

The SOCIETY

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HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ELECTION Deadline is Approaching

It is the time of year when our Membership is responsible for being proactive and taking action to assure the longevity of The Society. Having a proper team in place to lead the organization is the obligation of each of our Members. We hope you will help to assure a strong leadership team is in place. You can do that by taking the following steps:

1. Identify qualified Members who, you believe, will drive The Society's Mission.
2. Submit your nominations for those members you deem capable of managing The Society.
3. Attend the Board/General Meeting and participate in the process.

Information to assist you in the process:

- Nominations may be submitted and are due on or before the May 9, 2015
- Qualified nominees will be approved by the Board at the General Meeting.
- The Board Members whose terms expire in August 2015 are:
 - Nancy Boulton
 - Kathy O'Connor
 - Joyce Hassen
 - Bernardo Licata
- The 'term of service' is three- (3) years.
- Upon approval, nominee names will be placed on a ballot and distributed to: 'members in good standing', by June 13, via USPS.
- Ballots must be returned and received by the July 11.
- The new directors will be announced at the August 15 Annual Meeting.

The Society belongs to all of its members. Please take a few minutes to consider its future. Your membership, your donations, your volunteer time and your enthusiasm for the history of Harsens Island and the St. Clair Flats has helped improve the place we live. Each of you should be proud of your achievements and your contribution to The Society.

We hope you will take an active role in:

HARSENS ISLAND
ST. CLAIR FLATS
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY | BUILDING *for*
THE *Future*
PRESERVING
Our PAST

You are the Future History of Harsens Island...be a part of preserving your time here.

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From the President

Dear Society Members,

March has been an interesting month this year. We woke this morning to a full covering of SNOW and it looks like a few inches, it is certainly covering the ground and the trees all look like cottonwoods. The Snow is accompanied by a brisk wind out of the North. It certainly does not look like spring.

A new Board Member, Nancy Bonacquisti, was appointed at the March 28. She will fill the balance of the term of the position left vacant by Larry Zelensky.

Larry determined his time was better spent creating graphics for The Society and continuing to provide marketing direction and vision versus traveling from his home in St. Clair Shores and dealing with ice conditions and ferry crossings to attend meetings. We all appreciate Larry's support and thoughtfulness in making this decision.

We warmly welcome Nancy Bonacquisti to the Board. Nancy is a retiring schoolteacher. She and husband John have their permanent home on Bruckner Island. Her family and she have a long history on the Island.

We had a great lecture presentation by, world-traveled, diver Tony Gramer who presented some truly excellent video of the Schooner William Young where she lies in Northern Lake Huron. It was amazing to see how in-tact the ship is after all these years. We all need to thank Denne Osgood for bringing these wonderful lectures to the Island.

As you have, hopefully, read in this issue, it is election time. Please take time to consider where your Society is and where you want it to go. The people you put in place will be a significant influence on the future of the organization, please give it your careful consideration and participate in the process.

The Tashmoo Days and Tashmoo Nights plan is proceeding on schedule. The planning committee met Saturday March 28 and the only shortfall at this time is the number of sponsorships that have been committed. If you or a business you know would be interested in a sponsorship, or need a copy of the Sponsorship Program, please contact me at: 586-530-7100.

Nancy Boulton is preparing the Museum for the upcoming 'Prohibition Exhibit' that is targeted to open May 23. Stay tuned for a 'Special Sneak-Preview' opportunity. The Port Huron Museum is supporting this effort and will share some of their 'Behind the Barrel' exhibit.

If you did not 'Find a Friend' to join The Society last month, you still have time to do so. Also please remember, you must be 'a member in good standing' to vote in the upcoming election.

April 25 will bring Roger LeLievre and a new lecture. Be sure to mark your calendars.

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.

Warm regards,
Bernardo Licata

Lecture Series

HARSENS ISLAND ST CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Harsens Island Michigan (April 25, 2015): The Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society is pleased to announce the return of Roger LeLievre, author and publisher of: ***“Know Your Ships”***.

Roger is *back by popular demand with an all-new perspective* on the ships that sail our Great Lakes. Schedule April 25, 3PM to see and hear: ***“Hitching-a-Ride”, Trips on Great Lakes Ships***.

Over the years, Roger has had the good fortune to ride aboard many Great Lakes vessels, including the iconic ***Edward L. Ryerson***, the workhorse ***Maumee***, the new ***Algoma Equinox***, the ***Kaye E. Barker***, the ***Wilfred Sykes*** and more. This program will focus on what it's like to be aboard a lake freighter, and will feature many stunning images from LeLievre's fantastic voyages.

Roger will speak for about one hour with a question & answer session *and be available for a book-signing at the conclusion of the program*. He will also have copies of the 2015 Know Your Ships on hand to sell and sign.

The Lecture will be: Saturday, April 25, 2014 at 3 PM at the *Historic Harsens Island Schoolhouse Grille, located at: 2669 Columbine Rd, Harsens Island, MI 48028*.



Roger has been editor and publisher of Know Your Ships since 1995, but has been involved in its publication much longer. LeLievre was 14 when his first boat picture was published in the 1968 Edition.

LeLievre is president of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit, editor of its publication “The Historian” and was voted recipient of the group’s Historian of the Year Award in 2006. He is also vice president of Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping On-line Inc., the non-profit Web site more commonly known as BoatNerd.com. Roger spent 30 years in the newspaper business in Michigan, much of that at the Ann Arbor News.

Join us on Saturday April 25 to learn more about Great Lakes Shipping and the annual publication. The Historical Society takes great pleasure in presenting Roger LeLievre as our guest, in The Society’s 2015 Lecture Series.

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’.



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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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| April | 18th : | 11:00 AM, Tashmoo Days Planning Meeting, Schoolhouse Grille. |
| | 25th : | 3:00PM Schoolhouse Grille, Lecture: Roger LeLievre, Know Your Ships. |
| | 28th : | 11:30AM at Museum: Board Meeting |
| 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 |
| | 23rd : | Prohibition Exhibit Opens at Museum |