



Bridging our past with our future

Newsletter

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Earl Young Film Premiere!

The time is fast approaching for the showing of "The Wizard of Boulder Park," the new documentary film about our renowned master builder in stone Earl Young that will be receiving its world premiere here in Charlevoix. All members were notified of and invited to attend this important event, either by participating in the gala Weathervane reception, private screening, and panel discussion afterward at a major support level, or by general admission for a showing at the same time.

***When: Monday, June 8
@ 8:00 p.m.
(gala at 6:00 p.m at the
Weathervane Inn, lower level)***

***Where: Charlevoix Cinema III
107 Antrim Street***

The response for the fundraising support level has been outstanding, with around 120 signed up as of this writing. A few more seats are still available. General admission tickets sales have also been brisk, and will pick up as the event nears. So do not hesitate to obtain your tickets for this once in a lifetime event. Call the Harsha House, (231) 547-0373 to reserve for the gala (\$125 per person, \$300 per person for full patron support). Call Cinema III at (231) 547-2661 to reserve general admission (\$15), or purchase advance tickets now at the box office during theater opening hours.

SUMMER MUSEUM HOURS

The museum at the Harsha House will be open Tues.-Sat. 12-4 p.m. through June 27. June 29-Sept. 5 hours will be Mon.-Sat., also 12-4. The rear double doors or the side office door facing the bank parking lot are open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on open days for those who need to conduct Society business, do research, or purchase a store item.

ANOTHER TREASURE TROVE ARRIVES AT HARSHA HOUSE

Several weeks ago, a photographic treasure trove was delivered to the museum by Gary Murdick, owner of the now closed Murdick's Famous Fudge store—184 glass plate negatives once owned by his half-brother Sonny Lang, former press operator for the *Charlevoix Courier*. The negatives had been in the possession of the paper for decades before they were passed to Sonny and became part of his estate. Now they will become an essential component of the Society's photo archives. They are assumed to have been taken by Ernest Peaslee, a photographer active here at the turn of the 19th century. Almost all of them depict scenes from the town and the surrounding area. More than a few fill in gaps of the historic record. A big thank you to Gary and his sister Jeryl for this priceless gift.

INLAND SEAS PROGRAM FOR JUNE

Our program for June will be held on Monday, June 29 when the sailing schooner *Inland Seas* will visit the city marina. The evening's events will commence at 6:45 pm. under the pavilion (the band shell) in East Park where a choral group under the direction of Gary Stutzman will welcome us with selections of sea shanties. At 7:15, your editor will give a short talk on "The History of Round Lake Harbor." At the conclusion of the talk, the Historical Society will be selling its new book *Charlevoix's Historic Vessels* book (see below) with a book signing by the members of the book committee, including your editor, who compiled and wrote it.

Following the signing we will be welcomed aboard the *Inland Seas* where the captain will explain how the vessel is rigged and sailed. It promises to be a very informative and entertaining evening. (All of these events are handicapped accessible. Drop-offs for the pavilion will be at the east end of Antrim Street behind the band shell.)

NEW CHARLEVOIX'S HISTORIC VESSELS BOOKS ARE HERE!

The Charlevoix Historical Society Press has published its sixth book, an 89-pp. history of the vessels that have plied our waters since the mid 1800s. It is fully illustrated with 201 images, many of which have never been seen before. This book is the product of two years of research and writing by a committee comprised of your editor, museum committee chair Karen Lewis, and former museum directors Betsy Reynolds and Steve Goslee. Tugs, schooners, huge passenger liners, Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan passenger steamers, gigantic lake freighters, Coast Guard vessels, racing boats, palatial private yachts, Beaver Island ferries, boats built on our shores, and many others—hundreds of them contributed to making Charlevoix one of the most important ports on Lake Michigan. At the end of the 19th century, more maritime tonnage passed through this town's waters than any port on the eastern side of Lake Michigan outside Chicago, and Chicago has always been the economic hub of the Midwest.

Charlevoix's Historic Vessels is available at the museum store for \$23.59 plus

tax, or \$25.00 even. For mail orders, add \$5.00 per book. Or order online through our website.

