

The SOCIETY PAGES

HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thank You VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to thank all those that have donated time, material, artifacts and encouragement that will allow the Society to achieve its true potential. We apologize if we missed your name.

John Eidt and Bernard Licata top our list of volunteers. John has contributed in so many ways they cannot be counted, repairing gutters, getting the water to flow away from the building, repairing the furnace, wall scraping and clean-up, he has been involved almost daily in the activities surrounding getting the building ready to occupy.

Bernard has been at the fire hall from sun-up to sun-down most days. He has been organizing the volunteers, painting, scraping, power washing, cleaning and anything else that needed to be done.

Harsens Island Firefighters – Brian Sears, Mike Harry, Scott Elliott, Daryl Dupage, Mike Ceder, Joe Doan, Lisa White, David Wells and their daughter, **Elizabeth Wells** – all scraping the inside of the hall and applying the first coat of paint.

Art Snar has repaired the front door, helped **John Eidt** with getting the furnace operational, masonry tuck pointed all the gaping holes in the front of the building that were causing a great deal of water to leak through the walls and other miscellaneous chores that needed to be done.

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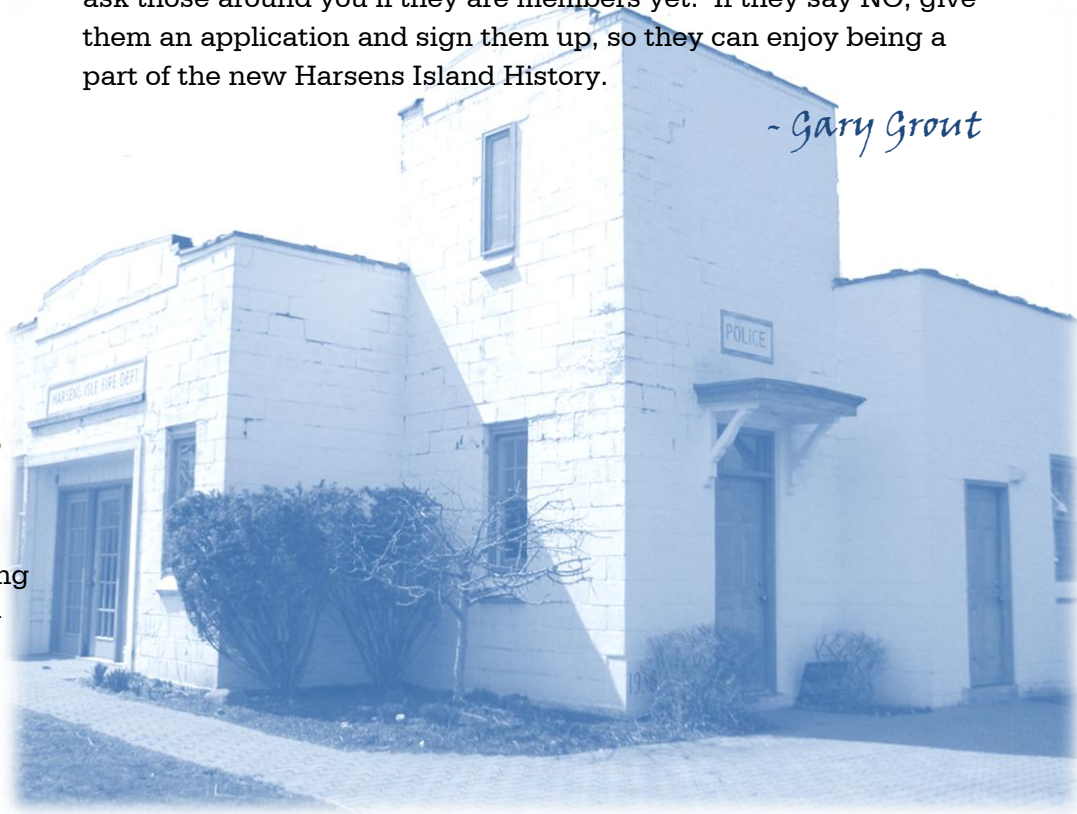
From the President

Here we are at the end of April and the work on the Historic Harsens Island Fire Hall is coming to a conclusion. Your Society has had many helpers with the clean-up, fix-up, paint-up during the month. On Saturday April 30, community service workers were here to put a coat of paint on the outside of the building. An application for occupancy was submitted to the township. They have inspected and issued a permit. Now the work of move-in begins. There have already been several items moved into the building. A number of artifacts have been received; we are now prepared and look forward to receiving many more. If you were a visitor to the Fire Hall before work began, you will not know the old building on your next visit.

