



Two of the most recognized holidays occur in May; Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Mother's Day celebrates motherhood and it is a time to appreciate mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, and mother figures.

The origin of Mother's Day is attributed to different people. Some believe that in 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother. She also organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. Anan Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized.



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Memorial Day commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers who died during the American Civil War.



<https://www.dreamstime.com>

Source: <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us>

### *Message from the President . . .*

Hi All,

#### *Proposed Museum Addition and Steam Whistle Project*

On Memorial Day weekend we are planning a celebration of the completion of our Steam Whistle project. Last week Bobby Bryson was working on some of the final piping and hook up needed for it to be fully functional for our celebration. Thank you, Bobby and our members John Eidt and Tom Hellstrom for your continued support of this project.

The Memorial Day celebration hopefully will include a groundbreaking for our new exhibit room addition. We will also be kicking off a fundraiser to help finance some items needed in addition to the basic building shell which is being funded by a generous contribution from the estate of Clayton Evans.

#### *Membership Renewal*

Most of the membership renewals have now been received. Thank you to so many of you for returning them promptly. If you have not returned your renewal yet, please try to do it in the next couple of weeks; it will save Terry Wiggins, our membership director, from having to send out a reminder. Also, if you have a life membership, you do not need to return anything unless your contact information has changed. If you did not return your renewal and are not sure where you put it, feel free to send in your payment with the form found at the end of this newsletter.

#### *School Class Visits on the Schedule*

Though the museum is still closed for the season we already have four school classes from Algonquin Elementary School scheduled to visit on June 7 and June 10. Thank you to Corinne, Chuck, Chris and

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Ellen for volunteering to be our docents for these visits. If you would like to volunteer to help during those class visits, please call Corinne Trexler at 810-512-4675.

If you have a group who would like to visit, we can make special arrangements to have it opened, please call Chuck Miller at 810-643-1150.

Bob Williams, President  
(xharpspah@aol.com)

### Freighter Cuisine

As the Memorial Weekend "Blow Off Some Steam" Event draws closer, I am becoming more and more curious about life on a freighter. While doing some research in the museum library I found a cookbook. It is a collection of recipes from actual menus from Great Lakes Freighters. I thought, wouldn't it be fun to host a freighter themed party and serve food that freighter crews have eaten too.

Below is an excerpt from the cookbook and a recipe that is easy to prepare and cook.

Ships of the Great Lakes Cookbook – Discover Their Culinary Legends  
Researched and Written by PK McKenna  
Published by Creative Characters Publishing Group -2001

"What is it about Great Lakes ships that we find so captivating? These vessels are fondly named, christened, bid bon voyage from docks filled with excited onlookers and welcomed home with equal fanfare. They are photographed, sketched, painted, written about and their passage faithfully followed from shore by millions of loyal ship watchers. They become "ours." When our magnificent ships are retired, we go to great lengths in preserving their memories and their well-earned place in the region's rich maritime history. And rightfully so, as most of the dependable grand ships that sail the unpredictable waters of the Great Lakes.

Equally captivating are the sailors of the Great Lakes . . . a rare breed, and as legendary in their own right as ships they sail. We marvel at their courage, worry for their safety and pray for their quick return. Their loyalty and devotion to their ships and each other form a bond seldom seen between co-workers today. Shipmates become family for over nine months a year, depending on each other for friendship, encouragement, safety and even their lives.

One of the favorite members of every ship's crew has always been the steward. Seven days a week, from sun up to sun down, the steward can be found in the ship's galley preparing meals also legendary in their own right. Fantastic homemade meals, each prepared from scratch and each offering a feast to satisfy even the heartiest of appetites are common fare aboard ships that sail the Great Lakes. The aroma of freshly baked breads and rolls fills the galley early each morning, followed shortly thereafter by the bustle of chickens, steaks and seafood being prepared for the noon meal. Fresh salads and other crew favorites stand ready for the asking. As you will soon discover, Great Lakes sailors eat well!"

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Recipe from M.V. Paul R. Tregurtha - Garlic-Rosemary Roasted Chicken (Page 215)

1 (5 to 6 lbs.) roasting chicken  
 1 Tbsp. rosemary, chopped  
 8 garlic cloves, crushed  
 8 med. red onions  
 2 whole garlic heads  
 2 tsp. olive oil  
 Fresh rosemary (optional)

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Remove giblets and neck from chicken; discard. Rinse chicken under cold water and pat dry; trim excess fat. Starting at neck cavity, loosen skin from breast and drumsticks by inserting fingers and gently pushing between the skin and meat. Place chopped rosemary and crushed garlic cloves beneath the skin on breasts and drumsticks. Lift wing tips up and over back; tuck under chicken. Place chicken, breast up, on broiler pan. Cut thin slice from the end of each onion. Remove white papery skins from garlic; do not peel or separate cloves. Cut tops off garlic, leaving root end intact. Brush onions and garlic with olive oil. Arrange onions and garlic around chicken. Insert meat thermometer into meaty part of thigh, making sure not to touch the bone. Bake at 450 degrees 30 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees and bake an additional 1 hour and 15 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 180 degrees. Discard skin.

Makes 8 servings

Spread roasted garlic on French bread

Perky Prudence



Is Getting Married?

