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HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Pie Sale ...Oct. 8

The Museum will be a beautiful place to be October 8. The aroma of fresh baked pies and friendly conversation will fill the air from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Come, donate a pie and/or buy a pie and visit with friends and neighbors; and, enjoy your Museum. *See you there.*

Lecture Series "Island Stories"

"Local History by Local Islanders"

by: Gary Grout

If you were not one of the 60 who attended the "Island Stories" lecture at the School House Grill Saturday September 17, you missed the event of a life time.

Our four speakers, Nancy Streit, John Cameron, Dan Persyn and Wayne Yax, entertained the audience with their stories of growing up on Harsens Island for a little over an hour.

The four long-time Islanders answered questions from the audience, which proved to be most entertaining and informative. The lecture was so successful that The Society will schedule a similar event again next year with a new group of speakers.

For those of you who missed the Lecture program, The Society is producing a DVD that is expected to be available before the Holidays.

The Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society and I personally thanks each of the speakers for their time and their interesting stories.

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2017 Harsens Island Visitor's Map

... Correction to September Article

The Article announcing the 2017 Harsens Island Visitors Map 'correction' is as follows:

The Pages editor has been working remotely the last couple months and did not clearly understand the Map, its origins or how The Society is to be involved with its distribution.

More specifically, the *Williams Family* has been gracious enough to 'create' and 'publish' a 2017 Map of the Island; and, donate their work to The Society. The new Maps will be available for distribution thru The Historical Society and all profits from sale of the maps will enure to The Society. The Board has approved and is grateful for this generous donation. The *Williams Family* has also assured that the map project will be guaranteed to be 'no-loss' to The Society or Museum.

For those of you who missed the details of the advertising opportunities available, they are as follows:

The map will include a list of community services and businesses on the island that are *providing services to visitors.*

- All public roads and major waterways on and around Harsens Island and the St. Clair Flats will be shown and labeled, and
- Lighthouses, cell towers, church spires, channel markers and some other navigation aids will be shown for general guidance to boaters.

Additional information on the map will include:

- *Things to do on Harsens Island,*
- *Things you should know about the island,*
- *Phone Numbers* and
- *Annual Events.*

Business members of the Historical Society will have their business address, phone number, e-mail and website referenced and will be eligible to purchase a display AD to provide more information to visitors.

The map will be 22" x 17" folded twice down to a finished size of 11" x 8.5" and will be available for \$3 each.

Copies of the rough draft of the map and advertising information are available now at the Historical Museum in Sans Souci. Each Historical Society Member can pick one up at no cost. We would appreciate receiving comments and corrections for the map up until November 6.

Any business wishing to become a member of the Historical Society to have the details of their business included on the map, or wishing to place a display AD, should contact the Historical Society by that date.

If you would like to provide corrections in person or discuss a 'business membership' or an AD, a representative will be available at the museum from Noon to 1pm on September 17, October 8 and November 6. The finished map is planned to be available January 1, 2017. This map is intended to inform visitors of all that is available on the Island; and, will provide a record or "snapshot" of the Island and Flats as it is now to keep in the archives of the Historical Society.

If you have questions about the 2017 Visitor's Map please contact Bob Williams at 248-388-0465 or xharpspah@aol.com

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Message from the President

Hi All,

If you were at the Turkey Shoot Labor Day parade you saw our 1963 Harsens Island Rescue Car leading the procession. A special thanks to Andy Waller and Andy Wrobel for all of the time they spend keeping it looking good and in fine running shape.

Museum weekend hours are now concluded for this year, however, our museum director, Nancy Boulton, says that if she has hosts available she will try to have it open on October weekend days when the weather is nice. Also she is always happy to open it by appointment.

In September we held our first genealogy workshop. We had nine people come to learn about how to investigate their family trees with traditional methods and using the Internet. There was interest expressed in continuing workshops on the topic next year.

The September lecture on “Island Stories” was very well attended with about 60 folks coming to hear four long time island residents tell stories about the island. We had only 30 who pre-registered, seats for about 45 and had to squeeze in 15 more chairs at the last minute to accommodate the large crowd. Unfortunately, we could not make room for the last few people who came without pre-registering. We encourage everyone to pre-register in the future to make sure they get a seat. For those who were unable to attend you will be happy to hear that the session was video-recorded and a DVD is being produced for future sale. We will announce in the newsletter when the DVD’s are ready and where they can be purchased.