Plans are well underway for our May 28 Grand Opening Celebration. Ruth Roth and her committee will surprise all when the Fire Hall alarm sounds at noon on the 28th and the ribbon is cut to let everyone see what your Society has accomplished.

I look forward to seeing our membership and the residents and friends of Harsens Island turn out at our Grand Opening Celebration. While you enjoy your hot dog, chips and lemonade, ask those around you if they are members yet. If they say NO, give them an application and sign them up, so they can enjoy being a part of the new Harsens Island History.

- Gary Grout



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Donations Needed

If you have an item you would like to donate or loan, please call Nancy Boulton at 810-748-3802.

- Tashmoo Park
- Hotels
- Ferry Service
- Bars and Speakeasies
- Ships, Lighthouses
- Coast Guard
- Party/Grocery/Other Businesses
- Marinas/Boats
- Clubs/Organizations
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- Hunting/Fishing
- Firefighters/Police
- Surrounding Islands
- Reference Materials/Books
- Farms
- DNR
- Churches
- Ice Jams
- Old Club

May 28 Deadline for Board Nominations

Two (2) new directors are to be elected this year for a term of three (3) years. (Reference Article VI, of the by-laws.)

Order of Election Business is as follows:

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| ■ Nominations Accepted: | March 1 thru May 28 |
| ■ Nominations Qualified by: | June 4 (Board Meeting) |
| ■ Nominee's Posted to Website by: | June 25 (Member Meeting) |
| ■ Members Cast Ballots by: | July 23 (Member Meeting) |

At the July 23, 2011 General Membership Meeting, ballots will be verified, tabulated by the committee and announced.

I urge you as a member of the Society to consider placing your name, or another person's name in nomination for one of the two director positions open for this election. Please e-mail your nomination, prior to May 28, 2011, to Nancy Licata, Secretary: nlicata@comcast.net or mail your nomination via USPS to: The Society, PO Box 44, Harsens Island, MI 48028, or submit it in writing, during the final call for nominations, at the May 28 Membership Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS To Marie Eidt and the Grant Committee

The Society was awarded a \$500 grant for signage and display materials from the Algonac Clay Community Fund on April 15, 2011. The award will be presented at the Cinco de Mayo dinner to be held at the Algonac K of C hall on Friday, May 13. Tickets are \$25 and include refreshments and a great Mexican buffet.

Contact Bill Gratopp at 794-1069 for tickets. Help support our Community Fund and thank them for the grant!

Welcome New Members

Carol & Joseph Bleau

Richard Knight

Sheryl & Art Bryson

Harold Prowse

Lynn Decker

Daniel Rymal

Noreen & William Donaldson

Debbie & Brian Sears

Guy Grout

Diane Owen & Scott Short

Joyce & Marc Hassen

Denise & Harold Stieber

Thank You VOLUNTEERS!

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Larry Zelensky, in addition to designing the logo and branding for The Society, is designing signage for the building, forms for donations and loans, and marketing materials for upcoming events while maintaining consistency of The Society's branding and message.

Lon Jackson of **Lon R. Jackson & Associates** provided a review of the 'donation and loan forms' The Society will be using. This will give us the confidence that we are properly handling artifacts that are offered to The Society.

Blair Gilbert, Bruckner Island....**Gilbert's Hardware**, St. Clair Shores, helped us get connected with **Kevin Kush** of **Kush Paint**, Roseville, to make a special trip to the Island to inspect the condition of the building and make up the right paint to paint the inside walls. He also gave us some great pricing on the paint and supplies.

Jim 'JD' Doptis and **Bernard Licata** power washed the outside of the building.

The **Community Service Workers** that painted the outside of building and did odd jobs, were: **Gary Leuerenl**, **Justin Achatz**, **Matt Nach**, **Alex Bugg**.

Chuck Miller, **Dave & Nancy Lozon** have donated display cases. **Gary Grout** donated a Tashmoo sign for table top also a computer desk and chair.

The carpet was cleaned by **Michael Barry** of **Island Carpet Cleaning**.

