community announcement. Attendees hiked through trails, encountering poetry, music and fairies, guided by the words of William Shakespeare from “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”



The journey began with poets Jeremy Palmer and Tiffany Lenau, who invited guests to reflect and contribute to a collective poem. The path led past an old oak tree to an art installation featuring bells made from old oxygen tanks. Artist-musician Tom Kaufmann demonstrated instruments crafted from discarded materials, including a xylophone of scrap 2x4s and a lithophone made from granite countertops.

An analemmatic sundial was the next stop, followed by the Fairy Glen, where guests constructed “fairy houses” using natural materials. Organizers said this activity was a favorite among attendees.



At the base of a lookout tower, local poets Dave Frederick and Dar Charlebois shared their work. From the tower's top, guests enjoyed views across Sturgeon Bay to Waugoshance and Temperance Islands.

The trail continued with poetry readings by Megan Klco-Kellner and Tracy Deering, leading to the Fire Circle, where musician Holly Keller performed. The day concluded with event organizer Jeremy Benson reading the collective poem.

“What an occasion (the day) was — the weather couldn’t have been more beautiful, and everyone seemed to enjoy it,” Debbie Hindle said in the announcement.



The Good Hart Artist Residency hosts artists, composers and writers from around the world for short-term stays. It also organizes events for the local community to engage with the arts. Upcoming events include Coffee@10 with Artist-in-Residence Senghor Reid at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey on Aug. 14, and the Tunnel of Trees Art Trail, a weekend of events from Aug. 22-24.

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