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DOOR COUNTY GRANARY GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

STURGEON BAY, WI — The Sturgeon Bay Historical Society Foundation is proud to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Door County Granary restoration project on November 19, 2021 at 2:30 PM. The ceremony will be on location at 92 E. Maple Street on the West Waterfront and will include remarks from local dignitaries and project stakeholders. The public is invited to attend.

This project marks an important milestone in the history of granaries as it preserves what is believed to be the last structure of its kind still standing on the Great Lakes. Together, the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society Foundation and the City of Sturgeon Bay are working to preserve and restore the 1901 Teweles and Brandeis Grain Elevator. Now known as the Door County Granary, it will serve as a cultural center and event venue when the restoration is complete. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places for the role it played in agricultural shipping.

“We are proud to have the opportunity to restore an iconic building that had such an impact on Sturgeon Bay and Door County history,” said Beth Renstrom, executive director. “Taking a once functioning grain elevator and creating a cultural center and beacon for the community is a unique experience that will benefit the community and visitors alike.”

The project team includes James Dallman and Grace La, of LA DALLMAN, based in Boston and Milwaukee. Jeffrey Beane, of Beane Engineering, a Sturgeon Bay native, is the lead engineer. Beane has been an associate with Silman, an award-winning firm located in New York. Greenfire Management Services, Wausau and Milwaukee, is the construction manager. The restoration team consults with the State Historic Preservation Officer. In early 2021, LA DALLMAN was awarded a prestigious Progressive Architectural [PA] Award, one of five selected from a pool of 122 submissions, for its design of the restored granary.

According to Renstrom, fundraising for the restoration project continues. "We have work to do to complete our goal, but we are very encouraged by the momentum we're seeing. The gifts we've received to date allow us to move forward with confidence in the next phase of this project. We are

seeing a deepening understanding and appreciation for the significance of this structure, both in terms of what it was and what it will be. We look forward to sharing the project with all who are interested in learning more."

About Sturgeon Bay Historical Society Foundation, Inc.

The Sturgeon Bay Historical Society Foundation, Inc. began as a group of concerned citizens who wished to preserve the historical landmarks of the City of Sturgeon Bay and its surrounding area in beautiful Door County, Wisconsin. Founding members have now grown to include many local citizens and visitors of the County who are engaged as interested participants, volunteers, board members and donors.

About Greenfire

Greenfire Management Services, is a construction company with locations in Milwaukee and Wausau. Founded in 2010, Greenfire is a wholly-owned company of the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, the investment arm of the Forest County Potawatomi Community, and as such, maintains minority contractor status. Greenfire is a reputable, local builder that provides innovative construction services backed by a corporate commitment to total quality management.

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