Art Armstrong helped beautiful our garden area and supervised our Community Service Workers

Bruce Schweikart for his electrical expertise and getting the old fixture hung.

Greg Stiltner of **Stiltner Plumbing** was on site for half a day donating his time to get the water system pumping water from the South Channel.

Joyce Bryson & Kevin Decker donated computers and **Art Bryson** of **AB Computer Solutions** provided the service to get them up and running.

Bruce Haas is working on the awning that will go over the front doors.

MORE PAINTERS!

John & Cynthia Kopchak

Gary Grout

Chris & Ron Wludyka

John Dion

Donna Krispin

Nancy Kicata

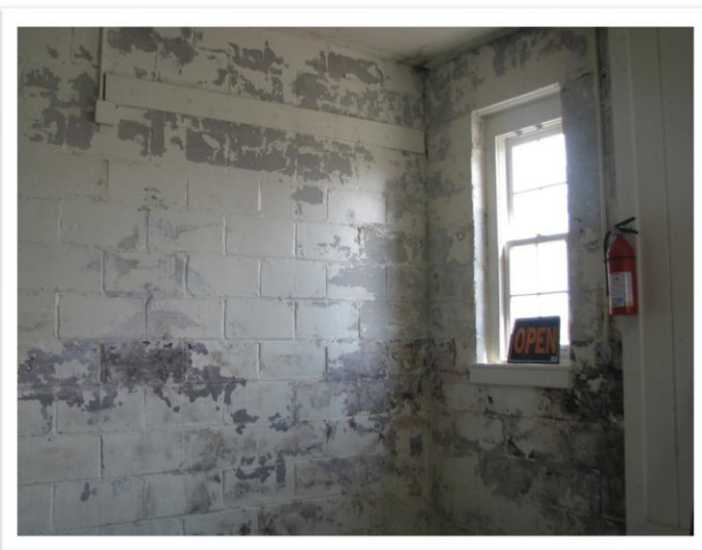
Bob Williams

Tony Mastro

Nancy Streit

Bill Demunnik

Ruth Roth supplied coffee and cake, **Linda Schoonover** brought pizza for lunch.



Interior shots after the walls were scrapped.



Ron Wludyka was a trooper!



Gary Grout tackles the trim.



Bob Williams paints the doors.



Nancy Streit came to paint.



Donna Krispin (standing), Nancy Licata and Ruth Roth.



Cynthia Kopchak came from Warren with her husband, John.



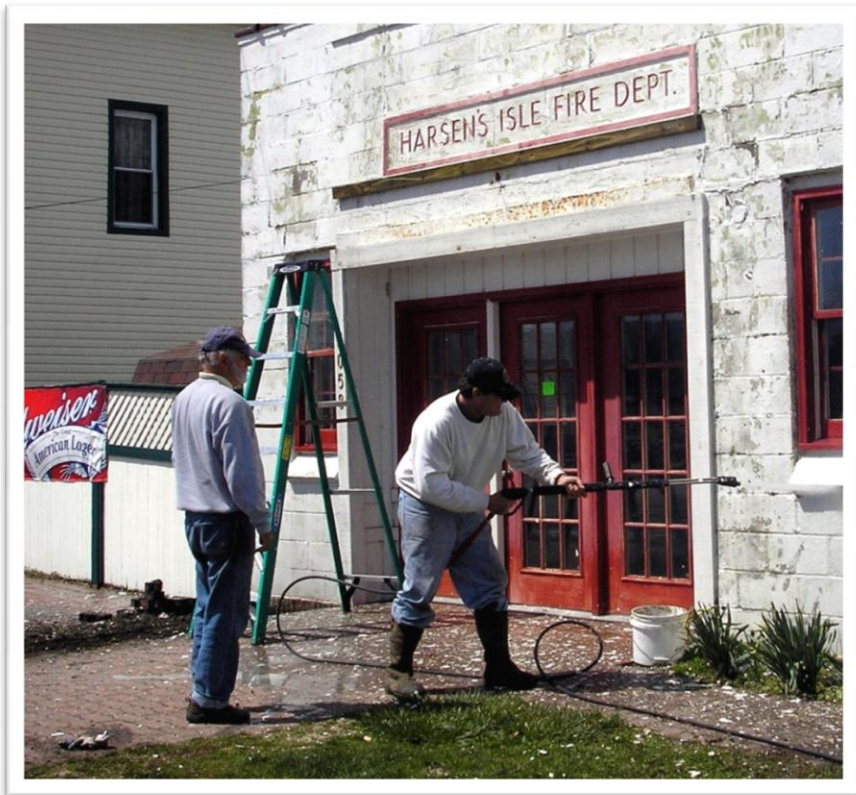
John Dion.



