

# The SOCIETY

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HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Museum Happenings – Winter 2017...

### Museum Special Exhibit...

Your Museum team is working on a new Special Exhibit for 2017. Its focus will be "Hunting and Sport Fishing". The Island and Flats have been a mecca for sportsmen for many generations dating back to our native ancestors who lived and survived off the lands and waters that make up the delta; and more recently since the likes of Henry Ford I and his friends Thomas Edison and Freddy Firestone fished and hunted on these lands and waters. (They were some of the 'first-members' of what is now the "Old-Club". The Museum staff is busy reconfiguring the museum to reflect the rich history of these activities on Harsens and The Flats.

Many fish have been caught and many ducks and deer have been harvested on these waters and lands. Visit the Museum this season to learn more of the history of hunting and fishing around Harsens and The Flats.

If you have an interest in becoming a team member or if you have artifacts such as hunting or fishing equipment like duck decoys, old shotguns, rods & reels, lures, or even 'fish-stories or hunting stories' that may be of interest to enhance this special exhibit, please contact Nancy Boulton at: 810-748-3802 or [nboulton@att.net](mailto:nboulton@att.net).

### Archiving and Computer Database Access...

By: Nancy Boulton, Curator

This past winter, the Historical Society have been putting articles and old photos into books. Hope when we open up in the spring you may come into the museum and enjoy looking through articles on people, business, school and more information on the island. Some articles go back as far as nineteen hundred. You can learn of the Harsen family, old freighters and just so many more interesting topics. Be sure to make it a special day to stop in to view these books.

In addition to our completion of the organization of the articles, photos and memorabilia into binders available in the museum, we have also been working on the development of an on-line research library composed of articles, books and special links that can be readily accessed through our website. The material is selected on the basis of its relevance to Harsens Island and the Flats.

Two current postings include:

Ainslee's Magazine, Feb. 1902, vol 9. *The Great Lakes*, ppg. 483-494. Excellent historical narrative with emphasis on the Flats. Photos.

*Summer Days on the Route of the Star-Cole and White Star Line's Steamers. 1897.* Wonderful booklet, developed by the White Star Lines, describing the many attractions to be seen on their transit of the St. Clair River.

We suggest that you use Google Chrome (free browser) to access the adobe files.

This effort is in its early stages, and we urge everyone to provide us feedback on your success in accessing the site.

### Help Grow Society Membership:

**...Encourage a Family Member, Friend or Neighbor to Become a Member of The Society in 2017:**

**"It's easy":**

- Go to the following URL: <http://stewartfarm.org/hiscfhs/docs/memberapp.pdf> at the Historical Society Website
- Print the Membership Application.
- Fill it out; and,
- Mail it to: PO Box 44  
Harsens Island, MI 48028

**BENEFITS to Members are numerous. Contact a Board Member or attend the next meeting.**

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### Message from the President:

Hi All,

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank Bernardo and Nancy Licata for their many years of service to the Society. They have been members since its inception and have served as Board members and officers as well as serving on a variety of committees including Chairing Tashmoo Days events and taking the lead in obtaining our museum building. The Licatas have chosen to resign their positions on the Board due to other personal commitments.

Luckily for our society we have some dedicated, hard-working volunteers who are now willing to step in to fill the vacancies on the Board. The Board has made the following appointments.

To complete Nancy Licata's term on the Board – Donna Krispen

To complete Bernardo Licata's term on the Board – Corrine Trexler

To fill the position of Chairman of the Board – Gary Grout (past President and past Chairman of the Board)

We now have a complete nine-member board and can get to work on plans for 2017.

To start with, we need to fill a few other vacancies. We need a publicity chairperson, a newsletter editor, an oral history chairperson and a membership chairperson. The membership person should have access to, and some experience with, a spreadsheet program such as Microsoft Excel which is helpful in maintaining our membership list. The newsletter editor should have some experience with a word processing program such as Microsoft WORD which they can use to create and edit the newsletter. If you would be interested in any of these positions, please contact Bob Williams at 248-388-0465 or [xharpspah@aol.com](mailto:xharpspah@aol.com).

In the meantime, work is underway for our summer of 2017 special exhibit on the history of hunting and sport fishing on the Flats. Stay tuned for details as the exhibit begins to take shape.

Bob Williams  
President



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## Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society 2017 Calendar – 12/23/16

TBD = to be determined

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.

Museum hours - Jan, Feb, March, April – closed – open by appointment

May 27 – Saturday – 11:30 AM – 3 PM

June, July, Aug, Sept. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday 6 – 8 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 3 PM and Sunday Noon – 4 PM

Oct, Nov, Dec – closed – open by appointment and for Pie and Cookie sales.

- Jan. - 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday – 10:30 AM - Board/**Membership meeting** at the Museum
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Nominations begin for board election to positions held by Nancy Licata and Sue Wrobel.
- April - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday – 10:30 AM – Board/**Membership meeting** at the Museum
- May - 6<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 10:30 AM – Board/**Membership meeting** at the Museum
- TBD - 20<sup>th</sup>? – Saturday – 3:00 PM - Lecture series at Schoolhouse Grille
- 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday – 3:00 PM – Museum host orientation 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 the public – 11 AM at the Museum
- TBD - 17<sup>th</sup>? - Saturday – 3:00 PM - Lecture series at Schoolhouse Grille
- July - 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday – 10:30 AM – Board/**Membership meeting** at the Museum
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Social hour – 6 to 8 PM at the Museum
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday – Tashmoo Nights
- August- 5th - 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. Election results announced
- Sept. - 8th – Friday – Social hour – 6 to 8 PM at the Museum
- TBD – 16<sup>th</sup>? – Saturday – 3:00 PM - Lecture series - at Schoolhouse Grille
- Oct. - 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 10 – 3 PM (or when we run out) - Pie Sale at the Museum
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 10:30 AM – Board/**Membership meeting** at the Museum
- TBD - 28<sup>th</sup>? – Saturday – 3:00 PM - Lecture series – at Schoolhouse Grille
- Dec. - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday – 10 AM– 3 PM (or when we run out) - Cookie Walk at the Museum
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 10:30 AM – Board Meeting at Museum

### *2017 Calendar Updates and Revisions:*

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 3:00 PM - Lecture series – Tony Gramer at Schoolhouse Grille. “Great Lakes Wrecks”



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

*subject to change*

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(Location may change – See our website at: [HarsensIslandHistory.org](http://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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** (see page 2 for phone numbers)

### March

No Events Scheduled for March

### April

No Events Scheduled for April