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## ***President's Message for June, 2017***

***Hi All:***

### ***Our Neighbor - Algonac-Clay Historical Society***

The Algonac-Clay Historical Society will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, June 25 from 12 Noon to 4 pm at the Log Cabin next to the Clay Township Hall. On Saturday and Sunday, July 15 & 16 they are having 'Miss America X' on display at the Maritime Museum in Algonac followed by the 'Grey Fox' and 'Pride of America' boats docked in Algonac on Saturday & Sunday, August 19 & 20. If you haven't been to their Maritime Museum yet, be sure to check it out.

### ***Who's doing what at our Historical Society?***

Besides the Board of Directors listed each month in the newsletter we have many volunteers working behind the scenes keeping things going. Here's a list of committees and members.

MUSEUM OPERATIONS - Nancy Boulton  
COLLECTIONS AND ACQUISITIONS – Nancy Boulton, Chuck Miller, Marie Eidt,

John Eidt, Chris Wludyka

2017 SPECIAL EXHIBIT - Nancy Boulton, Marie Eidt, John Eidt, Chuck Miller, Corinne Trexler

GUEST SPEAKERS PROGRAM- Chuck Miller, Gary Grout

BUILDING – John Eidt

MEMBERSHIP - Linda Schoonover

RESCUE CAR - Andy Waller

FIRST NATIONS – Sue Wrobel

SOCIAL HOUR – John Chamberlain

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA – Joyce Hassen

INSURANCE – John Chamberlain

ELECTION OFFICERS – Chuck Miller, Gary Grout, John Eidt

GENEALOGY – Gary Grout, Kathy Yax.

We have two vacancies we would like to fill. Publicity and Oral History. If you are interested in helping on those committees or any of the other committees, please contact me at [xharpspah@aol.com](mailto:xharpspah@aol.com) or [248-388-0465](tel:248-388-0465).

Thank you,

Bob Williams, President

## **OPENING DAY IS HERE!**

Welcome back to our Island Paradise! There is much to see and do at the Museum this year and we hope you will stop in often.

Our special Exhibit, "Fins and Feathers", focuses on the historical aspect of fishing and hunting in the St. Clair Flats and the Islands. The displays feature old and rare lures, along with a collection of carved Duck Decoys- many done by legendary sportsman Frank Cummings. Our thanks to many supporters who loaned us the wonderful pieces of history, and last, but not least, some photographs that remind us just where it's at. If you have any shots that you want to share, please contact us! We'll do all the copying work at the museum.



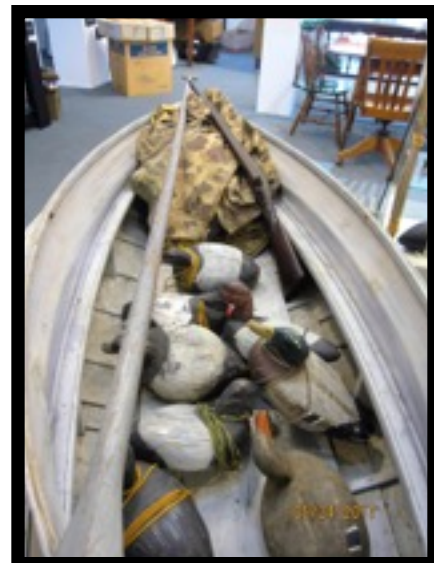
Circa 1935



Circa 1955



Circa 1933



Decoy Display at the Museum

## **Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society Calendar**

Locations may change – See our website at [HarsensIslandHistory.org](http://HarsensIslandHistory.org) for the latest information.  
All members welcome to attend any Board meeting listed as Board/Membership meeting.

May -

27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, Sunday, Monday - Memorial Day Museum Open

House

(Special open hours - Saturday 11:30am – 3pm, Sunday 12 noon – 4pm, Monday 10am – 3pm)

June -

3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday – 9:30 AM – Museum host orientation at the Museum

3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday – 10:30 AM – Board/Membership meeting at the Museum

9<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Social hour – 6 to 8 PM at the Museum

10<sup>th</sup>- Saturday- Delta News collectors meeting. Open to public. 11AM at the museum.

