



# Newsletter

**November 2017**  
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## **Annual Holiday 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 Holiday dinner, one of the nicest events of the year, and judging by the turnouts of the past several years, one of the most popular.

***When: Tuesday, December 5  
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. 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 Thursday, November 30 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 Grey Gables with no problem.

No prior payment is needed. Someone will be on hand to collect your payment at the rear dining room door. Credit cards are accepted.

**Charlevoix Historical Society Dinner**  
**Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at the**  
**Grey Gables Restaurant**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Social Hour**

*(Wine & Cocktails Available at the Cash Bar)*

**Appetizer of Baked Brie with Almonds & Brown Sugar,  
Served Warm with Fresh Sliced Apples & Crackers**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Dinner**

**Belvedere Avenue Caesar Salad with Garlic Caesar  
Dressing, Parmesan & Homemade Croutons  
Sourdough Dinner Rolls**

**Choice of Three Entrees:**

**Seafood Stuffed Chicken Breast, with Shrimp, Spinach &  
Roasted Garlic Stuffing, Whipped Potatoes &  
Vegetables, Stoneground Mustard Cream Sauce**

**Pan Roasted Norwegian Salmon with Cous Cous, Crispy  
Leeks, Balsamic Glaze, Lemon Beurre Blanc**

**GG Roasted Prime Rib of Beef with Baked Potato,  
Vegetable, Natural Demi-Glace Sause, Horseradish  
Sauce**

**Dessert**

**The Gables' Famed Vanilla Bean Ice Cream with  
Sanders' Hot Fudge & Fresh Whipped Topping**

**Fresh Brewed Coffee**

**Price: \$50 per person, Tax & Tip Included**

**(A portion of the price benefits the Historical Society)**

## **FALL/WINTER MUSEUM HOURS**

The Historical Society Museum will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. through December 30 (excluding Thanksgiving). The rear doors 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 in January, the museum will be open Saturdays only, 12-4 p.m., through March. But a curator will be on the premises every day except Sunday, available through the side office door.

## **CHARLEVOIX CULTURAL CORRIDOR HOLIDAY FEST**

You are invited to join the Charlevoix Historical Society, the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, and the Charlevoix Public Library for open houses featuring music, art, refreshments and holiday shopping on Wednesday, December 6 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Start your evening at the Circle, 109 Clinton Street, for handcrafted gifts, artisan demonstrations, and the music of the Gerber Strings Program. Then head over to the Museum for more refreshments, holiday merchandise, and our exhibits (until 7). End the evening at the Library for hot chocolate and the Holiday Jazz @ the Library concert at 7. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be available throughout the evening to transport people from venue to venue.

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE**

Letters for the annual membership renewals were recently mailed. Your continuing loyalty is very much appreciated. Membership dues and patronage are an essential component of the Society's operating budget, comprising over a third of our revenues each year. These monies allow us to pay staff, utilities and many other overhead expenses. Thank you for your support.

## **NEW BOOK A PERFECT GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS**

Our new 142-pp. softbound book, "*Charlevoix the Beautiful, The City on Three Lakes,*" that debuted in June has been selling very well and will be heading toward a second printing very soon. As far back as September, people have been purchasing the book as the perfect holiday gift for family and friends. One party purchased a copy for each guest room in her house. We've mailed them all over the country. This concise, fully illustrated volume was produced with the goal of answering almost every basic question pertaining to the incredible history of our town. So if you are wondering what the Charlevoix fans on your list would appreciate most, and would provide value to them for years to come, consider "*Charlevoix the Beautiful.*" Also, why not treat yourself to one?

Your editor will be on hand at the Museum during the December 6 Cultural Corridor open house for a book signing.

## **EMMY ON DISPLAY**

She arrived in September, our own replica Emmy received for the Society's major involvement in the production of the documentary "The Wizard of Boulder Park," a study of our famed builder in stone Earl A. Young. Made by Bon Ami filmworks, who approached us in 2013 to assist in the making of the film, it was named Best Historical Documentary of 2016 by the Michigan Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences last June 10. The "Wizard" was shown on two Michigan PBS channels a year after it received its world premiere here at Charlevoix Cinema III in June of 2015. Now Emmy occupies pride of place in the museum in her own display case. So an invitation to the entire membership and all members of the community to come see her, and share this significant recognition received to honor the legacy that Earl Young left to all of us.

## **LAST CHANCE TO SEE EXHIBIT**

The Charlevoix Business and Industry exhibit has been up since May of 2015, and will be coming down at the end of December. This has been one of the most successful exhibits we've ever mounted, with several repeat visitors. One display, on the Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant that was active here for 35 years, actually seemed to mesmerize many parties. Students have utilized the exhibit for research paper projects. The goal of the various displays was to emphasize the importance, even into outer space, of Charlevoix's economic bedrock businesses and industries underneath the national reputation of our resort industry, in over 200 photographs, texts, and many artifacts. Don't miss this last chance to see it.

## **A THANK YOU TO TERRY LEFT AND THE VILLAGER PUB**

The Society wishes to extend a deep heartfelt thanks to Villager Pub owner Terry Left and his crew for having provided the venue and assistance for a major fundraising event, the all-you-could-eat spaghetti dinner, for nineteen years from 1998 through 2016. This event alone helped the Society raise upwards of \$40,000, a much-needed \$2000+ average per year, over that time.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are wrapping up 2017 with a flurry of activity. If you have been by the museum recently, you've seen large equipment being used for external renovations. The original shakes are being removed and replaced with brand new cedar shakes. In the spring, painting will follow. Talk about a spruce-up—the 126-year-old structure is getting a major facelift! We are able to do this thanks to the generosity of donors to our Embrace.Preserve.Cherish. Campaign and the MCACA (Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs) grant awarded recently.

The match for the challenge grant announced in the previous newsletter is also looking positive! I am pleased to say we are over halfway there with gifts received or promised by December 31—and am optimistic we will achieve the \$50,000 needed. There is still time to give. If you haven't already done so, please consider a gift by year end. These funds will allow us to proceed with Depot renovations in 2018.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Grey Gables holiday dinner. Happy Holidays to all of you who are not around to join us!

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Donation received in memory of Dan Farmer from: *Robert & Roberta Albright*

Donation (unrestricted) received from: *Petoskey Area Antiques Club*

The Society welcomes new members: *William Holmes, Katherine Kirkpatrick*  
(*Ralph Hamilton Circle*)

The Society deeply regrets the recent passing of Life Members  
*Anne Hansen and Edith Close*