

**April Newsletter
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A History of the Channel Bridges

From the moment a first bridge was constructed around 1859, the channel crossing has been Charlevoix's fulcrum, its center of attraction, the focal point around which it revolves. Ever since the first of its six incarnations, the bridge has become the most loved, tolerated, and loathed object in town.

The history of the bridges contains a multitude of stories ranging from the comic to the heartbreaking, the awesome to the mundane, with jaw-dropping statistics along the way. A committee has recently completed work on the Society's fourth historical publication, "Charlevoix's Channel Bridges," which will be available in the museum store by this summer.

In conjunction with this upcoming booklet, your editor will present a fully illustrated program on the story of the bridges that utilizes classic images from the Society's photo archives supplemented by photos from the *Charlevoix Courier's* recently donated pictorial files, plus loans from local individuals. Join us as we present the highly informative "History of the Channel Bridges."

***When: Tuesday, May 3
@ 7:00 P. M.***

Where: The Depot

Light refreshments will be served. No admission charge, but supportive donations appreciated. See you there!

MUSEUM HOURS APRIL-MAY

April into May 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. Beginning May 17, through June, museum hours will be 1-4 p. m. Tuesday through Saturday.

LAST CHANCE TO SEE EARL YOUNG EXHIBIT

The extremely well received exhibit on the life and works of Earl Young will be available for viewing through Saturday, May 14. This has been one of the most popular exhibits we've ever mounted, with people traveling from all over Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula to see it. After two years, it will come down to be replaced by a pictorial history of the Undine settlement in Hayes Township just a few miles east of Charlevoix. This new exhibit is a joint venture with the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society.

The images in the Earl Young exhibit are being replicated and will be placed in a binder for future viewing.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

As you're planning your summer flower pots be sure and remember that the Society is offering the best geranium deal around. As a spring fund-raiser we're selling 4" pots of Rocky Mountain Red, Hot Pink, or White geraniums for \$4 each. These are wonderful, healthy products of Circle Herb Farm near East Jordan. Please allow your money to do double duty by supporting the Society and at the same time purchasing prime merchandise.

You can contact me by phone or e-mail: 547-2742; mona.bergeon@gmail.com. For individual orders, also call or e-mail Chris Unbehaun: 547-7034; unbehaun@chartermi.net. For business orders contact Nancy Kline: 547-4808; klinehannes@gmail.com. Free delivery is available to Charlevoix area businesses. Cash and checks only, please. Checks are to be made out to the Charlevoix Historical Society. The plants will be available to pick up at the Depot on Memorial Day weekend Friday, May 27.

President Mona

The Society welcomes new members: *Toni Felter & Ann Gorney; Robert & Anne Patton*
Donation for lighthouse restoration in memory of Beverly Southern received in March from:
Sally Bales

Donation in memory of Mildred Withers received in March from: *Edward & Mary Fochtman*