

HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY





November 2015 PAGES

Thanksgiving...

...a time to be thankful for all that has touched our lives this year.

Our American tradition of Thanksgiving should not pass without each of us taking time to reflect on 'all' that has touched our lives in the past year...all of the good things and all of the other things. We each have our own lists of events in our lives to be thankful for...take a moment.

Your Society should also reflect on the many positives that we've encountered in the past year and assess how we can do even better in the next twelve months. *Your opinion is an important factor in how your Society moves into the future*, so we are asking you to *take a few minutes and respond to the survey* enclosed in this Issue.

Let us know what you think about past programs, if you want them to continue and let us know of any new programs you would like your Society to consider sponsoring.

Give Thanks...Don't be a Turkey...Respond to the Survey...

Another thing you may want to consider this Thanksgiving is making it an **Island Thanksgiving**. The Harsens Island Lions prepare a really great dinner each year. Bring the family, and friends to dinner and bring your favorite dessert to share if you wish.

Annual Cookie Sale...

...mark your calendars for Saturday December 5, 10:00 AM a the Museum

The Holiday Cookie Sale is turning out to be one of the biggest events on the Island.

Bake a few dozen cookies to donate to the sale. Buy a tin, fill it with a large variety of choices and bring home a great combination of cookies for the Holiday Season. This is a wonderful way to support the Society and end up with an array of beautifully prepared Holiday Treats.

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Message from the President

Dear Society Members,

October found your Board Members busy organizing the transition of duties to the new composition of the Board; and, planning forward for 2016. Many Board Members are headed 'South' to warmer climates this winter, but through the magic of computers we hope to not miss a step in continuing to move The Society forward.

The Board is working on the 2016 Calendar and we would appreciate your input. Take a minute to help guide us to what programs and activities you would like to see on next year's Calendar for The Society. A short survey is enclosed that you may print, fill-in, fold and mail. Thanks for taking a few minutes to help us help you and help us do a better job.

The Lecture October 24 presented by diver Larry McElroy on the 50th Anniversary of: *"The Sinking of the Cedarville"* in Lake Michigan was excellent presentation made to a full house.

The Square Dance and Fried Chicken Dinner scheduled for Saturday October 10 was CANCELLED for lack of reservations. Unfortunately, there were a number of people who 'wanted to attend the event'; however, did not phone to make a reservation until after the event cancelled. The Square Dance is one of the items on the survey...PLEASE, your input is important...let us know if we should schedule the Square Dance for 2016...and if you will attend.

The Society participated in the Lioness' Craft Show / Luncheon held at the Lions Hall October 11. The Society took a table and displayed the unique LAMP SHADES available from The Society Museum.

Consider something different for Thanksgiving this year. Celebrate at the *Lions Annual Thanksgiving Dinner*. Make a reservation early, bring your favorite dessert to share along with your favorite beverage and share this Thanksgiving with family and the added bonus of *friends and neighbors*...you won't have to cook or clean-up ...just sit back and enjoy dinner and Lions Football on the big screen.

Your Board is working diligently to transition to The Society's new leadership. We invite you to attend the Board Meetings to participate and offer suggestions for The Society's future growth.

I would like to share personal thanks this year for my daughter Stephanie, who I reported in the September Edition of *The Society Pages* as diagnosed with lymphoma. I am writing this newsletter in Austin Texas, where Nancy and I are to help her through her third round of chemo-therapy. Stephanie is doing remarkably well. Nancy and I thank each of you for your thoughts, prayers and good wishes through this ordeal.

Bernardo

Message from the Incoming President

Dear HISCFHS Members,

Historical Society Board of Directors is putting together the events schedule for 2016. The number and types of events will depend quite a bit on the volunteer power we have available for their planning and execution. One major event under consideration is our Annual Tashmoo Days. This event, if held, would be in mid to late July on a Saturday and perhaps the Friday night before. At a later date we will be looking for volunteers to work the event and to serve on various planning sub-committees, however, at this time we need to know if we have enough committee volunteers to head the 6 to 10 subcommittees and specifically one special chairperson to oversee the organization and management of the full event.

Roughly the sub-committees would include First Nations activities, Tashmoo Nights Dinner/Dance, Historical Society store, Information Booth and ticket sales, Food booths, Parking, Facilities (tents, chairs, tables, sound systems, signage, etc.), Volunteer recruitment, PR and advertising, Finances (sponsors and grants), and Raffle.

There are a variety of other activities and committees that could be added if enough volunteers were available. At this time those listed above are the basic needs for the event. We also need one person to oversee the planning and management of the full event by arranging and running joint meetings of all of the sub-committee leaders, setting agendas and serving as liaison to the Historical Society Board of Directors.

