



# Newsletter

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## Annual Sunset Cruise!

The Society is again sponsoring a fundraising Sunset Cruise, this summer on

**Wednesday, August 27**  
**from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**  
**aboard the**  
**Keweenaw Star**

Boarding will be at 6:45 at the *Star's* Bridge Park dock next to the Beaver Island boat dock. Tickets are \$25 per person, and with limited space we advise those wishing to take the cruise to obtain their tickets as early as possible. They are available at the museum store Monday through Saturday through August 27 between noon and 4 p.m., then at the dock that evening before the cruise. Call (231) 547-0373 to reserve tickets and for more information.

This year's cruise will be similar to the previous two years with your editor narrating a historical description of the sights we will pass along the way on Round Lake and whatever channels and shorelines we pass through and along on Lake Charlevoix and/or Lake Michigan. This will be a good opportunity for those new to the community to acquaint themselves with the rich history our town possesses, and for those who have been here for years to discover things about our past they never knew before. Did you know? By 1897, more maritime tonnage was passing through our waters than in any port on the east shore of Lake Michigan outside Chicago?

One non-alcoholic drink is included in the ticket price. A cash bar and snacks are available aboard the *Star*.

### **MUSEUM SUMMER HOURS**

Summer hours through Saturday, August 30 will be Monday through Saturday from 12-4 p.m. The side office door facing the bank opens at 11 a.m. for those needing to talk to a director, make a store purchase, or do research before opening hours.

## REMINDER TO SUMMERTIME MEMBERS

To all our summer members, a reminder before you return home to visit the museum, if you haven't already done so, to see the "Journeying to Charlevoix" exhibit that originated at the Depot in February and was seen by approximately 2000 people over seven weeks there. At the Harsha House this summer, we have had many visitors spend over an hour on this exhibit alone, and several repeat visitors who have brought family and friends in to see it. If you journey to Charlevoix every year, you can find out when, why, and how so many of our forebears did exactly the same thing.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a great turnout for the Venetian Potluck this year—and the weather cooperated right through the spectacular fireworks! It was wonderful seeing the many members who came and meeting their guests.

We combined it with the volunteer recognition this year. And what a year this has been of volunteers stepping up to help starting in February with the "Journeying to Charlevoix" exhibit. Then, we undertook the rearranging and clean-up of the museum, including store, exhibit and office space. There were several people involved with this doing some heavy lifting—Marsha Braun, Diane Hess, and Kay Heise. Kay takes a special and passionate interest in taking care of many things which need addressing for the Society, in addition to her duties as Secretary, encompassing also membership date and correspondence. In recognition and appreciation for all that she does for us, I selected her as our **Volunteer of the Year**. It is difficult for me to express how much I value her as a person and as a Board member.

Hope to see you aboard the *Keweenaw Star* on the 27th.

Denise Fate

In 2013, we inadvertently left out the names of several new members and would like to give them a belated welcome at this time, with our apologies: *Virginia Lepman,*

*Bethany Pearson, Mike & Eileen Chryanowski, Janet Williams,*

*Daniel Kantor & Emmaline Weidman, Joy Ann Price*

The Society welcomes new member: *Madelyn Harwood*

The Society welcomes new Patron: *Stafford's Hospitality*

The Society deeply regrets the recent passing of longtime member: *Richard Weidinger*