



Newsletter

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Silent Flick & Pizza at Depot!

2017 marks the **125th anniversary** of the coming of the railroad to Charlevoix and the construction of our nationally recognized Depot, site of so much Society activity. So over the coming year we will focus on this historic event and structure, beginning with our traditional February dinner and silent flick. What better movie to do this with than, from 1926, Buster Keaton's immortal "The General," based upon a true story from the Civil War. It is now considered by some critics to be one of the greatest 100 films of all time. The "General" of the title is the locomotive that carries Keaton into one hilarious misadventure after another.

This year, instead of a potluck, we will be serving pizza. And an added attraction will be the presence of Charlevoix Middle School student Evan Beane, an ardent vintage film buff who will present a short program on "The General" prior to the showing. We will be charging \$5 per person for the entire evening of movie, pizza, lecture, and popcorn.

Thus we will need RSVPs by Monday, February 6 to order food and ensure seating. Call 547-0373, or email info@chxhistory.com with the number in your party.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 8 @ 6:00. p.m.

Where: The Depot

An historic flick in an historic building! What better way to spend a nice winter's evening?

FALL & WINTER MUSEUM HOURS

The Historical Society Museum will be open to the public on Saturdays only through March, 11 a.m. to 4. P.m. However, a curator will be on the premises Tuesday through Friday also from 11 to 4, through the side office door facing the bank for those who need to conduct Society business, do research, or make a store purchase.

DEPOT & RR EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY

The Society, in collaboration with the Charlevoix Public Library, has mounted an exhibit on the coming of the railroad in the library's Community Room foyer. It traces the beginnings of the railroad idea, the uncertainty involved, finally through construction, arrival, and the impact upon Charlevoix, the last of the major northern Michigan towns to receive one. Be sure to see this remarkable history next time you're there! The exhibit will be up through March.

SPECTACULAR MAPS AVAILABLE

With the invaluable assistance of Paul Casciani of Great Lakes Map Co, we are now offering four rare colored vintage maps through the museum store, all done using the high quality giclee digital printing process. Three are by Irene Young, of the Little and Grand Traverse regions and Mackinac Island. The fourth is a bird's eye lithograph of Charlevoix from 1889. All sell for \$75 unframed. Call for details.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we shift gears to 2017, it is time again for reflection and anticipation. First, I want to say thank you to our wonderful Board and staff for all that they do. Their tireless dedication, contributions and expertise keep us going and growing. Also, a warm thank you to our members for your loyal support. We are pleased with the financial results of 2016. Details will be in our Annual Report and accessible on our website by the end of February. We are excited about what 2017 brings. First, the establishment of the Charlevoix Cultural Corridor, which was approved by the DDA board in November and covered in the Charlevoix Courier. The Corridor is comprised of the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, the Public Library and the Historical Society Museum. The objective is to raise awareness of the cultural offerings of these three organizations, and promote more visitors to each. We are happy to be collaborating. You will see more promotion on this, as well as joint activities, in the coming months.

Secondly, 2017 represents the 125th anniversary of our Historic Railroad Depot and the arrival of Charlevoix's first train, as mentioned on the front page. We are in the planning stages for some spectacular events over the course of the year to engage the community as we celebrate this momentous occasion. Stay tuned!

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The Society regrets the recent passing of longtime member *Kathryn Stone*