



CHARLEVOIX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bridging our past with our future

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Spaghetti Dinner at Villager Pub!

Here we are once more at that time of year! Intrepid Society volunteers whip on aprons, don running shoes, memorize a list of three items, and once again demonstrate their awesome wait staff skills honed over the past fourteen seasons at Terry Left's Villager Pub for our annual fundraising all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner.

As before, Terry is donating **ALL** the proceeds from the **\$7.95** spaghetti and garlic bread portion of the menu entirely to the Society! On top of that, **ALL TIPS** come to the Society! These funds go toward general support which in the past has helped with the restoration of the Depot, the historic photo digitization project (approaching the 11,000 mark), exhibits, programs, publications, and so much more. Over the past decade and a half Terry has generously provided us the means to substantially meet our goals.

**When: Wednesday,
November 6 from 5 to 9 p.m.**

**Where: The Villager Pub
427 Bridge Street**

**Additional menu items:
2-piece Whitefish Basket with Cole Slaw and Fries: \$11.95
Burrito: \$8.95**

A huge thanks as always to Terry and his ever-patient crew.

FALL MUSEUM HOURS

The Harsha House Museum will be open Tuesday through Saturday 1-4 p.m. through January 4. The side office door facing the bank is open 11-4 for those who need to conduct Society business, do research or purchase a store item before opening hours.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MUSEUM INVENTORY PROJECT

Museum co-director Sally Weaver has instituted a new project of making an inventory of all the museum's holdings, beginning with the books and documents in the library. At present this means describing and listing items plus entering a few numbers, all by hand, on paper for future transfer to computer files. Anyone interested in lending what could be a fascinated hand please call her at 547-0373.

2013 Christmas Bulb Here

The 2013 Christmas bulb has arrived. This year's theme is the Beaver Islander, one of the Beaver Island Boat Company's vessels between Charlevoix and the island. The circular image is done in gray, white and black on a very deep green background in honor of the island's Irish heritage. Price: \$7, or \$6 with purchase of three or more. Call for mail orders.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members: I am pleased to be able to update you on the journey of the giant red oak removed from the Harsha House last year. Mr. Jim Tank of Kitchen's North, who works miracles with wood, had large sections of the trunk and branches sawn earlier this summer, and we took the slabs to a kiln near Leelanau this week to be dried. These have loads of "character" and we are now conceiving the myriad artistic, functional items they'll make, which we will offer to members by special order. Jim will make samples to choose from, or will entertain requests. We'll keep you updated as this progresses. Thank you Jim!

Another tremendous opportunity has presented itself to us, and we are currently going through the necessary due diligence to see if it can become a reality. It has long been a goal of the Society to have a railcar at the Depot to enhance the setting and attract visitors. We are considering acquisition of a historic caboose. If you are interested in learning more about this and how you can support, please contact me through the museum.

Looking forward to the spaghetti dinner at the Villager Pub, and truly appreciate the support we get for this from Terry Left and his team. Denise Fate

The Society welcomes new members: *Bill & Karen Foss (annual family);
Richard Lobenherz (Ralph Hamilton Circle)*

Donations (unrestricted) received in September from: *Virginia Finney-Lahde;
Charlevoix Screen Masters*

The Society deeply regrets the recent passing of Past President and Life Member Marilyn Boss, and Life Member Rita Orlovski