

## *Remembering Our Cornish Heritage*

### Making the Connection The 16<sup>th</sup> Gathering of Cornish Cousins August 10-14, 2011 Mineral Point, Wisconsin **Call for Presenters**

WE need to arouse awareness of our heritage, among all, no matter how fractional their link, as few of us can claim to be 100% Cornish. The Cornish, both as individuals and as a population, participated in the activities and enterprises that built this continent. Cornish-American political figures, scientists, artists, and others have made a difference in North America. We need to recognize this, take pride in it, and make some noise for and about the Cornish in North America.

The decline of mining in Cornwall spurred the emigration of our ancestors. What contributions did they make to technology, science, government, architecture, education in this country as it developed?

The similar growth and decline in mining have occurred over and over across our continent. Cornish Americans, too, have experienced "...the pumps shut down, the mine filled up..." – then what? For many, again, it was a migration. "I'm building cars now, for Mr. Ford..."

What about those who didn't move?

Common concerns...Common solutions?

#### **What are the connections?**

The Planning Committee hopes that you, as a person with special knowledge and interest in the behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, traditions, products, and institutions of the Cornish, will consider making a presentation during our 16<sup>th</sup> Gathering. Small group sessions will, in general, be approximately an hour and a quarter long, allowing ample time for questions and discussion. It will be possible to have a presentation extend from morning to afternoon if this is desired. Most audiences will number between 20-30 people. We encourage presenters to repeat their sessions to reach a larger number.

Presenters are asked to submit their topic and a description of how their presentation fits in with the goals of the Gathering (included). The Planning Committee will review submissions and notify presenters of acceptance.

Presenters should identify *exact* needs for audio-visual equipment. The Planning Committee will attempt to fill any needs identified by June 1, 2011. However, presenters should be aware that there may be difficulty with compatibility and availability of some equipment. The Committee will notify presenters in advance if requests for equipment cannot be filled.

The Committee is pleased to offer one complimentary registration per presentation. Please note that meals connected with the Gathering are a separate expense.

We appreciate your willingness to share your expertise and know that your presentation will contribute to the success of the Gathering.

Forms must be received no later than April 1, 2011. Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 1, 2011. Complete and return the attached forms to: Tommi O'Hagan, 651 E. Scott St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935

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