

The SOCIETY

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HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"You are never too old to set another goal or
to dream a new dream."

- C.S. Lewis

Happy New Year



What better outlook can we have as a group of like-minded people going forward?

Your Society Board

Wishes you a:

Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year

Together we have been successful, in the few short years, since our inception.

We can, as a Society or Individually, continue to:

"Build for the Future and Preserve our Past"

If we allow ourselves to:

"...set another goal and dream a new dream"

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Message from the President

Dear Society Members,

Happy New Year to all. It's hard to believe that we have already passed December 21 and our days are getting longer in preparation for those wonderful sunny summer days on the Island. At the Museum we have dismantled our very successful Prohibition Exhibit and have begun working on a couple of special exhibits to supplement our wonderful collection of Island memorabilia.

Last month we sent a mailing to all members, telling them about the opportunity we have to pay off the land contract on our building and save thousands of dollars on the remaining balance. You have responded to the call, and donations are arriving every day to help us meet our goal of paying off the building in early 2016. If all goes well we will be celebrating at the Museum on Memorial Day weekend. Mark your calendar and join us.

This month the Board of Directors is working on a calendar of events for 2016. You will receive a copy of the new calendar in our membership renewal mailing due out by February. One item already on the calendar for 2016 is Tashmoo Days and Nights scheduled for Saturday July 16. Save the date.

Every year we hold an election, per our by-laws, to fill Director positions on our Board. The February mailing will include a nomination form for those positions. If you are interested in serving as a Board Member, please include your name on the nomination form.

I would like to encourage every member to volunteer a few hours at the Museum this summer. We will be holding a brief training session at the Museum in the spring to show members the duties of volunteers such as opening and closing the Museum and how to log sales from the Museum Shoppe. There will also be orientation to the exhibits and history of the Island. While on duty volunteers will have time to greet friends and tourists and enjoy our exhibits. It is a fun, entertaining and educational day. In this newsletter you will find a form to choose the days you wish to volunteer. Please complete and return the form now to let us know when you can help.

As I take office this month as the new President of The Society, I would like to thank Bernardo Licata for his service as President during the past four years, as he moves to the position as Chairman of the Board. Bernardo's energy and enthusiasm has led us from being a fledgling organization with lots of ideas and goals to a well-established and financially stable Historical Society with a Museum and full calendar of annual events. I would also like to thank our first President, Gary Grout who now steps down from his position as Chairman. Gary led the organization from its initial meeting in December 2009 until 2012 and has served as Chairman until today.

Bob Williams



Join us on Facebook!

Own Our Museum Campaign

Harsens Island (December 13, 2015): Society Members and Directors gathered Sunday December 13 to conduct a PHONE-A-THON and contact all Society Members to alert them of the opportunity for our: **Own Our Building Campaign.**

The day was a success. The group gathered contacted nearly 90% of our Members that day and were able to fully utilize the committed 'matching-funds'.

All who participated *found a quiet corner* of the house to make phone calls and keep records of our activities.



Annual Cookie Sale

...another successful and fun event

Harsens Island, December 5, 2015:

The Annual Cookie Sale at the Museum brought a hundred or more different types of cookies to the Museum to be sold. It was a fun day and folks came to fill a tin or two of scrumptious holiday treats. There were many cookies to choose from representing many family traditions.

The Museum had the wonderful aroma of a bakery/sweet shop on a Sunday morning.

The funds raised are dedicated to the Building-Fund. Below are a few photos of the sweet-treats available.



Setting-up: Sandy, Joan and Nancy



Members and Friends selecting cookies to fill their tins.

Make a New-Year Resolution...

...become a VOLUNTEER in 2016

YES, I would like to Volunteer at the Museum on the weekend days circled below or Tashmoo Days / Nights:
(Orientation scheduled for Spring 2016)

Circle the dates you would like to Volunteer:

May:
28 29 30 (Full Day Half Day)

June:
4 5 11 12 18 19 25 26 (Full Day Half Day)

July:
2 3 4 9 10 16 17 23 24 30 31 (Full Day Half Day)
16 Tashmoo Days & Nights (This is a really FUN event to volunteer for...)

August:
6 7 13 14 20 21 27 28 (Full Day Half Day)

September:
3 4 5 10 11 17 18 24 25 (Full Day Half Day)

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.



Learn more about the History of Harsens Island and the Flats...join the 'Success-Volunteers'

Complete the form and mail to PO Box 44 or phone Nancy Boulton at: 810-748-3802



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Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society 2016 Calendar of Events

subject to change

Members are welcome to attend any Board Meeting listed as Board/Membership Meeting
(Location may change - See our website at: HarsensIslandHistory.org for latest information)

Museum Hours

January, February, March, April- CLOSED - Open by Appointment only

May - Saturdays - 10 AM - 3 PM and Sunday's - Noon - 4 PM

June, July, August, September - 2nd Friday's - 6 PM - 8 PM

Saturday's - 10 AM - 3 PM and Sunday's - Noon - 4 PM

Winter Hours- By Appointment: Phone a Board Member

January 9th : Saturday - 10:30 AM Board/Membership Meeting at the Museum

February 1st : 10:30 AM - Nominations open for two Board positions:
Robert Williams & Nancy Bonacquisti