

July Newsletter
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Sunset Cruise Tickets Available

After a two-year hiatus, the Society is once again sponsoring a Sunset Cruise, this time aboard the *Keweenaw Star*, on **Tuesday, August 2 from 7:30 to 9:30.** Boarding will be at 7:15 at the Bridge Park dock. Tickets are \$25 per person. 100 tickets are ready for pre-sale, with a possibility of 20-plus more on the evening of the cruise, weather permitting. The *Star* has a cash bar; snacks, water, and soft drinks will also be available.

Tickets may be purchased at the Harsha House Museum store Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (use the side office door between 9 and 1), and Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (use the side office door between 11 and 1). Credit cards are honored.

The boat will be going into both Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix. Invite your guests and come join us for an evening of always good company, and, if Mother Nature co-operates, a beautiful sunset. Call 547-0373 for more information.

SUMMER MUSEUM HOURS

Museum hours will be 1-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday through Labor Day weekend. The side office door facing the bank remains 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.

VENETIAN FIREWORKS POTLUCK REMINDER!

Don't forget the Society's Venetian fireworks potluck dinner at the Depot on Friday, July 22 at 7:00. Bring a dish to pass plus serving utensil, your own tableware and silver, and lightweight chairs or blankets if needed. The Society provides hot dogs, buns, condiments, and lemonade. BYOB if you want something a little stronger. We also provide folding chairs. This event is not advertised for the general public, but Society members may bring as many guests as they like.

2011 CHRISTMAS BULB HERE

Our latest Christmas bulb just arrived and is available at the museum store (\$7, or \$6 with the purchase of three or more). This year's theme is connected to one of our most well-received programs, the history of golf in Charlevoix. It depicts part of an original oil painting that used to hang in the old Inn Hotel at the east end of Dixon Avenue above the train station—a man in knickerbockers teeing off while his caddie stands behind him with the Inn in the background. These bulbs may be ordered from the store. Call for information.

BRIDGES BOOKLET TO ARRIVE SOON

The Society's fourth historical publication, "Charlevoix's Channel Bridges," has just undergone its last edit and is on the press. This 36-pp. fully illustrated booklet recounts the history of the lower channel's six bridges erected from 1859 to 1949—stories amusing and heartbreaking, how and why the bridges were built when they were, the traumas that happened to the bridges themselves and to the people involved with them, how it has always been the locus around which Charlevoix revolves. Price: \$10 plus tax (\$10.60). We hope to have it available by August 1 at the museum store.

2012 CALENDAR HERE

Our always popular Charlevoix in Historic Photos calendar, the thirteenth edition for 2012, is now on sale at the museum store. Thirteen splendid digitally perfected images, many never before published, capture various facets of Charlevoix's history—the *Sundew* Coast Guard cutter covered in ice, a 1912 train wreck north of town, the idealistic Boy's City on Pine Point around 1910, our first resorters on Lake Michigan Beach, the reconstruction of the channel bridge in 1992, the 240-foot luxury yacht *Venetia* docked in the channel in 1928—and others. Price: \$12.95 plus tax (\$13.73.) Shipping cost an additional \$3.50. The calendar would make that perfect gift for anyone fascinated by Charlevoix.

MARGARET DUERR AWARD NIGHT AT LIBRARY

1958 Charlevoix High School graduate Larry Smith, *New York Times* bestselling author and former managing editor of *Parade* magazine for nineteen years, will be the featured speaker at the ninth annual Margaret Duerr Award program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, at the library's community room on Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Smith's first book, a novel titled *The Original*, is a classic piece of Americana which takes place in Northern Michigan. His nonfiction works include *Beyond Glory—Medal of Honor Heroes in Their Own Words*, *Iwo Jima—World War II Veterans Remember the Greatest Battle of the Pacific*, and *The Few and the Proud: Marine Corps Drill Instructors in Their Own Words*. Larry Smith also served a two-year term as head of the Overseas Press Club, one of the most prestigious posts in American journalism.

Your editor will be honored as the recipient of the 2011 Margaret Duerr Award. The Friends' press release says: "David is co-director of the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum and compiled the book *Bob Miles' Charlevoix II*. He has contributed to many Historical Society publications and programs. David has been instrumental in the digitizing of the Society's photographic collection and has collaborated with the library's Michigan Room Committee on the centennial historical photo exhibit which is now a permanent collection of the library.

"David Miles and Larry Smith were high school classmates and have remained lifelong friends."

You are invited to attend the event to share this special evening with them.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members: This is my first month as your President, and I am delighted to take on the position. After I retired from the automotive industry in 2008, and my husband and I settled into our cottage in Charlevoix on a more full-time basis, I began working with the Historical Society on the lighthouse restoration project, then on the Board. We have been here since 1999, and both share a love for this community and the fascinating history of the area. My professional background in business—which also took me around the world—allowed me to develop a variety of managerial and financial skills which are proving useful in my current endeavors. I look forward to getting to know more of you. I welcome your input on how we are doing and things you would like to see the Society do. Denise Fate

REPEAT OF GOLF PROGRAM!!

The fascinating History of Golf in Charlevoix program which played to a full Depot in June (see May newsletter for details) will be repeated at the Depot on **Monday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m.** for those who wish to see it once more and for the benefit of our summertime members who were not yet in town for it. The program will again be narrated by Director of Golf and Grounds Tom Heid of the municipal course, and Steve Braun, retired pro at the Belvedere course. It will be preceded by our annual Ralph Hamilton Circle thank-you reception from 5:30 to 6:30. Anyone who would like to join the RHC support pledge group (\$100 per year) or become a patron of the Society is welcome to attend.

NEW DVD ON HISTORY OF CHARLEVOIX AVAILABLE!

See the homepage for information on and an ordering form for the Historical Society's second DVD, "Charlevoix, Michigan—A Pictorial Journey through 16 Decades."

The Society welcomes new member: *Virginia Cash*