



Newsletter

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Groundhog Day Events!

The Charlevoix Cultural Corridor, consisting of the Historical Society's Museum at Harsha House, Circle of Arts, and the Charlevoix Public Library, is participating in the Charlevoix Shadow Fest Groundhog Day event on Saturday, February 2. For children, each Cultural Corridor location as well as a hot cocoa & coffee tent in East Park will provide a form that contains questions about groundhogs. Each location will also have two Shadow Fest groundhog logos that contain the answers. Children who complete the form with the correct answers will win a prize! They can begin and end the scavenger hunt at any location. **And they can take free horse-drawn wagon rides between venues!**

The library will present storytime at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Young patrons can stop by between 1 and 4 in the Youth department to measure their Groundhog Day shadow, play a scientific "Marmots of the World" game, and make a puppet craft to tell their own groundhog story. The scavenger hunt here will take place in the Youth section.

To learn more about Groundhog Day and why this little marmot has become famous, stop by the museum at 1:30, 2:30, or 3:30 for a special history lesson. Take a picture with "Smokey Joe" the groundhog! The scavenger hunt continues in the museum.

Visit the Circle of Arts anytime between 1 and 4 to be inspired by the traveling exhibit of children's illustrations from Central Michigan University in the gallery. While taking in the beautiful artwork, don't forget to look for the Shadow Fest logos as part of the ground hog scavenger hunt here!

WINTER MUSEUM HOURS

The Museum at Harsha House will be open Fridays and Saturdays, 12-4 p.m., through March. A curator will be on site daily except Sunday. Please call ahead if you need to stop by to conduct business or make a store purchase.

EMBRACE.PRESERVE.CHERISH. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are pleased to report that another \$71,619 in gifts were received during 2018, bringing the total to \$301,702. We are extremely grateful to all of our generous donors! Our next focus is on the interior of the Museum at Harsha House, namely access to the upper levels, and renovating the upper levels for improved work space for the Curators and for artifact storage.

NEW SOCIETY SECRETARY NAMED

I am excited to announce that Susan Van Wieren, a long-standing and devoted member of the Historical Society along with her late husband Gordon, has been elected to fill the vacant position of Secretary of the Society. Please join me in welcoming Susan to the board!

Denise Fate, President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Society staff and board are busy planning our activities for 2019. While we do not have an overarching theme this year, we have a variety of programs and events to look forward to, with several guest presenters. You'll be seeing more on these soon. Instead of our long-standing February film and potluck, we decided to participate as part of the Cultural Corridor in Charlevoix's Groundhog Shadow Fest, which should be fun for everyone. Since our exhibits are in place for 2019 and beyond, we can also focus on other major projects. These will bring even more exposure to the efforts of the Society, and will be unveiled over the coming months. In the meantime, we are thrilled that our very own Dave Miles was selected to be the keynote speaker at the upcoming Chamber Awards Breakfast! This well-attended event at Castle Farms is a wonderful opportunity to share the Society's accomplishments and value to the area with the business community.

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The Society welcomes new Patrons: *Robert J. & ZeZe Jess, Chris & Brenda Coseo, Michael & Leslie Mount, Philip & Lynn Stella*

The Society welcomes new members: *Amanda Winaker, David & Martha Boprie, Gail DeMeyere, Aaron Wiers, Katherine Kirkpatrick (Ralph Hamilton Circle), Michael & Sandy Hermanoff (Ralph Hamilton Circle)*

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