

# The SOCIETY PAGES

HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Buy-A-Brick Program

**Help make a payment!  
Honor a loved one!**

To support the Historical Society and assure the continuance of the museum, members and friends have offered to pay one of the 200 monthly \$350 land contract payments for the Historical Society Museum building.

Donors will be recognized or may designate a memorial on one of the bricks inside the museum. Of course, they may remain anonymous if they wish.

To sign up, or if you have questions, contact Bob Williams at [248-388-0465](tel:248-388-0465) or [xharpspah@aol.com](mailto:xharpspah@aol.com). Payments should be made payable to "HISCFHS" with "BRICK" in the memo line and mailed to the HISCFHS at P.O. Box 44, Harsens Island, MI 48028. Please provide your phone number so we can contact you about the exact wording on the brick.

### Become a permanent part of Island History today!

The Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

## From the President

Dear Members,

We have all endured a very cold winter and while it is warming we have a long way to go to better weather. We'll be keeping an eye out for returning snowbirds over the next month or two...be sure to stop and say hello on your return.

The cold has kept us in, but not idle. Your Society Board and Committee Chairs have been busy organizing and planning for 2014.

This issue of *The Society Pages* is chock full of information on the upcoming season. We hope you will join-in and sign-up to support the activities planned. Pick the events that suit you best and phone or e-mail to volunteer. (Which reminds me, Gary Grout is developing a **volunteer training program** for those who are interested in volunteering at the Museum).

First...the Lecture Line-up for 2014:

- **April 26:** **Roger LeLievre**, Author of *Know Your Ships*, Shipping on Great Lakes.
- **May 10:** **Dan Harrison**, maritime archaeologist, *History under your Keel*, Maritime Archaeology.
- **September 6:** **Adam Lovell**, Curator Detroit Historical Society, *Preserving Your Family Photos*.
- **October 25:** **Arthur Woodford**, Author, *Prohibition*.

Memorial Day weekend is **Open House** at the Museum and we are Celebrating our Third Anniversary.

**Social Hour** has been moved to Friday evenings this year. Kick-off the weekend by stopping at the Museum for a brief period, meet new and old friends and see what's new!

A commemorative **Recognition Wall** area is being incorporated into the Museum. Additionally, a **Buy-a-Brick** program is being launched that will allow individuals to buy a permanent brick-sized Remembrance or Recognition. Each brick will be sold for the equivalent of one month's land contract payment: \$350.00. This program is being managed by Bob Williams. See the article on the left for details.

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## From the President *continued*

**Tashmoo Days 2014** will change venue this year to the *Original Tashmoo Park* (Tashmoo Marina). We are looking forward to adding some new attractions this year. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements. If you have any 'value-add' suggestions for this event or wish to volunteer to organize a component of the event or volunteer to help, please let us know.

In May, when it warms up enough to do some outside work, we will be looking for workers and supervision as we will be doing 'outside' building maintenance. We'll need some cinder block tuck-pointing, a couple of trees cut down, some painting and gardening and supervisors to help manage community service workers. Let us know which items you feel most comfortable handling. John Eidt, building manager, will be directing. A fresh coat of paint and a little gardening and maintenance will help us put on a 'fresh face' for summer 2014.

*If you have not yet renewed your Membership for 2014, please do so to continue receiving The Society Pages Newsletter.*

We look forward to working with each of you and a rewarding 2014.

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### Museum and Event Volunteers

Members, we are always looking for volunteers to help man the Museum this summer. If you would like to work at an event, or simply help with a mailing we would appreciate a call. Gary Grout has developed a new training program and will train all who would like to work at the Museum. Please contact us soon to let us know what you would like to do.

The museum will be open from June through September on Saturday from 10 AM until 3 PM and on Sundays from noon until 4 PM. You can volunteer for any amount of time you are willing. We would like to have 2 volunteers in the Museum whenever we are open to greet and help our visitors.

Please call Nancy Boulton at 748-3802.

### Historical Society Museum Volunteer Training

Starting the last weekend of May, Gary Grout will be conducting classes for anyone who wishes to volunteer as a museum guide. This is an important position as most people who come into the museum do not know about the exhibits. Gary will explain what each exhibit represents and how it was donated. This class will help you set your mind at ease when taking visitors through the museum. Please give Gary a call at 748-3320 or e-mail at [garygrout76@comcast.net](mailto:garygrout76@comcast.net). You will find being a museum guide a most rewarding experience. Each class will take about an hour; bring a pad of paper for taking notes. Looking forward to hearing from you!

## 2014

# LECTURE SERIES



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**Roger LeLievre**

The title of our April 26 program is: **Know Your Ships: A History and A Look Behind the Scenes.**

Roger LeLievre comes by his interest in Great Lakes ships naturally – he grew up at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, just blocks from the Soo Locks, and remembers watching the boats go by during summers spent at his grandparent's cottage on the St. Mary's River shoreline. He shipped out on a Great Lakes freighter as soon as he turned 18, but rather than work on the boats, he wound up writing about them instead.

