



From the President

Dear Members,

Michele Komar, Editor of *The Society Pages*, has edited and produced this publication for the Society since its First Edition in August 2010. Michele has excelled in reporting and editing our *Pages* since the beginning; and, The Society has received many accolades for Michele's fine work.

As August 2010 brought our first newsletter, August 2014 will bring change to The Pages and our ongoing effort to keep you apprised of history and happenings as we continue to build for the future and preserve our past. The resources required to publish a full-blown newsletter each month is significant; and, we cannot continue to ask one individual to bear that burden. The Society Board and Michele have discussed and decided to modify our format going forward. Each monthly Issue of The Pages will consist of news, schedule of events and activities and a short message from the President. On an approximate quarterly basis, the Issue will expand to include historical moments of interest and contributed personal stories (History of your life/family life on the Island and Flats). We hope you will enjoy the new format and we solicit your writing and editorial talent. We hope you will be a contributor to the ongoing success of *The Pages*. It is important for the continuance of the quality of our newsletters that we find support for this publication. We are searching for a person with the skills to become Editor, to learn from, support and replace Michele as editor in the upcoming months. If you want to help please contact Michele Komar at: 734-620-3769 or me at: 586-530-7100.

On to news of the past month and upcoming events and activities:

July 19 was a red-letter day for Harsens Island with the Tashmoo Days 2014 event at the site of the Original Tashmoo Park (now Tashmoo Marina).

As Tillie and Salina noted on June 30, 1915: "Having a good time at Tashmoo"....so did the folks who came to see the old Tashmoo Park come alive once again after nearly a century. There was a 5K and 1Mile Fun Run to start the day with a most unusual starting gun....a cannon. The cannon was provided by the 15th Michigan Volunteers Company B, Civil War Re-enactors, there was great music, gaming, arts & craft vendors, First Nations interpretive program with singing, drumming and dancing, historic lectures.....and some really incredible walk around food. If you did not have an opportunity to have ***Chef Jean-Pauls 'Smokin-Granny'*** ...you missed-out...*it was the hit of the day*. Kristin Bane, Schoolhouse Grille, served great 'Corned Beef Sliders' and 'Chow-Fun', Chef David of Brown's Bar donated 'Pulled Pork Sliders' to The Society and

the Cattails sold 'Hot Dogs' for the benefit of The Society, Weavers Market was there with fresh baked goods and coffee at 7:00 AM and had sweet treats, baked goods and ice cream throughout the day and our First Nations visitors from Walpole Island brought their popular fry bread and tacos for a taste of native culture. Old Fashioned KEG Root Beer and 5¢ tasters were available from The Society as in the old days; and, Root Beer Floats were popular. Our local Island contingent Luv's Lemonade offered the Fresh Squeeze...the best! All in all it was a 'gourmet delight' for festival food...and not at all what you would expect. Arts & craft vendors offered a great variety of items for sale

The Museum was busy with a steady stream of people all day queuing up to see the **Message in the Bottle** found by David Leander of the Great Lakes Dive Center. *The message "Having a good time at Tashmoo" penned by Tillie Esper and Salina Pramstaller, June 30, 1915, was found in June of 2012 and many descendants of Tillie and Salina came to see the message at Tashmoo Days 2013; most notably Patricia Leone one of two surviving children of Tillie Esper who had 9 children and 32 grandchildren. This year Kim and Eric Schiebold attended the event and possibly others we did not talk with.*

The Esper and Pramstellar families and descendants of the last captain of the Steamer Tashmoo, Captain McAlpine, are planning a reunion co-incident with Tashmoo Days 2015 which will be the 100th Anniversary of the message being penned by Tillie and Salina and tossed into the river that day in 1915 after "Having a good time at Tashmoo".

Jason George of, United Productions Company, was our Master of Ceremonies and the entertainment was continuous throughout the day. Dr. Evelyn Whiteye of Walpole Island conducted an interpretive program sharing the culture of native peoples through song, drum and dance in full regalia of their native customs. The horseshoe tournament, managed by Dennis Pellegrom gained media attention with a photo of a very serious horseshoe contestant and the historical and current topic lecture program was well received. The Harsens Island Lions and Lioness managed the games of chance with black-jack, bingo and beer garden for the event.

Use of the original property and buildings from the Tashmoo Park era, early 1900's, was generously provided by Susan and Robert Bryson, owners of the Tashmoo Marina that now occupies the property. ***The Society cannot thank Susan and Bob Bryson enough for their support. They and their great team of workers, especially Eric Vigelious,... 'Made it happen'.***

The day kicked-off with the ***Return to Tashmoo 5K and 1Mile Fun Run...*** and the 15th Michigan Volunteers Company B Civil War Re-enactors supported the kick-off, by starting the race with cannon fire as the starting gun; and, the day was concluded with the Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Barbershop Chorus and crowd participation singing God Bless America...then final closed with the Funk Tunnel Band and some great jazz.

It is clear that all who attended were: "Having a good time at Tashmoo" on July 19, 2014.



UPCOMING EVENTS and ACTIVITIES:

August	8 Friday	Social Hour at the Museum, 6 to 8 PM
	9 Saturday	Board/Membership meeting at Museum, 10:00 AM.
	16 Saturday	Annual General Membership Meeting at Schoolhouse Grille, 5 PM
	16 Saturday	Annual Dinner at Schoolhouse Grille, 6 PM <i>(Dinner \$25.00/person, Reservations Required – Contact Nancy Licata at: nlicata@comcast.net or 810-748-1825.)</i>
September	6 Saturday	Adam Lovell, Curator of Collections for the Detroit Historical Society will present: <i>“Preserving Your Family Photos”</i> 3:00 PM
October	4 Saturday	Pie Sale at the Museum, 10:00 AM
	11 Saturday	Board/Membership meeting at Museum, 11:30 AM.
	11 Saturday	Square Dance with dinner - 6 to 9 PM - Lions Hall
	25 Saturday	Lecture Series - Arthur Woodford, Author, <i>“Prohibition”</i> 3:00 PM

Please bear with us as we transition to the new schedule and format for *The Society Pages*.

Bernardo Licata
President