

March Newsletter  
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# Charlevoix and the Civil War

This year marks the sesquicentennial of the beginning of the American Civil War in 1861. While Charlevoix was then a hardscrabble little settlement with very few inhabitants who lived far from the conflict, the war did have an impact. A few men left to serve. After the war other veterans chose to make Charlevoix their home rather than return to their former cities or farms. An increase in Great Lakes trade instigated by the war was a major cause of the great 900-foot Lake Michigan wood fueling dock construction here near war's end. This dock quickly became instrumental in helping to open the entire Lake Charlevoix basin to world trade. Our first lawyer, Major E. H. Green, was severely wounded at the Battle of Bull Run and left brilliantly written journals of his harrowing wartime years.

Join us as Harsha House co-director Steve Goslee presents a fully illustrated program on Charlevoix's surprising involvement in the nation's most devastating conflict.

*When: Tuesday, April 5  
@ 7:00 P. M.*

*Where: The Depot*

Bring a guest. The public is invited to attend. No admission charge, but supportive donations are always appreciated. Light refreshments will be served.

## MUSEUM HOURS FOR MARCH AND APRIL

March and April museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. The side office door on the alley facing the bank remains, as usual, open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 to 4 for those who need to conduct Society business or make a store purchase during off hours.

## GERANIUM SALE COMING UP!

The Society will be sponsoring its first fundraising geranium sale on Friday, May 27 at the Depot, \$4 per 4-inch pot. For more information call Chris Unbehaun at 547-7034 or Nancy Kline at 547-4808. Further details in upcoming newsletters.

## **SUNSET CRUISE REVIVED!**

After a two-year hiatus, we are bringing back the summertime Sunset Cruise, this time on the cruise vessel Keweennaw Star! It will take place on Tuesday, August 2 from 7:30 to 9:30. Tickets will be \$25 per person, limited to 100 presale tickets with more possible, weather permitting, on the day. Cash bar. Details to follow.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello, Members. During this past month, in the course of dealing with a small problem, it was discovered that two people who have lived in Charlevoix all their lives were not members of the Society. These good folks had never been asked to join! This came as a shock to us Board members, most of whom for years have been pouncing on every acquaintance, new or old, asking if they belong and if not strongly urging them to pay their dues. It's so easy! So here's your assignment: ASK your friends and family to join the Society. It only needs your personal invitation. It's such a simple thing that means so very much. You can do it! I just know it!

President Mona

**MISCELLANEOUS: Attention all members.** The Society's 2010 Annual Report will be posted on our website soon. Anyone who would like to review the Society's many activities and financial condition for the year please log on to [www.chxhistory.com](http://www.chxhistory.com) after March 23. Printed copies are available upon request. The Society would like to thank Dave Garland for his donation of a printer for the business office computer. Recently the museum received a priceless donation from local resident Laurie Crandall of the piano sheet music used to accompany the silent movies at the Majestic Theater from 1914 to 1920.

The Society welcomes new members: Elaine Shearer, Lyle & Gayle Gennett,  
Patrick & Michelle Danly

Donation received in February in memory of Millie Withers from: *Rich & Marsha Davis*

Donation (unrestricted) received in February from: *Sidney & Beth Feldman*

Donations for lighthouse restoration in memory of Jack Withers, Bob & Millie Withers,

Trine & Joan Nelson received in February from: *C. Marilyn Gibbons,*

*G. Brian & Betty Neff*