

NEWSLETTER

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Spring Programs

- Tuesday, March 29 @ 6:30 pm: A Zoom program by Curator David L. Miles on his father, local commercial photographer Bob Miles from 1931 to 1972, his photo development and vital role in the saving of Charlevoix's incomparable photographic heritage. Visit chxhistory.com to register for program. The Zoom link will be sent via eNewsletter and e-mail.
- Tuesday, April 12 @ 6:30 pm: Charlevoix Public Library: Trevor Dotson will provide a program discussing some of the historical realities of the 1913 copper strikes in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula fictionalized in Mary Doria Russell's novel "The Women of Copper Country," the Michigan Humanities Council 2021-2022 Great Michigan Read.
- Wednesday, May 18 at the Depot, 7:00 pm:
 An illustrated history of the Charlevoix Histori-





Bob Miles, with signature photo taken Feb. 1935

President's Message February 2022

As 2021 wound down with a new Covid variant on the loose, I'd say the Society can be quite proud of what we were able to accomplish. Between awards and accolades, embracing and sharing the history and culture of Indigenous people of the area, and completing major capital projects, the year will certainly go down as a successful one. And we remain financially strong, thanks to you, our members, and a number of grant providers. You will find details in the Annual Report, which will be posted on our website and announced via eNewsletter in March. I also want to add hearty congratulations to Dave Miles on his selection as the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Citizen of 2021 - well deserved! We look forward to a season of events to include celebrating our 50th anniversary as the 'reinvented Historical Society.' Mark your calendars for a jubilee fundraising event on **June 16** at the depot!







EMBRACE. PRESERVE. CHERISH.

Updates to the Capital Campaign

Let me start by saying how saddened we are that one of our Co-Chairs and two of our Honorary Chairs have now passed, all of them so accomplished and respected in Charlevoix: Al Ranger, Jeanine Wallace and Adrienne Ives. The contributions they made are much appreciated. Al and Adrienne, in particular, were quite hands-on and offered me many words of advice which I treasure.

In 2019 an Embrace. Preserve. Cherish. capital campaign initiative was announced to raise at least \$153,000 to support projects planned for 2020-2021 for the Harsha House and Train Depot. I am pleased to report, though it took a year longer, we did indeed achieve our target by the end of 2021, raising over \$158,000. A special thank you to the many donors who contributed!

Significant progress has been made on many of the projects. Others were deferred based on adjusted priorities, which are set based on professional advice, grant funding, and the urgency and ability to get the work done. Here is where we stand on planned and upcoming projects:

Museum at Harsha House:

Restore front stairway and foyer: **Completed** in May 2020. Cost: \$23,000.

Renovate 2nd floor rooms for curator office & workspace and collections storage:

Almost all completed during the 2nd half of 2021. We are awaiting installation of fixtures in the upstairs bathroom to finish this project. The rooms all look fantastic! The project is on budget, with a total cost of approx. \$88,000. In addition to many generous donors, the project was supported by grants from USDA Rural Development (\$7,000), Great Lakes Energy People Fund (\$6,000), and the Frey Foundation (\$2,000).

Fire-resistant collections vault:

A room is to be constructed for storage of the Society's extensive photo collection, including glass plate negatives. The current plan is to build an addition attached to the rear wall of the museum. It will require a zoning variance, which we are in the process of seeking. Cost: TBD. Timing: 2022-23, depending on zoning approval and funding.

Depot:

Basement waterproofing: **Completed** in August of 2020 at a cost of \$15,935.

New roof, chimney restoration and other repairs: This project was deferred past 2021 when an architect assessing the condition advised that the roof had sufficient life left in it. Cost: \$50,000+. We will be pursuing grants to augment gifts received. Timing: 2022-24.

Museum:

The next initiative for general operations, now increasing in priority, is I/T upgrades to support today's work environment, and also to secure our vast photo and other digital archives. Cost est. \$25,000. Timing: 2022-23.

Status of Funds (year-end 2021):

Total Gifts and Grants to Date: \$494,000

Fund Balances (includes Gains/Losses):

C3F Preservation Fund - Non-endowed \$ 90,126
Historical Society Capital Funds 2,389
Available Funds \$92,515

C3F Preservation Fund - Endowed \$103,698

A special thank you to our campaign initiative donors (June 2020 - December 2021):

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Gifts received for the endowed Preservation Fund between June 2020-December 2021:

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To make a gift to the E.P.C. Capital Campaign, go to c3f.org and click on the "Giving" tab. Then, select the Charlevoix Historical Society Preservation Fund - Endowment or Grant-making Fund. Or, call the Community Foundation at 231-546-2440 to learn more.

- Denise Fate: President

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As a friendly reminder, if you haven't done so already, please renew your membership for 2022 either online @chxhistory.com, by returning the renewal slip included in the November newsletter, or calling the office. A renewal envelope can to be sent to you upon request. Membership dues are an important part of the Society's annual income. Thank you to everyone who already

Board Officer Position to be Vacated

Current Secretary of the Society, Susan Van Wieren, will be completing her term in July. We are seeking a replacement to fill this position, which also serves as Membership Secretary. If you are interested in learning more about it, please contact Denise Fate at denise@chxhistory.com. Thank you, Susan, for all that you have done for us

Thank you for supporting the Charlevoix Historical Society. We do our best to keep an accurate record of memberships and donations and apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact us for any corrections.

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