We have the pie sale coming up at the museum Saturday, October 8 for 10 am to 3 pm, however, the sale usually ends early, when the pies are gone. This is always a popular event and the success of this fundraiser is an important part of balancing our budget for the year. If you are donating a pie, please bring it to the museum between 9:15 and 9:30 am on Oct. 8. If you are not donating a pie you can do your part by coming to the sale to purchase one.

The 2017 Harsens Island Visitor’s Map rough draft is getting good reviews from members. We appreciate all the comments and corrections that have come in. If you know of anyone who intends to advertise on the map they should contact me as soon as possible at 248-388-0465 or xharpspah@aol.com. At this point 90% of the advertising space is already spoken for.

The Board is already planning for next year. The new officers have been elected for 2017. Bob Williams, President; Nancy Boulton, First VP; Sue Wrobel, 2nd VP; Nancy Bonacquisti, Secretary and Joyce Hassen, Treasurer. Bernardo Licata will continue as Chairman of the Board. Committees are already being appointed for next year including one to begin planning a special exhibit for 2017. Our “Prohibition” exhibit in 2015 and “Freighters, Steamships and Sails” this year were both well received and we will be working hard to maintain the trend.

Cheers,

Bob Williams, President



Join us on Facebook!

The Lecture Series Continues...

... Last Lecture of the 2016 Season is Scheduled for October 29:

Mark your calendar and do not miss: ***“Unique Ships of the Great Lakes”*** presented by Joel Stone, Curator of the Detroit Historical Society and the Dossin Museum. Joel’s lecture session will highlight ***‘...Practical Ships Designed for Practically Every Need’***. If you have attended past lectures by Joel Stone, you will be anxious to return to enjoy the engaging style of his presentation and the incredible content. The Society is honored to host Mr. Stone this October. Remember, October 9, at 3:00 PM, Harsens Island Schoolhouse Grille.

The massive Freshwater Seas represent a unique nautical environment. One that is unlike anything else in the world. From the beginning of transport on the Great Lakes, sailors and transport companies have learned and adapted their craft to the conditions they encountered. From transporting people to products that range from timber to taconite, sand and stone to grain; and, all manner of goods from containers to windmills, the ingenuity, engineering genius and manufacturing innovation has resulted in vessels not found on other waterways in the world. The *Ships* that ply the *Great Lakes* are *Designed and Particularly Unique to serve Practically Every Need* of transport in the environment they serve.

Come learn about this interesting transition and application of technology that has been applied over the years, whether to massive freighters or fast speedboats. Joel Stone will enlighten and delight you with knowledge and a bit of history. The Society sincerely appreciates Mr. Stone’s continued support.

Please make a reservation as seating is limited. You may confirm a seat by phone or e-mail to Chuck Miller at: 810-748-7209 or cmiller5179@gmail.com . We hope to see you there on October 29.

Lecture Series: “Island Stories” ...Local History by Local Islanders

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Photos extracted from the Video Recording:



Charles Miller Introduces Panel:



Wayne Yax, John Cameron, Dan Persyn and Nancy Streit



John Cameron & Nancy Streit



Dan Persyn



John Cameron

Freighters Steamships and Sails – Special Exhibit for 2016

...will be returning loaned ‘ship models’

If you’ve not had an opportunity to visit the Special Exhibit you may wish to do so soon. Ship models loaned to the Museum will be returned to their owners at the end of October.

The Society wishes to thank all who have enhanced the exhibit with their incredible models. A special thanks goes out to Karen and Frank Schoonover for the loan of the Tashmoo and Wyandotte models; and Mary Reed Lewis for her donation of the Atlantic Huron and Wilfred Sykes models, that her father Harry built, to the Museum; and, we thank the folks who loaned ‘Shipping Line’ flags to the exhibit.

The Society also wishes to thank all those who contributed to the success of this year’s exhibit and especially those who did the planning and hard work to make it happen. Top of the list is our director and model maker Chuck Miller and the exhibit team of Marie and John Eidt, David Addy and Nancy Boulton.



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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

October

1st – Saturday - 10:30 AM – Board/Membership Meeting at the Museum

8th – Saturday – 10 – 3 PM - Pie Sale at Museum

29th – Saturday – 3:00 PM - Lecture series – Joel Stone, Detroit Historical Society

Topic: ***“Unique Ships of the Great Lakes”***

November

No events scheduled for November – Happy Thanksgiving

December

3rd - Saturday – 10 – 3 PM – Holiday Cookie Sale at Museum