



# Newsletter

## November-December 2015

### Issue #9

# Annual Christmas Dinner at Grey Gables!

### **A Christmas Gambol Oft Could Cheer—Sir Walter Scott**

Once again, members and their guests are invited to gather in the spirit of the season for the Historical Society's Christmas dinner, one of the nicest events of the year, and, judging by the turnouts of the past few years, one of the most popular.

***When: Tuesday, December 1  
at 6:00 p.m.***

***Where: The Grey Gables  
308 Belvedere Avenue***

A holiday cheer cash bar and social hour with old friends will precede the Gables' quality offerings (menu and price below). As in previous years, we would like to have a rough estimate of how many of each entrée will be ordered. So, if you can, we would appreciate a response by Saturday, November 28 informing us of the number in your party and your selections. Call (231) 547-0373 Monday through Saturday, or leave a message.

Should circumstances prevent you from deciding or being able to call until the last minute, be assured you may appear at the appointed hour at the Gables with no problem.

No prior payment is needed. Someone will be on hand to collect your payment at a table located just outside the rear dining room. Credit cards accepted.

Grey Gables menu choices: Broiled Atlantic Whitefish, Seafood Stuffed Chicken Breast, GG Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, Pan Roasted Norwegian Salmon  
Dessert: Vanilla Bean Ice Cream with Sander's Hot Fudge  
Appetizers, Salad, Fresh Brewed Coffee Cost (gratuity included): \$30 per person

## **FALL MUSEUM HOURS**

The Historical Society museum will be open Tues. - Sat. from 12-4 p.m. through January 2 (excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas). The rear double doors or the side office door facing the bank parking lot are open at 11 a.m. for those who need to conduct Society business, do research, or purchase a store item before opening.

Beginning January 4, the museum will be closed to the public for two months and reopen three days a week beginning Thursday, March 3. Either or both curators will be in attendance, however, throughout the closed period and available through the office door. Opening hours for April and May will be determined next year.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES**

Annual members, Ralph Hamilton Circle members, and Patrons should have received their reminders to renew their support for 2016 near the beginning of November. Renewals are beginning to arrive now, and we'd like to request that as many as possible be mailed by December 31 before our fiscal year ends. Thank you all for your continuing support.

## **CHRISTMAS GIFT ITEMS AT THE MUSEUM STORE**

Between now and Thursday, December 24, come visit the museum store at the Harsha House for your Christmas shopping needs. We have lighthouse apparel items including a knit cap, in royal blue or gray, a fleece headband, sweatshirts, polo and T-shirts, plus a heavy forest green throw with fleece underside. All have a red lighthouse and the word 'CHARLEVOIX' on them. These items are made locally and the proceeds from their sale go to restoration and preservation of the South Pier Light. Our new 88-pp. "Charlevoix's Historic Vessels" book will satisfy any lover of Charlevoix's extensive maritime history. Plus many other wonderful items—extensive local history in a variety of books, 13 x 19 historic photos from glass plate negatives, Russ Bolt tiles and mugs with local scenes, authentic Earl Young realty business metal rulers, our Charlevoix history DVD, the Earl Young and "Wizard of Boulder Park" DVDs, and authenticated oak frames and plaques from our oak tree.

## **EARL YOUNG BUILDINGS TOUR BOOKLETS SALES**

As reported in the September newsletter, our new 28-pp. \$5 guide to the Earl Young buildings in town, twenty-five houses and three commercial structures, arrived the first week in June. The original order of 500 was distributed/sold within five weeks. The second order of 500 ran out at end of September. A reorder of 200 more is now down to 25 left. Never have we produced an article that sold so fast, and a restocking for 2016 will take place shortly. We anticipate total sales beyond the 3000 mark by the end of next year if 2015's demand is any indication. This indicates how important the Earl Young legacy has become to Charlevoix. Plus, a new full color brochure with map advertising the Earl Young

structures is in the planning stage for next year in conjunction and collaboration with the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce and the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER ONE OF BEST EVER**

This year's annual fundraising spaghetti dinner, our eighteenth, at Patron Terry Left's Villager Pub was one of the most successful we've ever had. Diners began arriving before 5 and by 5:30 the place was full and never let up until almost 7:30. Between the spaghetti portion of the menu, donated by the Pub, and the tips, we grossed \$2702. Generous donors (see President Fate's message on last page), chipped in partially matching funds on top of that. So a huge thanks to them, to Terry and his ever-loyal crew for all their help in making the event run smoothly, to our own Society volunteers, and to Mike Hinkle of the Charlevoix State Bank and his wait staff volunteers for their valued contribution.

### **NO NEWSLETTER IN DECEMBER**

Because there will be no event in January, a newsletter will not be sent out in December. Any important information will definitely be distributed regularly on our eNewsletter. So far, almost 150 have subscribed. We encourage the membership to do this because beginning next year, the printed newsletters will probably be issued on a quarterly basis, with monthly events still being announced in them. But all events and other news in between will be sent out via the eNewsletter. Just go to [www.chxhistory.com](http://www.chxhistory.com) and sign up for the eNewsletter from there in the upper right corner of the home page.

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We had a terrific crowd at the Villager Pub for the spaghetti dinner this year, and the income from it was for sure the highest ever. Many thanks go to Terry Left for his generosity, his staff for supporting our volunteers, the many volunteers who served, including Mike Hinkle and his staff from Charlevoix State Bank, and Pam and Todd Wyatt for their spontaneous and substantial match. We are pleased that this continues to be a fall social ritual for many in the community, and truly appreciate all who came out to participate. Thank you, Terry, for maintaining the tradition after so many years!

The year is quickly winding down and we are setting our sights on next year. Our needs continue to grow as we strive to fulfill our mission of preserving and sharing Charlevoix's wonderful history while modernizing our operation.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and we hope to see many of you at Grey Gables for our holiday dinner.

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Note: For the perfect Christmas gift, consider giving the DVD of the documentary recently shown six times at Cinema III, "The Wizard of Boulder Park," available now at the museum store. This 48-minute film explores the legacy that Earl Young left to Charlevoix and his continuing importance to the community. Call us at (231) 547-0373 or go online to our museum store and order from there. (Broadcast date and time on CMU-PBS and Detroit-PBS to be announced.)

Donation received in October for future publication expenses from: *David L. Miles*

Donations (unrestricted) received in October and November from: *Flora McMannis,*

*Steve & Marsha Braun, Connie Coleman, Richard & Linda Mueller*

The Society welcomes new member: *Anna Austin*