Wayne Yax & Bruce Schweikart working on the septic field.



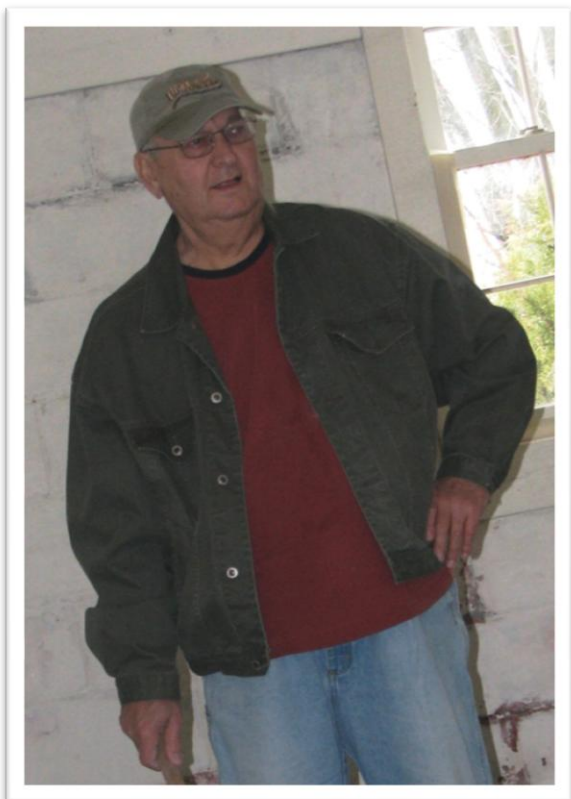
Ken Roth.



Bernard Licata and Jim 'JD' Doptis.



Chris Wludyka cleans the windows.



Ron Wludyka.



Powerwashing the exterior.



Tony Mastro did a great job!



Art Armstrong



Fire Rescue Vehicle

This Fire Rescue vehicle has been donated to the Society by Bob Williams. It needs new tires all around, a new battery and a clutch plate. If you can help restore this beauty to its former self, call Bernard Licata at 810-748-1825 for details.

Eventually, we would like to use this vehicle for parades and events for the Society.

1963 Chevrolet Suburban
BODY STYLE – STA-WAGON
WEIGHT – 3990

The battery currently in it is 9" x 6.5"
It is a DEKA part no. 775DT
CA @ 32 degrees F. = 860
CA @ 0 degrees F. = 720
The tray it sits in is about 10.5" x 6.5"

The tires are 9.00 -15.



2011 Activities & Events Calendar

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| May | 28 | <i>10:30 AM General Membership Meeting at the old Fire Hall</i> |
| | 28 | GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION -- 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM |
| June | 25 | BUY THE FIRE HALL EVENT - Fund Raiser @ the Middle Channel Golf Club -- Details in the June issue |
| | 25 | <i>9:30 AM General Membership Meeting</i> |
| July | 3 | HOT DOG & ICE CREAM SOCIAL: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM -- Fundraiser |
| | 23 | <i>9:30 AM General Membership Meeting</i> |
| August | 6 | Society Booth at FIELD DAY -- Invite folks to stop in for Free Peanuts & Popcorn Day @ Fire Hall |
| | 13 | Society Booth at BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL -- Invite folks to stop in for Free Peanuts & Popcorn Day @ Fire Hall |
| | 21 | ANNUAL MEETING & GALA EVENT: Dinner Dance & Entertainment -- Fundraiser -- Details TBD |
| | 21 | <i>4:00 PM General Membership ANNUAL Meeting</i> |
| Sept | 3 | PARADE DAY -- Hot Dogs & Potato Chips -- Peanuts & Popcorn Day |
| | 24 | <i>2:00 PM General Membership Meeting</i> |
| Oct | 9 | HOT SOUP & MUSIC -- Details TBD |
| | 22 | <i>2:00 PM General Membership Meeting</i> |
| Nov | 6 | <i>2:00 PM General Membership Meeting</i> |
| Dec | | No General Membership Meeting |



Our future home.