Perky Prudence is  
 marrying her  
 childhood sweetheart  
 Lovelorn Louie

Saturday, June 8 at 6:30 PM

Harsens Island Lions Hall

Tickets \$20 (includes dinner)

Beer and Wine available for purchase

## Sharing Stories

By Chris Knight

Before there was Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, television, film, radio, and the printed word, people shared stories through storytelling. It is in our nature to want to share our history, a happy occasion, a tragic incident, or a common experience. Storytelling part of every family. For generations, families have passed stories by word of mouth. And through time details are lost or added, there is exaggeration, or even embellishments to make a point. Sometimes we are fortunate enough to have a family member who has written down these stories. That is what the Harsens Island Museum is all about . . . capturing those stories before they are lost. No story is too small or insignificant. While we are collecting stories about island events and island families we would also like to hear funny anecdotes. You know, those stories that come out when the family is gathered around the dinner table or the bonfire. They usually begin with "Remember when".

Here is a cute and funny example of an anecdote that was shared on NextDoor, February of 2017 when remembering Andy Wrobel. This was the exchange between Sheila Cates and Mike D'Angelo.



### The Story About the Lost Nose

Back in 1971, when Sheila Cates was a little girl, her dad was pulling into the Four Winds with his boat. Sheila jumped onto the land before the boat was tied up. Her dad was really mad at her. He had told her the week before that a guy did that and knocked off his nose right off on a piling! Well, while Sheila's parents were having their libation hour at the Four Winds, Sheila spent the entire time looking on the lawn for the guy's nose. Through the years Sheila thought the lost nose was a scare tactic used by her dad, so she would not jump off the boat. In 2017, Sheila found out the story was true (with a bit of exaggeration by Sheila's dad).

D'Angelo who worked with Andy Wrobel at the Four Winds confirmed the story. What happened was that Andy was tying up a boat, and in order to swing a bigger boat around the canal you had to loop around the springer with one line and then the captain would maneuver a turn with one engine. The line slipped, and the springer came back and flattened Andy's nose. Andy ended up going to the hospital for a few days, and he looked like a racoon, with black eyes and a wrapped nose.



Contact our curator, Chuck Miller, to arrange for a visit.

(cmiller5179@gmail.com)

## Curator's Corner

By Chuck Miller

I am asking all our members to consider contributing to our newsletter by contributing a story relating to interesting island events that may have occurred in their family. Submit them in word (.doc) format or just write them down and send them to me with pictures. If you want help crafting the story, contact me and we'll work it up together.

There are great stories out there! Help me capture them!



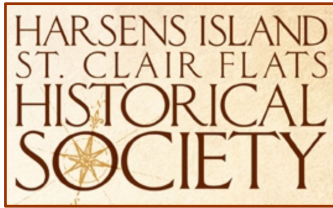
### Harsens Island Historical Society Calendar 2019

Date	Day	Time	Event
May 4	Saturday		Board / Membership Meeting at Museum
May 25 - 27	Saturday	11:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Steam Whistle Dedication and Building Addition ground breaking ceremony
	Sunday	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Memorial Weekend Museum Open House
	Monday	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	
June 1	Saturday	9:30 AM	Museum Host Orientation at Museum
June 1	Saturday	10:30 AM	Board / Membership Meeting at Museum
June 1	Saturday	3:00 PM	Museum Host Orientation at Museum
June 14	Friday	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Social Hour
July 6	Saturday	10:30 AM	Board / Membership Meeting at Museum
July 12	Friday	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Social Hour
August 3	Saturday	5:30 PM	Board Meeting/Dinner at Board member's home
August 9	Friday	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Social Hour
August 17	Saturday	4:30 PM	Wine and Appetizers at Museum
		5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Annual Membership Meeting at Museum
		6:00 PM	Board Meeting to Elect 2019 Officers
September 13	Friday	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Social Hour
October 5	Saturday	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Pie Sale at Museum
October 12	Saturday	10:30 AM	Board / Membership Meeting at Museum
December 7	Saturday	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Cookie Walk at Museum
December 14	Saturday	10:30 AM	Board Meeting at Museum



### Museum Hours

<b>Memorial Weekend May 25 – 27</b>
Saturday 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Sunday 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Monday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
<b>Summer Schedule (June, July, August)</b>
Thursdays and Fridays 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Second Fridays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturdays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sundays 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
<b>Winter Schedule (October through April)</b>
Closed but Open by appointment



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**HISCFHS Board of Directors**

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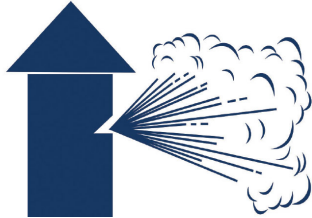
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Come and Help Us  
**Blow Off Some Steam**

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 AM – 3:30 PM**



Pulled Pork Sliders  
Coleslaw  
Refreshments  
Desserts

**Raffle - \$1 per Ticket**  
Win a chance to blow the steam whistle  
4 Chances to Win – Noon, 1, 2 and 3 pm  
Historical Society Members receive 5  
Free Tickets (pick up at event)

Need to be present to win  
New tickets for each drawing

## Membership Application 2019

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Annual Dues:</u>		<u>Life-time Dues</u>	
{ } Individual (1 Member Only)	\$20.00	_____ Life Individual	\$300.00
{ } Family (1-2 Adults plus children under 18 years)	\$30.00	_____ Life Family	\$500.00
{ } Business	\$50.00		

**BUILDING ADDITION DONATION: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER DONATION: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

If desired, please specify use: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_