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## **A Guided Tour of Castle Farms**

And now for something completely different. Next month, Kathleen Paterka, wife of Society treasurer Steve Paterka, will present a guided tour of the Castle Farms complex three miles south of Charlevoix where she is employed as an administrator/staff writer. Kathleen is co-author, with Castle Farms owner Linda Mueller, of the recently published 88-pp. "For the Love of a Castle," a full color illustrated history of the rise, gradual derelict fall and astonishing resurrection of the Loeb Farms estate farm buildings, originally built by Albert Loeb, vice-president of Sears Roebuck, in 1918. Accompanied by an array of archival and recent images, Kathleen will trace the Castle Farms area story through its four owners: Mr. Loeb, metal sculptor John van Haver, rock concert impresario Art Reibel, and now castle enthusiast Linda Mueller and her husband Richard.

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

**Where: The Depot**

Join us as Kathleen takes us within the wonderful story of what has turned into one of Charlevoix's and northern Michigan's treasures, whose likes can be found nowhere else. Light refreshments will be served. Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

### **MUSEUM HOURS**

The Harsha House is closed the rest of February and will reopen on March 1 through April 27 Thursday through Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. As always, the side office door facing the bank remains open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for anyone who needs to conduct Society business, wishes to see an exhibit, do research, or make a store purchase.

## MYSTERY CHECK RECEIVED

While it is always nice to receive \$500 checks in the mail, it is also nice to know who they are from and what they might be intended for. This was the case late in 2012 when one arrived, traceable through two banks out East, assumedly for a patronage membership from the amount but possibly simply a donation. We waited until the party behind it inquired as to why there had been no acknowledgment of its receipt, but nothing has been forthcoming. Phone inquiry at the banks has come up against a stone wall of alleged confidentiality. If any member is wondering why he or she has not been thanked for their generosity for that specific amount and can identify the banks which handle their requests, please call Steve Goslee at the Harsha House on a Monday or Wednesday morning or Friday afternoon.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members: Those of you basking in the warmth of a southern clime surely know by now how much snow has blanketed Charlevoix in the last month. It is beautiful and of course good for our recreation and water levels.

I want to report to you that one of our Co-Directors, Steve Goslee, has decided to retire this year after many years of dedicated service. Steve has been a very valuable asset for us in keeping the affairs of the Society running smoothly, and for that we are very appreciative. We have begun searching for a replacement for this paid, part-time position which involves, in addition to museum duties, bookkeeping and maintaining membership records. Referrals are always the best way to make a hire, so should you know anyone interested, please have them check out the position posting on our website: [www.chxhistory.com](http://www.chxhistory.com)

We have booked an interesting line-up of programs for this year, as well as projects. Have a look at our website under Events for the program topics, dates and times. We'll be able to share more with you on the special projects over the coming months. Denise Fate

Donations (unrestricted) received in January from: *Charles Hall, Norman & Marilyn Wise, Mike & Kim Foster, Jonathan & Lynn Friendly, Anonymous, Charlevoix County History Preservation Society, Carl & Barbara Roehling, Jeff & Nancy Porter, Charles & Nancy Harpham, James & Barbara Capolongo*  
Donation in memory of Robert Pew received from: *Paul & Mary Ann Stephan*  
Donation in memory of Richard A. Marra received from: *Ellen Goldstick*  
Donation in memory of Tom Carey received from: *Patrick McGarry*  
The Society welcomes new members: *Dave & Nancy Suzor*