

The SOCIETY

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HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

from... The President:

Cookies / Cookies / Cookies will be present in large quantities at the Museum on Saturday December 6 from 10 AM to 3PM. You'll find tables piled high with a wide variety of tasty treats for the holiday season. Make your preparations for the holidays easier this year by purchasing a tin or two and then filling them with your selection of these tasty morsels. You will be helping the Museum in the process. (Tins start at a minimum donation of \$15.00.)

The Society had a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. With your help it has made good and steady progress since its founding in 2010. The Society is thankful for:

- The dedicated team of people who continue to work together to achieve our mission.
- Our Members, without whose generosity, the Museum would not be possible.
- The many Volunteers, who by each taking a portion of the task, help The Society achieve its goals.
- A Board of Directors who have a 'never quit' attitude and whose teamwork and cooperation seem to grow each year.
- The Island and surrounding community residents who attend and participate in the many events sponsored by The Society; and, key supporters including such notables as:
 - Jeri Packer of the Downriver Voice Newspaper who publishes nearly every press release sent to her about The Society,
 - Artie Bryson-Township Supervisor who helps cut the red-tape,
 - Daryl DuPage-Fire Chief who has provided EMS support for our events,
 - Chief Don Drake-Clay Township Police Department who has provided police protection and traffic control for our events.
- Special thanks this year goes to Susan and Robert Bryson for use of the Tashmoo Marina (Historic Park) for Tashmoo Days; for again allowing us use for Tashmoo Days 2015 and the 100th Anniversary of the Message in the Bottle; and, for their ongoing generous support.

Our Lecture Series Chairman, Denne Osgood, is busy organizing Lectures for 2015. You'll find two photos of presenters he is attempting to 'bring back by popular demand' in this issue. Identify both individuals via e-mail to Secretary Nancy L at: nlicata@comcast.net by Christmas and receive a complimentary glass of wine, on The Society, when you attend the lecture.

Your Board of Directors held a 'Future Directions Planning Meeting' to map-out goals and objectives for The Society on November 8. I'm pleased to report that it was a productive meeting and we will report progress in future Pages Newsletters.

Tashmoo Days 2015 is underway and the first planning will be held December 13 at 11:00 AM at the Schoolhouse Grille. Please attend and become a part of making this a memorable and successful event for Harsens Island in 2015.

Please remember you have an opportunity to **Buy-a-Brick** or **Donate to the Building Fund...before December 31** to take advantage of allowed Tax Deductions for 2014. (December 2nd is: 'Giving Tuesday'.)

Warm regard,

Bernardo Licata

p.s. Enjoy the upcoming Holidays with Friends & Family.

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Join us on Facebook!

When was the last time you told a 'story' about something that happened on Harsens Island that was an unusual occurrence or one you thought should be shared and remembered?

Send it to us with or without a photo and we'll publish it in The Pages.

Get involved in Tashmoo Days 2015:

The Launch Meeting will be held: Saturday December 13, 11:00 AM, at the Schoolhouse Grille.

Some of the ways you can help is to lead or join a committee.

- Arts and Craft Vendor Committee
- Native American and First Nations Arts & Crafts Committee
- Entertainment Committee
- 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.*)
- The RACE Committee
- Tashmoo Days Lecture Committee
- Sponsorships and Grants
- Kids attractions
- The Food Venue Committee
- The Gaming and Beer Tent Committee
- The Advertising and Promotion of the Event
- Parking, Transportation and Traffic Committee
- One of the New Attractions we will try to add to this great day

Where do your interests lie? How can you help the most?

We'll see you at the Launch Meeting.

Visitors from Beijing University of Political Science and Law:

Two of the 13 young men and women participating in the Macomb Cultural Exchange Program visited the Museum on Saturday November 29. The group is in the U.S. for 90 days to better understand and study our Judicial System. Part of their program, in addition to learning about the court system, is exposure to our American culture. To achieve this goal 'host families' take two or three students for a weekend to live in their homes.

Thanksgiving weekend, the Licata's hosted:

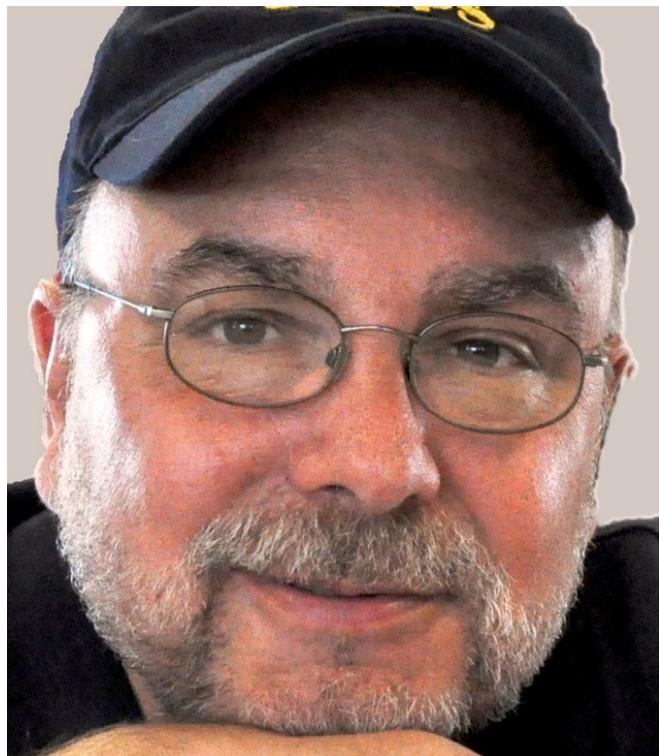
(Lilly) Tian Run Kun (田润坤) and (Amber) Yu Xue (喻雪)

Lilly helped prepare Dinner with the Lions on Thursday morning and experienced their first Thanksgiving Dinner that afternoon. Saturday the two visited the Museum and helped bake Cookies for the Annual Cookie Walk. It was a good experience for our visiting students and our family.



If you are interested in becoming a 'host-family', please contact me. It is a great way to learn about Chinese Culture.

WANTED



Be on the lookout for these two 'incredible' Speakers

Lecture Chairman Denne Osgood is working to bring them back for you

WITH NEW PROGRAMS in 2015

Identify these two Speakers who present interesting stories, photos and facts,
e-mail their names to Society Secretary Nancy L at: nlicata@comcast.net

Get both right and
Win a glass of red or white wine to enjoy when you attend the Lecture in 2015

Stay Tuned for Dates



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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

December

6th - Christmas Cookie Walk - 10 AM to 3 PM - Museum

13th - Tashmoo Days Launch Meeting 11:00 AM - Schoolhouse Grille