

The SOCIETY PAGES

HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**OCTOBER is always a:
Beautiful Time of Year and lots of fun:**

- There was the Annual *October Pie Sale*



- *Square Dance & Fried Chicken Dinner*



A little exercise.....A GREAT CALLER



LOTS of LAUGHS & 'really good' FRIED CHICKEN

- And FINALLY: a Super Lecture by our own Arthur Woodford... "*Soused & Serene*"



To a sell-out crowd

And the best part:

Helping 'educate' our youngsters during their visits to the Museum.



Class Photo



Learning about:
The Message in the Bottle
The Old Hotels
& Handkerchiefs that were.... 'Left-Behind'

NOVEMBER We Start Looking Forward to WINTER:

The Museum will be CLOSED most of the winter.
*Except for the Museum, Christmas Cookie Walk
December 6, 10:00 to 3:00*

If you would like to schedule a VISIT to the Museum,
PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

**We would be pleased to open the Museum for
Members and your guests.**

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...factoid filler & a bit of personal history:

*My grandfather, who I am named after, was:
**Bernardo Licata - Barber & Bootlegger during
Prohibition. (He later worked at 'Altes Brewery'.)***

*As the story goes, he and his three sons; brewed,
bottled & sold beer to numerous 'blind-pigs' in
Detroit and suburbs. Some of which may have
made it to: 'Harsens Island and the Flats'.*

from... The President:

Dear Members,

The months are flying by. This is the 37th Presidents message I've written, which means this is the first of year number four...gosh how time flies...I hope the following is informative.

The Society continues to achieve its mission of: Collecting, protecting and preserving as well as directing our energies to our stated special emphasis: educating. The educating part of the mission is my favorite. It has been gratifying to bring cultural and educational programs to the Island and the Museum; and, it is especially gratifying to have school children as we did on Thursday October 9, when grade school students visited from Fair Haven. If you've not experienced the questions and curiosities of second and third graders and would like to reflect on when you were a kid, please contact me and we'll alert you to the next visit. Look for photos of our little visitors in this Issue.

October was a busy month. In addition to the school visit, we had the: **Annual October Pie Sale**, the **Square Dance** and the last of the 2014 Lecture Series: **"Soused and Serene"**, **The Era of Prohibition along the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers**, presented by Arthur Woodford. Look for photos of the Lecture, Square Dance and school visit in this Issue.

In November The Society will manage the refreshment-concession at the Snug Theatre's **Comedy Night** on the 8th. (Phone the Snug Box Office at: 810-278-1749, and identify yourself as a Society Member for a 50% discount on your ticket.) On that same day, your Board of Directors will conduct a **Future Directions Planning Meeting** to map goals and objectives for The Society. This may turn to being multiple meetings and we will report progress as definition is given to the path chosen to achieve **The Society's Mission**.

Your board approved the Tashmoo Days 2015 event for July 18, 2015. Planning will commence in the upcoming weeks.

As always, let us know if you have any questions or would like to become more active, we have lots of things to do...so you will not be bored.

Thank you,
Bernardo Licata

p.s. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday with Friends & Family

Sign-up: ‘become part of the process’ ...and ‘help make things happen’
At: Your Historical Society & Museum
Where is Your Interest?

Here are a few ways you can be a part of the program:

1. We are asking each *Society Member* to *Volunteer* to take *ONE DAY greeting visitors* at the Museum next season. You will learn more about this new program thru the winter. Get your name on the calendar early by contacting Nancy Boulton at: 810-748-3802. It is truly gratifying to interact with tourists and guests and you will be proud of your Historical Societies accomplishments. (*We receive many accolades.*)
2. Join one of the Committees and help out on a project that you will enjoy. Select from:
 - a. The Membership Committee
 - b. The Society Pages Newsletter Editor
 - c. Memorial Day Open House Committee
 - d. The Labor Day Parade Committee
 - e. The Lecture Committee
 - f. The Licensing Committee for Events
 - g. The Square Dance Committee
 - h. The Grants Committee
 - i. The Pie Sale or Christmas Cookie Sale Committee
 - j. The Building Maintenance Committee
 - k. The Museum Committee in charge of exhibits and special exhibits
 - l. The Buy a Brick Committee
 - m. The Tashmoo Days 2015 Committee, there are many, such as:
 - i. Arts and Craft Vendor Committee
 - ii. Native American and First Nations Arts & Crafts Committee
 - iii. Entertainment Committee
 - iv. The Committee to Organize a Program and Welcome the Descendants of the Message-in-the-Bottle writers, Salina Pramstaller and Tillie Esper. (*Many are expected to visit on Tashmoo Days 2015 for the 100th Anniversary.*)
 - v. The RACE Committee
 - vi. Tashmoo Days Lecture Committee
 - vii. Sponsorships and Grants
 - viii. Kids attractions
 - ix. The Food Venue Committee
 - x. The Gaming and Beer Tent Committee
 - xi. The Advertising and Promotion of the Event
 - xii. Parking, Transportation and Traffic Committee
 - xiii. One of the New Attractions we will try to add to this great day

In any of the endeavors you choose, you will be working with a board member and/or mentor who have experience in that particular area. **Contact a Board Member TODAY.** (*Phone numbers are on page 2*)

2015 has the potential to be a very big year for your Historical Society. Be part of it. Be an active member, take charge and be recognized for helping your Society be successful.

We Look Forward to Hearing from You...



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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

November thru May by Appointment ONLY

November

- 2nd – Switch to Daylight Savings Time (DST)
- 4th – ELECTION DAY – Don't forget to VOTE
- 8th – Saturday - 11:30 AM – Board Meeting-Offsite - 1825 South Channel
- 8th – Saturday - 1:00 PM – Special Board Meeting - Offsite/Future Planning
- 8th – Saturday – Snug Theater 'COMEDY NIGHT' (50% Discount for Members)
- 27th – Thursday - Thanksgiving

December

- 6th - Christmas Cookie Sale at Museum 10 AM to 3 PM