

# Loving our Dunes to Death?

## *Balancing Enjoyment with Conservation*

Thursday, November 9, 2017 6:00pm – 8:00pm

The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center

601 Main Street, Saint Joseph, MI 49085

**Free and Open to the Public ~ Light Refreshments Provided**

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*Sunsets and sandy feet, campfires and coastal climbs, star-filled skies above and waves sliding onshore far below. Savoring time amid our coastal dunes is the epitome of a Michigan summer well spent. Come hang out with one of the world's leading coastal dune experts, meet researchers studying Michigan's outdoor recreation economy, and learn about organizations working to understand, protect and help people get outdoors to enjoy Michigan's amazing sand dunes. **More information here** <http://www.swmpc.org/dunes.asp>*

### AGENDA

Welcome - Marcy Hamilton, Preserve The Dunes

Introductions & Project Overview – Brad Garmon, MEC & Elaine Isely, WMEAC

The Latest in Coastal Dune Science – Dr. Alan Arbogast, MSU

Measuring the Value of Coastal Sand Dunes - Dr. Robert Richardson, MSU

Discussion, Questions, Comments

**Dr. Alan Arbogast**, Chair of the Department of Geography at Michigan State, is a world leading expert on coastal sand dunes. Since coming to Michigan nearly 20 years ago, Dr. Arbogast has systematically improved –and disrupted – our understanding of the age of coastal sand dunes; the timing and nature of their development and evolution. He has served as an expert witness on several controversial dune development projects.

**Dr. Robert Richardson** is an ecological economist at Michigan State University with over 15 years of experience in research and outreach related to sustainable development and natural resource management. He has conducted research in the Western US, Maine, Central America, southeast Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa, and is in the midst of analyzing survey data on the recreational and social value of coastal sand dunes in Michigan.



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