



Newsletter

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East Jordan Iron Works Program

The Society will be presenting a history of the East Jordan Iron Works, one of the longest running and successful major industries of northern Michigan. Established in 1883, and under the ownership of the founding Malpass family for 131 years, it is today known as simply EJ, a very recent name change. The company has two large foundries, one of them the East Jordan plant, four metal fabrication operations, a water products manufacturing facility, two major distribution centers, a research and development facility, a tooling design and production facility, and twenty-five sales branch offices. This program will include a look at all of the manufacturing facilities and locations around the globe.

Charlevoix's relationship to EJ began with the constant passage of lake freighters laden with tons of iron ore from the north passing up the channel, across Round Lake, and on down Pine Lake (Lake Charlevoix) for decades. Several Charlevoixians have an historical connection to the company.

The presentation will be made by EJ Vice-President of Sales Operations Tom Teske, a 38-year veteran with the company.

**When: Tuesday, August 5
@ 7:00 p.m.**

Where: The Depot

Call 547-0373 for more information.

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.

BELVEDERE CLUB RECEIVES MARGARET DUERR AWARD

The Belvedere Club, Society Patrons, received the prestigious Margaret Duerr Award at a ceremony at the Charlevoix Public Library on July 10. This award, the eleventh, honors local people and organizations who have contributed to the community in various ways. The Belvedere Club has been a major benefactor of many Charlevoix organizations and activities for well over 100 years. The Society congratulates them for this well-deserved honor.

VENETIAN POTLUCK REMINDER!

Don't forget the annual Society Venetian Fireworks potluck on **Friday, July 25** at the Depot at 7:00. Get there on time for a parking space and ringside seat.

SUNSET CRUISE REMINDER!

Mark your calendars for the narrated Sunset Cruise aboard the *Keweenaw Star*, **Wednesday, August 27**. Details next month.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

One thing moving to Charlevoix from the big city teaches you is patience. Whether it has to do with getting a tradesman out to work on the house, working on a project with retirees (like myself), or waiting out Mother Nature, whereas impatience never pays, patience always rewards you. Such is the case with our beloved fallen red oak tree and the 135-year-old treasures it provided us. Jim Tank of Kitchens North just succeeded in having the last huge piece of this native American wood converted into more magnificent slabs, which are meticulously quarter-sawn and awaiting the kiln. Jim is going to be able to create some jewels of mementos and special order furniture from them. Still, a bit more patience is in order until he can start designing samples.

I also want to recognize and thank the Charlevoix Garden Club for the splendid results with the gardens at the Depot and Harsha House this year. They are so beautiful and picturesque! I hope you were able to attend this year's Garden Walk and Standard Flower Show, which was at the Depot. Their team did a wonderful job of building on our "Journeying to Charlevoix" exhibit theme for the flower show with "Destination Charlevoix." Kudos to all involved.

You can still see the gardens at the Depot and Harsha House in full bloom if you haven't already. Hope to see you at the Venetian Potluck, where we will also be honoring our volunteers.

Denise Fate

Be sure to come to the Harsha House to see the new exhibit "Journeying to Charlevoix," the first four decades of the town's history—why we came, how we journeyed here, what we did once we arrived, the establishment of the resorts and hotels—all illustrated with classic photographs.

The Society welcomes new members: *Kristin Jones, Linda Foy*
The Society welcomes new Patrons: *Don & Vicki Voisin*
Donation (unrestricted) received in June from: *Jim & Patti Aikin*