

Donn Paul Werling

Education: Ph. D. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
M.Ed. Loyola University, Chicago, IL
M.S. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
B.S. Valparaiso U. Honors College, Valparaiso, IN

Positions: Volunteer, Ottawa County, MI and Michigan
State Parks: Interpreter, Invasive Species

Founder: *Sweetwater Grace* Christian band

Director and co founder of Two Trees Memorial
Arboretum, Fort Wayne, IN 2002-2013
now a venue of the TAG Art Company

Executive Director, Allen County Fort Wayne
Historical Society, IN 2002-2008

Director of the Henry Ford Estate and Adj. Associate Professor of the
School of Education, The University of Michigan-Dearborn, 1983-2002

Sweetwater Journey Great Lakes band lead interpreter 1989-2004

Director of the Ladd Arboretum, Ecology Center
and Lighthouse Nature Center for the City of Evanston, IL
1973-1982

Specially assigned teacher/director for the Raymond
School Nature Project, Chicago Board of Education
1969-1972

Books: *Jens Jensen, Landscape Artist for the Fords...& You,*
Henry Ford Heritage Association, 2018, hfha.org

Henry Ford, A Hearthside Perspective
Society of Automotive Engineers, 2000
sae.org

Maritime Heritage, Great Lakes Lighthouse
Keepers Association, 1998, gllka.org

Lakes and Lighthouses, Great Lakes Lighthouse
Keepers Assoc. 1989, gllka.org

Environmental Education and Your School Site
State of Illinois, 1973

A School/Community Model for the Stewardship of School Site and Neighborhood Outdoor Laboratories
and an Evaluation of Their Use by
by Selected 4th and 5th Grade Pupils for
Environmental Education. University Microfilms,
Ann Arbor, MI, 1979

Jens Jensen Landscape Architect for the Fords & You
Henry Ford Heritage Assoc., 2018

Audio releases: *Closer to Thee, Moments of Comfort*
Worship Anew, 2020, worshipanew.org

Walking the Talk, album, Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Assoc., 2000, gllka.org

Sweetwater Journey, Uncommon Friends, album
U-Records, The University of Michigan-Dearborn
1999

Keepers of Tomorrow cd, Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, album 1998. gllka.org,

Lakes and Lighthouses album, Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Assoc. 1989

Noteworthy Program Presentations/Articles

Who Do We Say We Are,
Legacy magazine of NAI
January/February 2020

1994 Musical Welcome to the NAI
Cleveland National Conference

Program/delegate presentations
to the first, second and third
**World Congress for Heritage
Presentation and Interpretation**
at Banff, Canada; Coventry, England;
and Barcelona, Spain

1978 and 1994 articles in ***Preservation***
magazine of the National Trust for Historic
Preservation on the restoration of Jens Jensen landscapes

America's Castles, nationally distributed cable show focused on the restoration of the Henry Ford Estate

Activities:

Composer of the 100+ songs- recorded & performed, and used to create four student musicales performed around the Great Lakes at times funded as a designated "Culture Bearer" for the **Michigan & Indiana Councils for the Humanities** and the **Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs**

Founder: Motor Cities National Heritage Area
1999 motorcities.org

Founder: Henry Ford Heritage Assoc. 1989
hfha.org

Founder: Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Assoc.
1985 gllka.org

Founder: North American Voyaguer Council
1977, navoyaguer.org

Adj. Assoc. Professor of Education School of Education
The University of Michigan-Dearborn
1983-1995, taught Environmental Interpretation
Environmental Science, & Ed. Facility Planning &
Maritime Heritage Education

Creator of the **Historic Homes of the Autobarons**
guide ,and *Ford Heritage Trails* poster published by the Michigan
Department of Transportation- posted at Rest Areas

Creator with Diane Werling of ***the Lighthouse Learning Trunk***
for the National Park Service, Pictured Rocks
National Lakeshore, 1998

Financial: Tripled the budget
at his first two directorships.
Increased the revenue at
the Henry Ford Estate from
\$450k-\$1,500,000+. That enabled a
ten fold increase in interpretive staff
(includes volunteers) to address
a fifteen fold increase in visitorship

from 10k to 150k annually

Awards:

Distinguished Professional for the Great Lakes Region, of the National Association for Interpretation, 2021

Runner up **Telly Award** for theme song for Moments of Comfort. This is a national award for social media programming for 2020.

Founders cornerstone and plaque awards from the Motor Cities National Heritage Area 2002 and the Henry Ford Heritage Association 2000 & 2002

National Association for Interpretation Media Awards: *Henry Ford a Hearthside Perspective, 2000 Lakes and Lighthouses, 1989*

Lighthouse, American Society of Cinemaphotographers with Bryan England, Northwestern U. for best student produced film, 1977. Used in the orientation of visitors for over twenty years at the Grosse Point Lighthouse NHL, Evanston, IL

Lighthouse Landing master plan, **American Society of Landscape Architects** with Johnson, Johnson and Roy of Ann Arbor, MI, 1977

City of Evanston City Council Citation "...for a Significant Contribution to the Preservation or Enhancement of the Environmental Quality of the City of Evanston." 1976

The Russel E. Wilson Award from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1980 for contributing to "...excellence in school site development."

University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Government Certificate of Appreciation 1985-'86

The J. Lee Barrett Award from the **Metropolitan Detroit Visitor and Convention Bureau**, for the Historic Homes of the Autobaron's brochure & tour collaboration, 1986

Outstanding Service Award from the

University of Michigan-Dearborn, 1994

**Named to: Outstanding Young Men of America,
1975 Who's Who in America, 1994-2000+**

