

June Newsletter
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Annual Venetian Potluck at Depot!

VENETIAN FIREWORKS POTLUCK AT DEPOT BEACH

Because the July newsletter will be a little delayed coming out, we want to inform the membership now so you can make plans for the Society's popular annual Venetian Fireworks Potluck that will be held on **Friday, July 22 at the Depot at 7:00 p.m.** The tables will be set up in the beautiful Heritage Garden near the pergola and brick walkways with easy proximity to the Depot kitchen.

Members and their guests are invited to bring a dish to pass, including serving utensil, plus your own tableware, cutlery, viewing chairs if needed (we supply folding chairs), and blankets. We will supply hot dogs, buns, condiments, and lemonade. BYOB if you prefer something a little stronger. Volunteers for setting up, grilling, and taking down are more than welcome. Call potluck hostess and committee chair Mona Bergeon at 547-2742 or the Harsha House if you can lend a hand.

Be sure to arrive on time to get a parking space since they will be at a premium not much later. Chicago Avenue leading down to the Depot is usually blocked off by the city once the time for the fireworks display nears. This display is always one of the most spectacular events of the entire year.

See you there! _

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual business meeting and election of officers will take place on Tuesday, July 12 at 4:00 p.m. prior to the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. The full slate of nominated officers and directors plus one proposed by-law change was in last month's newsletter and is also included in this month's on the next page.

Society members are encouraged to attend to vote and to ask any questions about the state of the Society. Anyone who would like to serve on the Board in the future is likewise encouraged to attend.

SUMMER MUSEUM HOURS

June museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The side office door facing the bank remains, as usual, open those days from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. for those who need to conduct Society business or make a store purchase during off hours. Beginning Monday, July 4 museum hours will be 1-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday through Labor Day weekend. Office hours again will be the same from 11 to 4.

A FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members: It has been my great honor to have served as your president for three years now. This is my last note to you from that office; a new person will take the reins in July. She is Denise Fate, and we are beyond fortunate to have her. She will be wonderful, with your support.

Denise and the rest of my fantastic board have done a great job these three years. I could not have hung on without them. We have folks who have great ideas and the willingness and ability to carry them forth. It doesn't get better than that.

I am so very proud of our Society, its staff and officers. Charlevoix is a remarkable little town, and the history is fascinating. Preserving that history is highly gratifying. It's been a delight to have learned so much of it, and to meet so many interesting people along the way. Thank you all for your support, for the many kindnesses shown us, and for successes we've enjoyed along the way.

I'll be around.

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NOMINEES FOR SOCIETY OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2011-2012 ELECTION TO BE HELD AT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING JULY 12

President: Denise Fate

Vice-President: Chris Unbehaun

Secretary and Membership Chair: Kay Heise

Treasurer: Steve Paterka

Finance Committee Chair: Mona Bergeon (Ex-President)

Directors:

Term ending 2014: Phyllis Elzinga & Nancy Kline

Term ending 2013: Charles Unbehaun & Virginia Lahde

Term ending 2012: Anne Bandfield & Dr. Jack MacKenzie

The following amendment to the by-laws of the Charlevoix Historical Society, as amended July 6, 2007, will also be voted upon at the July business meeting:

ARTICLE VI, SEC 3: MEETINGS

Current: The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the chair upon adequate notice.

Proposed: The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the chair upon adequate notice. Meetings may be held in person or via telephone or video conference.

UNDINE SETTLEMENT EXHIBIT OPEN

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society, working in close conjunction with the Charlevoix Historical Society, has mounted an exhibit at the Harsha House called "Undine...A Settlement Remembered" on a once-thriving area in Hayes Township between Charlevoix and Horton Bay. Included are images, documents, and artifacts regarding the wonderful Undine history and its residents' close connection to Charlevoix. Don't miss it.

In addition to the Undine exhibit, we have just put up a new pictorial history of Charlevoix's involvement in the Civil War, including a rare Civil War signature quilt.

CHILD'S TABLE AND CHAIRS NEEDED FOR ANTIQUE TOY EXHIBIT

Exhibit chair Karen Lewis needs a child's table and chairs for our new antique toy exhibit. If anyone has a set they can loan, please call the Harsha House or Karen at 547-9743.

SUNSET CRUISE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 2

The revived Sunset Cruise will take place on the *Keweenaw Star* on Tuesday, August 2 between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. We are limited to 100 tickets pre-sale with the possibility of twenty-plus more on the day of the cruise depending on the weather. Therefore, we may offer this event only to Society members, not the general public, depending on how many are pre-sold. Tickets will be available at the Harsha House beginning July 4 at \$25 per person. Aboard will be a cash bar, and we will provide soft drinks and snacks.

HOTELS PROGRAM TO BE REPEATED!

The program on the history of Charlevoix's hotels which your editor presented in 2009 will be repeated at the Charlevoix Public Library as part of the library's lecture series on Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Many of our summer resident members who missed it have asked if this program would ever be done again. Now is the opportunity to see and hear the wonderful history of the era of our great hotels from 1867 to 1967—stories humorous and disturbing, the tragedies, the fires, noted names who have visited Charlevoix, why we have East Park, where the Detroit Lions stayed, and what happened to the world's #1 rock and roll group in 1983. Plus much more.

COURIER HISTORIC PHOTOS SERIES TO BE CONTINUED

Due to the response that has met the series of photos of school teachers, staff, and students from 1961 that we have run in the *Charlevoix Courier* for the past twenty-one weeks, editor Steve Zucker has requested that a similar series be a feature of the paper for the foreseeable future. Therefore, historic photos related to today's topical times and events, unknown faces that will be presented to the public for possible identification, and images from the sixteen decades of Charlevoix history on our upcoming second DVD, available this summer, will be in the *Courier* beginning June 29. Mr. Zucker has been informed that the Society possesses enough photo memorabilia to supply the *Courier* for at least one hundred years.

GERANIUM SALE A BIG SUCCESS

The Society's first fundraising geranium sale on Memorial Day weekend was a big success thanks to the efforts of project chairs Chris Unbehaun and Nancy Kline, and their cadre of volunteers. The sale netted \$1447 for the Society's coffers.

PHOTO SEARCH CAPABILITY AVAILABLE AT HARSHA HOUSE

The Society is now able to provide the capability of looking up 9450 digitized photographs on a specially designated laptop. Two search methods are available—by individual or family name, or by topic (hotels, vessels, bridges, businesses, lighthouses, resorts, etc.) This laptop was made available by a grant through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Stop in to see a demonstration or make a search yourself.

LARRY SMITH SPEAKER AT MARGARET DUERR NIGHT IN AUGUST

Mark your calendars! 1958 Charlevoix High School graduate Larry Smith, former managing editor of the Sunday supplement *Parade* magazine and author of three books on military history, will be giving the Margaret Duerr lecture at the library on Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. Your editor will be receiving the Duerr award. Details in the July newsletter.

Donations (unrestricted) received from: *William & Margaret Dawson;*
Carolyn Klender (The Questers); Madison Gayle

Donation in memory of Maurine Loop received from: *Robert & Leona Winchester*

Donation in memory of Beverly Southern for lighthouse restoration received from:
Mark & Suzanne Whitt

Donation in memory of Elaine Brow Carrasco received from: *Robert & Marian Brewer*

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and Robert & Eleanor Neff from: *C. Marilyn Gibbons*