He has been editor and publisher of *Know Your Ships* since 1995, but has been involved in its publication much longer than that: LeLievre was 14 when his first boat picture was published in the 1968 edition of the book.

LeLievre is president of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit, editor of its publication *The Historian* and was voted recipient of the group's Historian of the Year Award in 2006. He is also vice president of Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping On-line Inc., the non-profit website more commonly known as BoatNerd.com.

He also spent 30 years in the newspaper business in Michigan, much of that at the Ann Arbor News.

Roger will be selling and signing his *Know Your Ships* book after his presentation.

**Saturday, April 26 at 3pm at the Schoolhouse Grille. Suggested donation \$10.**

## Membership and the Social Hour

by Nancy Licata

Spring has finally peeked its head and we can start to believe that it will get warm again!! I am sooo happy as I know most of you who have spent the winter here are too. To all of you, snowbirds, Welcome Home!

Membership renewal went out at the end of January. 73% of last year's members have renewed their memberships; it would be wonderful if we could reach 100%. If you have not renewed as of yet please do; help us reach our goal of everyone renewing. If you can't locate the renewal form we sent you please use the application in this copy of *The Society Pages*. We are getting ever closer to paying off our building so it will belong to the Island. Every membership helps us get a little closer to our goal. Please share the application with new Islanders, friends and neighbors that are not members as of yet. Your help getting new members is very much appreciated.

We have been working hard all winter to have programs that everyone can enjoy. We are continuing our **Social Hour at the Museum**, and we have changed to Friday night so more weekenders can join us. If you have never attended, please come; everyone who has attended has really enjoyed themselves. We meet outside in front of the Museum, if the weather is kind, or inside if it is not. Everyone brings an appetizer to share, and their own beverage. We socialize and often have some of our 'long timers' on the Island come and tell us stories about how it used to be. It's fun and we hope to see you there!

### In Memory of Robert Travis January 28, 2014

Bob was a long time summer resident of the Island and loved all the time he spent here with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

#### A Sincere Thank You to the Children and - Grandchildren of Bob Travis

Bob's birthday was November 26 but last year his family chose to celebrate on September 1 so they could all enjoy their Island home and our wonderful summer weather. His daughter, Jamie Jeremy, put together poster collages with a large collection of pictures of Bob, his family and friends from throughout his life. What a special way to celebrate a milestone 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday! You might wonder why The Society is thanking Bob's children and grandchildren. The reason is that The Society was remembered on his birthday. The children and grandchildren included the following on their invitation:

*"Your gift is the sharing of your time,  
memories and laughter.*

*Should you wish to recognize Bob's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, consider a  
donation to the Harsens Island Historical Society for the  
framing of an island map he donated."*

Many of his guests chose to honor Bob in this way. The map is now hanging in the museum in its new frame!

## Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society 2014 Calendar of Events

*subject to change*

Members are welcome to attend any Board / Membership Meeting to keep apprised of Society activities and to bring issues before the Board.

### Museum Hours

**April, May** – Saturdays – 10 AM – 3 PM

**June through September** – Saturdays – 10 AM – 3 PM and Sundays – Noon – 4 PM

- April** 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 3pm - Lecture Series - **Roger LeLievre**, author of *Know Your Ships* at the Schoolhouse Grille.
- May** 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – Lecture Series - **Dan Harrison**, maritime archaeologist, *History under your Keel*.  
10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday - 11:30 AM – Board/membership meeting at Museum (with final call for nominations for board election)  
24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, Sunday, Monday - Memorial Day Open House (special open times 11am – 4pm)  
31<sup>st</sup> – Flea Market at the Museum
- June** 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Social hour – 6 to 8 PM  
14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday - 10:00 AM – Board/membership meeting at Museum
- July** 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Museum open special for the holiday  
11<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Social hour – 6 to 8 PM  
12<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 10:00 AM – Board/membership meeting at Museum



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## Membership Application

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list any children – names and ages – on the back*

Additional Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Annual Dues:</u>		<u>Life-time Dues</u>	
_____ Individual (1 Member)	\$15.00	_____ Life Individual	\$150.00
_____ Family (1-2 Adults plus children under 18 years)	\$20.00	_____ Life Family	\$200.00
_____ Business	\$25.00		
<u>Building Fund Donations:</u> \$ _____		<u>Other Donation</u> (Please Specify) \$ _____	

Please complete this form and send with a check made payable to: **The Society**

Mail to: The Society  
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 Harsens Island, MI 48028

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>	
Date received: _____	
Check # _____	Amount \$ _____
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