



Newsletter

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Emmy Award “Wizard” Showing!

The Society is very pleased to announce a repeat, and fundraising, showing of the Emmy Award-winning documentary “The Wizard of Boulder Park” on **Wednesday, September 13 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Cinema III on Antrim Street.** This film, shown on Michigan PBS channels last year, was awarded the Best Historical Documentary of 2016 by the Michigan Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences on June 10 of this year. It received its world premiere at Cinema III in June of 2015 with several showings to packed houses.

Tickets are **\$15** per person and will go on sale on the day of the showing **at 4:00 p.m. at the theater box office.** Only 150 tickets will be available.

From 6 to 7:00, a Meet & Greet will take place in the theater lobby with film producer Anne Belanger of Bon Ami Filmworks. Anne will have the Emmy statuette with her (photo ops!). At 7:00, a Q & A panel discussion will take place in the auditorium on the making of the film, its impact on the recent historic district protection of the in-town Earl Young houses, and winning the Emmy. Participating will be Ms. Belanger, Society President Denise Fate, Vice-President Chuck Cleland, and your editor. The Society’s future preservation plans for the Museum at Harsha House, Train Depot, and South Pier Lighthouse will be briefly outlined. The 48-minute “Wizard” will begin at approximately 7:30.

Join us for what might be the last chance to see “The Wizard” on the big screen in hi-def!

Embrace.Preserve.Cherish.

On various occasions we’ve mentioned renovation projects underway and others that need to be done. The Board determined that for the Society to better deliver on its mission, we needed to formulate objectives for our facilities and collections, and the means to achieve them. Through this process we updated our mission statement to bring it into sharper focus: “Enriching Charlevoix’s culture through education, preservation and engaging experiences celebrating our history.”

The objectives: to protect and preserve our historic structures, enhance our exhibit space, improve the storage environment for our artifacts, and provide

infrastructure to preserve and access our growing digital collection.

How do we do this? We need capital funding. A team was formed earlier this year to develop a campaign. The result: **Embrace.Preserve.Cherish.**

Our goal: Raise sufficient funds to carry us well into the future—\$1.25 million over a 5-year period. We hope you, as valued members, will consider a gift.

A Charlevoix Historical Society Preservation Fund has been set up at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to manage donations and pledges. Brochures and pledge cards are available at the museum. Please contact me or anyone else on the team (see President's message) to answer questions or for more information.

President Denise Fate

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our DEPOT125 events concluded with the steam-era Locomotive Train Show, in partnership with the Northern Michigan Railroad Club, and Dave's encore presentation "The Coming of the Railroad" at the Library. I've heard nothing but positive feedback and the turnout for both was very strong. At the Venetian Potluck I recognized the DEPOT125 planning team as the Volunteer(s) of the Year. We could not have pulled the Gala and Proclamation Ceremony off without the talents and dedication of these individuals.

I want to thank the Embrace.Preserve.Cherish. team who devoted much time and energy over recent months, and continue to do so to ensure the success of this campaign: Ginnie Cash, Vincent Chew, Lisa Mower Gandelot, Bill Gnodtke, Kay Heise, Adrienne Ives, Craig Mann, Jamie McLane, Jeff Porter, Alvin Ranger, and Jeannine Wallace. We have the full support of the Board as well.

Denise

Mark Your Calendar: The fourteenth Margaret Duerr Award will be presented on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Charlevoix Public Library's Community Room. The recipient of the award is Rick Brandi, Charlevoix City Treasurer for twenty-seven years and a member of the Library's Board of Trustees for nineteen years, most importantly during the renovation of the 1927 school building into the current library, the pride of Charlevoix. Speaker for the evening will be author William Rapai of Grosse Pointe, former editor for the *Detroit Free Press* and *Boston Globe*. Mr. Rapai has written three books: one on the impact of invasive species on the Great Lakes, one concerning the endangered Kirtland's warbler and the battle to save it, and the third on the history of beer brewing in Michigan.

The Society welcomes new members: *Pat Immonen,*
Michael & Christine Heroy

Donations (unrestricted) received from: *Susan Kahn, Harriet Perrin*

