



Newsletter

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Annual Valentine Potluck and Program!

There is no event scheduled for January that needed to be announced, so members are receiving this Dec.-Jan. combined newsletter with the hope the holiday season was good to you all, resolutions are being kept, and may 2015 as it proceeds keep everyone well and experiencing a rewarding year. Which leads to the first event of 2015, our annual Valentine Potluck (we had to forgo last year's because of the "Journeying to Charlevoix" exhibit being mounted at the Depot). Traditionally we have shown a classic silent movie after the meal, but this year we will be treated, by popular request, to a slide show of President Denise Fate's recent travels to Macchu Picchu, Petra (Jordan), Easter Island, Marrakesh (Morocco), Siam Reap (Cambodia), and the Taj Mahal!

***When: Tuesday, February 3
@ 6:00 p.m. (program circa 6:45)***

Where: the Depot

Bring a dish to pass, a serving utensil, your own plates and tableware. We will supply coffee, tea, cups, and napkins plus microwaves if needed. BYOB if you prefer something a little stronger.

And, in keeping with the deeply appreciated tradition of previous years, we ask everyone to bring a Valentine card or two, either signed personally or from "a secret admirer." They will later be distributed to shut-ins or the elderly who may not receive one.

WINTER MUSEUM HOURS

The museum at the Harsha House will be open Fri.-Sat. 12-4 p.m. through February. The rear double doors facing the bank parking lot are open 11-4 Tuesday to Saturday for those who need to conduct Society business, do research, or purchase a store item on non-regular museum days.

TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS ON THE HORIZON

After two years of research and writing, a new book on "The Historic Vessels of Charlevoix" is about to be printed. This one will be over twice the size of our five previous publications, with 88 pages and nearly 200 photos and other images. The book will explore our rich maritime heritage and help explain why Charlevoix at one time was one of the most important ports on Lake Michigan, vital not only to northern Michigan but the entire upper Midwest, attracting both boats and visitors from across the entire nation. It will be available this spring.

The second publication will be a small booklet with maps that will guide visitors to the Earl Young buildings. We have relied on a free trifold brochure with thumbnail photos to this point, but felt a more substantial booklet with dates and a capsule history of each structure was needed. It will be for sale sometime in late spring.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, another year zipped by, and I am pleased with what we have been able to accomplish.

- Winter: The "Journeying to Charlevoix" exhibit staged at the Depot, which drew 2000 visitors. The exhibit will continue to run at the Museum at Harsha House through 2015.
- Spring: The main museum, store, and office space was redesigned to better meet our needs.
- Summer: We were delighted to add new board members and a controller to the staff, who have been very beneficial. Our computers were upgraded to accommodate our requirements.
- Fall: Beautiful picture frames made for us by Kitchens North from our beloved oak tree are on sale in our gift store. If you haven't seen them, stop by and have a look at the display.

I can also announce that our website underwent a facelift recently, giving us a much better look and content management system. Our supplier, ProWeb Marketing, gave us a special rate, for which we are grateful. Soon we will really be able to communicate with you electronically!

Lastly, we have been awarded two grants for the "Wizard of Boulder Park" documentary which is now in post-production and slated for completion this spring. One grant in the amount of \$5500 was from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the other from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for \$1600. Many thanks go to these organizations for their support of this important project. Watch for more news coming soon. Denise.

The Society welcomes Patrons: *Joy Ann Price, Craig & Deborah Mann, Chip & Vicki Emery,*

*Elizabeth Hoffmann, Todd & Pam Wyatt, David & Judith Wilson,
Rob & Susan Pew, Kay & Don Heise*

The Society welcomes new members: *Anne Kelly, Keith & Laura Podob, REMAX of Charlevoix,*

*Jonas Meyers & Carla Probus, Joe & Pauline McDermott, Deanne Balch,
Robert & Kimberly Molter, John & Debbie Belfy, Gloria & Frederick van Duyne*