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HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lecture Series

Harsens Island Michigan (May 2, 2015): The Historical Society and the Garden Club are pleased to announce a 're-run' by popular demand of : **"Hay Bale Gardening"**.

The interest level was high and most of the attendees in January were interested in learning more.



Please make your reservations for this event, as seating is limited, contact Nancy Licata at: 810-748-1825 or via e-mail at: nlicata@comcast.net. A \$10 donation is suggested to help support the 'Lecture Series'.

You are History

To help preserve YOU into the future, The Society will sponsor an informal gathering and 'open mike' for an evening of storytelling. We would like you to join us and help make YOU, your family and your experiences on Harsens Island and the Flats a part of the 'permanent history' of the Island.

We all have stories and or photos of past family gatherings, events and experiences here that tell the unique story of this place that we all love. Come share them with others and record them for posterity.

If you have a story that your grandparents told of experience here or if you have a personal story you'd like to share, please mark your calendar for June 20.

It could be a 'fish story' a 'story that will touch the heart' or a 'hilarious happening' in your life or it could just be how things were. Help keep the memories alive for your family, loved ones and for those that follow us to this place.

The plan is to enjoy the evening over a glass of wine and the stories of others. We will audio record the stories and make them available in the Museum. We're naming this event: "The Island Moth" after the NPR program of a similar name

Reserve your 20 minutes 'on the mike' for this first of a series, by contacting **Director Nancy Bonacquisti at: 248-840-3042 or via e-mail: nsb48028@gmail.com**

Cheap Wine Productions

SAVE THE DATE for June 6, 2015: 'Broadway lands on Harsens Island' and Cheap Wine Productions Announces the never attempted before Dinner Theatre at the Lion's Lounge. You don't want to miss this Scintillating? Show!! ...and Your Favorite, Fried Chicken Dinner.

Tickets are available at the usual places. \$15 and worth every penny! (maybe!). Please purchase tickets in advance so Cheap Wines will know to order enough food.

You will not want to miss this production. Written by one of our own *with some collaboration*; and, with its cast of **"LOCAL CHARACTERS"**. (Characters should not only be capitalized...but emphasized!) Cheap Wine Productions is the creation of: **"The Gang of 4"**, who conceived these shenanigans to honor and re-instantiate the former glory of Cheap Wine Productions founded by the "Marsh-Mellows" some 35 years ago when they produced "The Music Man" and the "Wizard of OZ".

All proceeds from this production will benefit The Lion's Hall and the Harsens Island St Clair Flats Historical Society.

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From the President

Dear Society Members,

There is much going on under the covers on Harsens Island and in the Flats. Many of your friends and cohorts are working diligently to make this summer a memorable one for Society Members and for 'Islanders' in general. Some of what is being planned follows. Suffice it to say the folks who are 'doing the work' are 'having a great deal of fun'. Here is what the 'stir' is all about in proximate order of appearance:

- Hay Bale Gardening on May 2.
- Board Meeting on the 9th.
- Sneak Preview at the Museum – Prohibition Exhibit.
- Prohibition Exhibit Opens at Museum.
- Theatre Night at the Snug – with Society Members
- Dinner Theatre at Lions Lounge: Perky Prudence's Predicaments.
- The Island Moth
- Tashmoo Nights.
- Tashmoo Days.

Roger Le Lievre had another resounding round of applause for a great presentation this past Saturday. It was the first time many of us have had the opportunity to see the 'inside' of a Great Lake Freighter. Roger's return visit brought out a nearly packed house. Roger is also excited about returning for Tashmoo Days.

Tashmoo Days and Tashmoo Nights are gaining momentum with a line-up of great music and entertainment. Folks are especially excited about the 'entertainment playbill' and we have some fun surprises for Tashmoo Nights...get your tickets early...they are 'limited'. Planning for all components of the event are moving in the right direction. We could use the help of a couple more 'sponsors' and a few more arts& craft vendors...please.

As noted last month, Nancy Boulton is preparing the Museum for the upcoming 'Prohibition Exhibit' targeted to open May 23. Watch your e-mail and Next-door for an announcement of a 'Special Sneak-Preview' before opening.

How many 'Friends' have you found to join The Society? We have nearly 1,000 members signed up on Next-door...please ask your neighbors to be a part of The Society.

The ballot for new officers along with Tashmoo Days Raffle Tickets and Tashmoo Nights Dinner Tickets will be mailed to you in the upcoming weeks. Please vote and return your ballots promptly along with your choice of ticket purchases.

As always, let us know if you have any questions or would like to become more active, we always have lots of things to do. Phone me anytime.

Warm regards,

Bernardo Licata
President

Cultural Events:

Valerie Heath of The Snug Theatre of Marine City asked if The Society would share their next event with Members of The Society.

“The School for Scandal”, by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, is an English Play first written and performed in 1777. It is a comedy about the aristocratic class and how they create gossip and scandal for their own entertainment.

We’re told the play is hilariously funny, the costumes are stunning and if you are historically inclined, you will be sure to enjoy this production.

A group of Board Members are attending the evening of May 16. Order your tickets, join the group and we’ll make it Harsens Island Historical Society evening at the Snug.

The Snug Theatre
Presents

The School For Scandal

By Richard Brinsley Sheridan

May 8 - 24
THU, FRI & SAT 7:30 PM
SUN 3PM
\$20

"The School for Scandal" is an English satire that makes fun of the eccentric aristocratic class, its ridiculous lifestyle and gossiping culture. Aptly named characters like Lady Sneerwell, Sir Joseph Surface, Lady Candour, and Sir Benjamin Backbite have amused theater audiences for more than two centuries.

Tickets available online at: www.riverbanktheatre.com
or by phone: 810-278-1749

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Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society 2015 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

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

Winter Hours– By Appointment: Phone a Board Membe

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| May | 2nd : | 3:00PM at the Schoolhouse Grille, Lecture by: Jen Page, Hay Bale Gardening. |
| | 9th : | 11:30AM at Museum: Board Meeting |
| | 22nd : | 6:00 PM – POSSIBLE....Sneak-Preview-Prohibition Exhibit - (Stay Tuned) |
| | 23rd : | Prohibition Exhibit Opens at Museum |
| June | 6th : | Cheap Wine Productions 'Dinner-Theatre' – Lions Lounge |
| | 13th : | 11:30AM at Museum: Board Meeting |
| | 20th : | Island Moth – Schoolhouse Grille |