



Newsletter

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“Journeying to Charlevoix” Exhibit Extended!

The “Journeying to Charlevoix” exhibit at the Depot, announced in the February newsletter, has created enough of a buzz since it opened February 7 that it will be extended, on Saturdays only, through May 3. Opening time will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special arrangements for private tours can be made also by calling (231) 547-0373.

At the time of this writing, we have opened the doors to the exhibit to over 1,700 kindergarten through 9th grade students plus teachers and chaperones from all over the northwest Michigan area in six weeks. Society members have traveled from as far south as Indiana to see it.

“Journeying to Charlevoix” will not be limited to the Depot. Much of it will be transferred to the museum at the Harsha House as our main exhibit for the rest of the year. But to see the entire display, fully illustrated with classic images from our own archives and a large array of stunningly reproduced glass plate negative images provided by Patron Dr. Frank Korotney, be sure to get to the Depot on or before May 3.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report on Society activities and finances for 2013 will be available at the beginning of April. It will be posted on our website, and those wishing to obtain a hard copy may contact the Harsha House.

MUSEUM HOURS THROUGH APRIL

The Harsha House museum area will be closed for the duration of the “Journeying” exhibit, and reopen in early May. A reconfiguration of the museum floor space will be done in April, so no new exhibits will be up until after that is finished. But there will be a director on the Harsha House premises Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the side office facing the bank for those who need to conduct Society business, do research, purchase a store item, or just see the museum.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

This is also the April newsletter, arriving a bit early, so mark your calendars! On **Tuesday, May 6** your editor will be presenting a fully illustrated program titled “The Vessels of Charlevoix—An Historic Overview” **at the Depot at 7:00 p.m.** This program will be a preview of the publication later this year of our newest book on the history of the amazing variety of boats that have graced Charlevoix’s waters since the 1850s. It will be the sixth monograph published since the appearance of the larger history *Bob Miles’ Charlevoix II* in 2002. Like its predecessors, it will flesh out a chapter in *BMCII* with much more information and many more photos than were available for the larger volume.

Message from the President

The “Journeying to Charlevoix” exhibit at the Depot is winding down as far as students go—and we’re excited to report that attendance has far exceeded expectations. Between February 7 and March 22, we will have had well over 1,800 guests, mostly students, which approximates the number of visitors we see all year at the museum at Harsha House. The students came from as far as Pellston and Traverse City, in snow and –20 degree weather! They delighted in learning about trains, the operation of the depot, maritime incidents, and life in the lumbering camps. We are hopeful they took positive impressions home to their families about Charlevoix and our storied history.

We are going to keep “Journeying to Charlevoix” open longer than originally planned to allow more of our members and the public to see the full exhibit—either having returned from warmer climes, or surely having warmer weather here in which to venture down to the Depot.

Denise Fate

NOTICE: The Society recently received \$15 in cash in a mailed dues envelope with no information filled out, no return address label, and an unreadable postmark. If any current member recalls having paid his or her annual individual dues in this manner, please contact us at once so we can renew your membership status for 2014.

The Society welcomes new members: *Ralph & Mary Lynn Heid (Patron),
Craig & Deborah Mann (Ralph Hamilton Circle),
Bill & Diane DuPont (Ralph Hamilton Circle),
Charles & Julia Eisendrath (Ralph Hamilton Circle), Deborah Clark
Donation (unrestricted) received in February from: Lore Silberman
Donation in memory of Roberta Scholey received in February from:
John & Phyllis Haggard*