NEW EARL YOUNG STRUCTURES GUIDE ALSO AVAILABLE

Another new publication has made its appearance also, a 28-pp. booklet that pinpoints each of the twenty-eight Earl Young structures in Charlevoix. Complete with maps, directions, photos and brief descriptions of every building (twenty-five houses, three commercial structures), this pocket-size publication has been designed to help visitors find every one of the original Earl Young creations with ease. For the past few years we have relied on a free one-sheet trifold brochure, which has been distributed by the thousands, but now we felt that something more substantial, site specific, permanent and easy to read was needed. Local residents might like to have one or more on hand for their house guests to use.

The booklet retails for \$5.00, and is available at the museum store plus seven locations downtown (Central Drug Store, Weathervane Inn, Round Lake Books, Keweenaw Star, Beaver Island Boat Company, Round Lake Gallery, Lake House Gifts), and at Castle Farms. For mail orders, add 6% tax (total \$5.30) plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling. Again, you can order online at our website.

RESORT PROGRAM TO BE REPEATED

For those who had to miss the "Coming of the Resorts" program on May 5 or or were not yet back in town, it will be repeated at the Charlevoix Public Library on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. The program describes how the resort associations ended up in Pine River/Charlevoix to begin with, how a single violent incident on Beaver Island inspired by women's bloomers caused our and their histories to develop as they did. Both the Belvedere and Chicago Clubs have been enormously influential in and beneficial to Charlevoix for well over a century. Last year the Friends of the Library bestowed their prestigious Margaret Duerr Award to the Belvedere for their many contributions to the community, and now the Chicago Club will be receiving it, on Monday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Chip Hansen, head of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, will be the featured speaker for that event.

ANNUAL VENETIAN POTLUCK AND FIREWORKS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

It doesn't seem possible that time of year is coming around again. But it's never too early to mark your calendars for the day, **Friday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m.**, when Society members and their guests gather at the Depot for the annual Venetian potluck dinner and a ringside view of the spectacular fireworks display offshore of Depot Beach. Tables will be set up in the beautiful Heritage Garden area near the pergola and brick walkways with easy proximity to the Depot kitchen if microwaves, the refrigerator, and a little warm-up on the stove are needed. Bring a dish to pass, a serving utensil(s), cutlery, viewing chairs if needed for the fireworks (the Depot has folding chairs), and blankets. We supply hot dogs, condiments, and lemonade. BYOB if you prefer something stronger. Volunteers for preparing, setting up, grilling, and taking down are always

welcome. Call the Harsha House if you can lend a hand. And be sure to arrive on time to get a parking space since they are at a premium not much later as the beach fills up. See you there!

PROPOSED CHANGES IN BY-LAWS FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT THE DEPOT, JULY 14, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M.

Article III, Sec. 4A.

RALPH HAMILTON CIRCLE Change to "Those who donate annually at the Ralph Hamilton Circle level will become members of the Ralph Hamilton Circle."

Article III, Sec. 4B.

PATRONS Change to: "Those donating annually at the Patron level will be entitled to be:

- Included in the Ralph Hamilton Circle
- Listed in the Society's letterhead
- Eligible to reserve the Depot for private use in accordance with the current fee schedule.

Article VII, SEC 1 Standing Committees

Add: "Additionally the Society can, at its discretion, periodically establish other temporary committees as needed."

Change: Eliminate both A. Historical Sites Committee and B. Scholarship Committee (scholarship was eliminated in 2008) and rename the others A through F.

Nominations of directors to three year term ending 2018: Amanda Wilkin, Edward O'Neill

Nomination for re-election as secretary: Kay Heise

A Message from the President

Dear Members:

We are very much looking forward to an exciting "Wizard of Boulder Park" premiere event on June 8, after so much hard work and anticipation. I am especially keen to meet the members of Earl Young's family who are going to be in attendance. We are also really grateful for the strong response we have received for the gala. We will report on it in full for our next newsletter after the event.

Our eNewsletter launched May 1. If you did not receive the email inviting you to subscribe, we likely have an outdated email address on file for you. To subscribe, simply click on the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" link at the top of our homepage at www.chxhistory.com.

We will continue to mail our usual newsletters periodically, but will keep you up to date on our programs and happenings in between with eNewsletters. Denise

The Society welcomes new members: *Keith & Barbara Bales (Patron level), the Robert Schrock family, Ingrid Weimer, Cindy Whitley*