If you would be willing to head up one of the subcommittees listed above and particularly if you would be willing to be the special person to oversee the organization and management of the full event, *please contact Bob Williams by November 15* at 248-388-0465 or email him at <u>xharpspah@aol.com</u>.

Robert Williams

Help Make Tashmoo Days 2016 a Successful Event...call Bob



SURVEY...

PLEASE take a few minutes to tell us what you think and make suggestions to help your Society Grow and Prosper:

Current Annual EVENTS:

	Lecture Series: (circle one)	More Lecti	ures	Fewer Le	ectures	No Lectures	Same Number
	Memorial Day Opening Festivition	es: (circle on	ne) Do More		Do Less	Don't Change	
	Tashmoo Nights: (circle one)	Continue t	this new Traditior	n	Cancel this Event		
q	Tashmoo Days: (circle one)	Continue t	this Tradition	Cancel t	his Event		
	• Which Attraction(s) / Ac	tivitey(s) a	re you willing to	Chair?:			
	• Your opinion: (circle one)	F	Reduce Attraction	IS	Add Attractions		
	Dinner after Annual Meeting: (ci	rcle one) C	Continue this Tra	dition	Cancel this Event		
	Labor Day Parade Festivities: (cir	cle one) <i>L</i>	Do More	Do Less	Don't Cł	nange	
Ц	October Annual Pie Sale: (circle o	ne) C	Continue this Tra	dition	Cancel this Event		
	October Annual Square Dance: (circle one) C	Continue this Tra	dition	Cancel this Event		
	December Annual Cookie Sale: (circle one) C	Continue this Tra	dition	Cancel this Event		
	What OTHER Activities and Even The Society. What time of year should	•		•	• •		and how it will support

(Please attach additional sheets if required.)

VOLUNTEER in 2016...

Please contact me, I would like to volunteer my time or CHAIR the events and activities checked in the margin in the list above:

Name:	_ Phone Number	:	e-mail:	
I would also like to <u>Volunteer at the Mu</u>	<u>ISEUM</u> for the <u>we</u>	ekend days circled	<u>l below</u> : (Orienta	ation scheduled for Spring 2016)
May: 28 29 30	(circle one:	Full Day	Half Day	3 hours only)
June: 4 5 11 12 18 19 25 26	(circle one:	Full Day	Half Day	3 hours only)
July: 2 3 4 9 10 16 17 23 24 30 31	(circle one:	Full Day	Half Day	3 hours only)
August: 6 7 13 14 20 21 27 28	(circle one:	Full Day	Half Day	3 hours only)
September: 3 4 5 10 11 17 18 24 25	(circle one:	Full Day	Half Day	3 hours only)

Thank you for making your Historical Society and Museum a viable and successful endeavor. Without each Members dedication and support your Board of Directors could not achieve the goals and objectives you have set.

PLEASE Fold, Stamp and Mail this Survey and Volunteer COMMITTMENT to The Society.

Please take a few minutes to complete the

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YOUR OPINION IS IMPORTANT



Nurture your Creative Talent....

...work with Nancy Boulton and her Team to Create a New Exhibit for the Museum in 2016

The Prohibition Exhibit told the story Prohibition on the Island and the Flats. Al Capone and the Purple Gang were frequent visitors to the area. Joe Bedore was colorful and famous throughout the area; and, the Island and Flats were 'the' places to be during this era. The fact is: '...what happened in the Flats...stayed in the Flats', and that was long before that space in the desert know as Las Vegas was even a thought. The Museum captured this flavor and the exhibit showed some of 'what' the Island and Flats 'once was'.

This year The Society has a couple new ideas for the 2016 Special Exhibit. We would welcome your creativity, ideas and active participation in designing and implementing something very special for next year.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Nancy Boulton or any Member of the Board. We are excited about the ideas presently on the table and expect to pick one of them shortly....so don't delay, call us today, or fill out the form below and mail it back with the Survey.

FYI...a couple of the new exhibit ideas we are considering are: *'From Canoes to 1,000 foot Freighters'* ...A History of the Shipping Industry on the Great Lakes. *'The Flower Lady'* ...A Tribute to our own Arlene Earl.

YES, I am Excited and Interested in Participating....

...please sign me up to work with the Museum Exhibit Team.

Name:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-mail address: _____

I'm available to work with the team starting: _____



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Last chance to ORDER BEFORE the HOLIDAY SEASON. These lampshades make great gifts. Choose from a catalog of photos or bring your own photos on a memory stick in .jpg format to have 'your own unique presentation". Think of it, your favorite photo of your children or grandchildren or perhaps your 'mother-in-law' if she is special to you in any way.

You can have fun with these unique gifts. Order forms available at the Museum Shoppe.



Enjoy these unique gifts...



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 Member

November 21st: 10:30 AM: Executive Board Meeting - (Board Members Only)

December

5th : 10:00 AM Cookie Sale at Museum