



Newsletter

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CIVIL WAR PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM

In keeping with the Society's 2018 theme of exploring the origin and development of photography as an important part of the study of history, we are presenting a program concerning a segment of the Civil War years featuring Dr. Stephen McBride, chief archeologist for the Camp Nelson National Historic Site near Lexington, Kentucky.

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

Where: The Depot, Depot Beach

Camp Nelson was a Civil War era Federal supply and recruiting depot for the western front which, among other claims to fame, recruited and put into uniform many newly freed black men who were instrumental in winning the war for the Union.

During the summer of 2017, Dr. McBride led an excavation that revealed the remains of a photographic studio at Camp Nelson. This studio contained valuable information and artifacts about how that era's pictures were taken, developed and mounted, only a couple of decades removed from the invention of the first photographic process in 1839.

Dr. McBride's fascinating presentation will be well illustrated with photos from the excavation and the many artifacts he recovered that tell us so much about the development of photography itself, as well as giving insights into a particular time during our nation's worst conflict.

SUMMER HOURS

Museum at Harsha House opening hours are Monday through Saturday, noon to 4, through September 1.

BRAGGING RIGHTS REMINDER

For those who missed it in April, your editor will once again present his fully illustrated program on “Bragging Rights—Or What Makes Charlevoix So Unique?” in the **Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library on Tuesday, August 14, at 6:30 p. m.** This program will explore the reasons why Charlevoix has achieved a reputation that stretches around the globe—the national and international records that have been set here, how the town helped win World War II, how Neil Armstrong was able to set foot on the moon because of what was manufactured here, what the people of Charlevoix have accomplished, and the many well known faces that have walked our streets. This program proved to be a real eye opener for those who saw it in April.

PODCAST ON PHOTO EXHIBIT

Summer resident and nationally known journalist Suzy Farbman has interviewed your editor on his father, local photographer Bob Miles, the gestation of the Society's enormous photo collection, and the new, highly praised 150 Years of Photography exhibit at Harsha House. Catch the podcast @ Suzyfarbman.com, or contact the Society for a link.

PRACTICAL PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network is sponsoring three workshops at our Depot, two in August, one in September. **Monday, August 6 from 5:30 to 8:00** is on making old wood windows energy efficient and easy to use (\$10); **Monday, August 20 also from 5:30 to 8:00** focuses on repairing stone, brick and mortar (\$10); **Wednesday, September 5 also from 5:30 to 8:00** looks at community networking and envisioning for building and supporting area placemaking including rehab efforts (free). Preregistration required at CharlevoixPracticalPreservation.eventbrite.com. Questions or phone registration may be directed to: bower@mhpn.org or call 313-649-7453. Sponsors of the event include the City of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Main Street DDA. For more information, visit www.mhpn.org or www.charlevoixmainstreet.org.

PHOTO DISCOVERY DAY SEPTEMBER 2

Start searching through your own collections of old photographs of Charlevoix area people, places, and events, and bring them to the Depot on Sunday, September 2 from 12 to 5 to see if we can help you learn more about them! Type of photograph, when taken, where taken, perhaps who the photographer was—Ole Lyngklip of New York City and Ironton, guest curator of the new exhibit at the Museum at Harsha House, and your editor will be on hand to give it a try. More details in the August newsletter.

The Society welcomes new members:
Charles Bingham, Renae Bennett, Edith Pair, Jacqueline Bzymek

The Society deeply regrets the recent passing of members: *George & Mary Elizabeth Smith (Patrons and Life Members), Chuck Adams (Patron and Life Member), Steele Taylor (Patron and Life Member), Rachael Alberts*

Donation received in memory of Nancy Foster from: *Donald & Julie Weaver*

Donation received in memory of Terry Lewis from: *Alvin & Patsy Ranger*

Donation received in memory of Colonel Gerry Gibbons & Gordon Van Wieren from:
Jim and Cristel Gibbons

Donation in memory of Dick Beedon, for Depot restoration, received from: *Paul & Sally Hoelderle*

Donations (unrestricted) received from: *Haggard's Plumbing & Heating; Melissa Makowski, DDS;*
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