17<sup>th</sup>- Saturday-3 PM- Lecture Series at Schoolhouse Grille- “Island Stories”  
reservations required- Call Gary Grout 748-3320

July -

1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday – 10:30 AM – Board/Membership meeting at the Museum

10<sup>th</sup>- Monday- Special Visit and Presentation by Capt. Pat Hart, Tug Victory, 3 PM at the museum- Reservations required. Call Chuck 748-7209.

14<sup>th</sup> Friday – Social hour – 6 to 8 PM at the Museum

August-

5 - Saturday – 10:30 AM – Board/Membership meeting at the Museum

11<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Social hour – 6 to 8 PM at the Museum

19<sup>th</sup> Saturday – 4:30 PM Wine and Appetizers at the museum. 5 to 6 PM- *Annual Membership Meeting* at the museum.

Sept. –

8<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Social hour – 6 to 8 PM at the Museum

16– Saturday – 3:00 PM - Lecture series – Tony Gramer: Lost in 17 Minutes-The Tug O Wilcox  
Reservations required- Call Chuck- 748-7209

October-

7– Saturday – 10 – 3 PM - **Pie Sale at Museum**

14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday – 10:30 AM – Board/Membership meeting at the Museum

December-

2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday – 10 AM– 3 PM - **Cookie Walk at the Museum**

9<sup>th</sup>– Saturday – 10:30 AM – Board Meeting at Museum

## LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR JUNE SPEAKERS PROGRAM!

The Museum is committed to the continued development of our historical archives concerning the unique history of the Island and the St. Clair Flats. We are always seeking interesting stories, photos or family history memorabilia to add to our growing data base, all of which is available to the members and interested public. Whenever possible, we seek first person accounts of the events and life experiences of local Island residents and their offspring (both current and past). Our offering last year was well-received. The first professionally done DVD in the 'Island Stories' Series was completed last year and is available at the Museum.

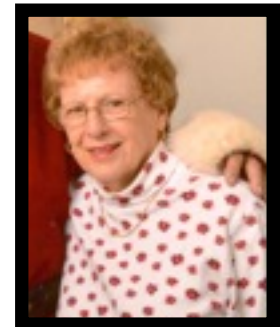
On June 10<sup>th</sup>, we will return with our second offering of the "ISLAND STORIES" Series. Guest speakers this year will include:



Carol Hogg (maiden name Havens) came to Harsens Island at 5 years old. Except for a brief 2 year hiatus, she has lived here all her life. She married Tom Hogg in 1965 at St. Paul's Protestant Church. She has two daughters; Debbie Mehl and Mary Harvey, a grandson Kyle Mehl, and a granddaughter Shannon Harvey. She says she has seen many changes here on Harsens Island and is very excited to participate in the "Island Stories" Program.

In 1950, young Judy Jessup and her family moved from Washington, D.C., to Harsens Island. They lived on a small dairy farm on Stewart Road. She graduated from the Algonac Community Schools in 1955. She married Vernon Jessup on the Island and had three children; Lynda Korthal, Diana Morrison and Rodney Jessup.

She worked as an R.N. for RDH and Mt. Clemens General Hospital and was part owner of Harbor health services, M.C. in Michigan.



Bill Smith was raised on Harsens Island and attended the Harsens Island Elementary School, Grades K-6. He graduated from Algonac High School in 1958. Bill's home place was 1800 South Channel Dr. His parents were Bill and Edna (Chute) Smith. Bill married Karen (Kleintjes) in 1965. Karen's parents, Fred and Irma Kleintjes owned and operated a bakery in Algonac.

Bill and Karen lived in Harrison Twp. For 36 years before moving back to Bill's childhood

Remember the Date: June 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM at the Schoolhouse Grille



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