OUR MISSION

The Harbor Springs Area Historical Society connects learning about the past with appreciating the present by preserving our histories and traditions thereby deepening our shared connection to this special place.
**Putting the story back in history**

History never looks like history when you are living through it. 

*John W. Gardner*

Not only did I have the good fortune to grow up in Harbor Springs, the best place on earth, but I also had a next-door neighbor who was a hall of famer. My entire childhood, our neighbor was Jean Smith who lived in the farmhouse across the street from ours.

As a little girl, I had no idea about Jean’s career stats or the fact that she broke barriers as a member of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. I fondly remember her as a good neighbor who once rescued a baby raccoon she called Ossaboo and was more often driving her John Deere than her car. As there were not many neighbors in our Five Mile Creek neighborhood, trick-or-treating usually meant heading over to Jean’s house, the only place within walking distance. One Halloween, there was a figure sitting in a chair outside her house. It was dark but I was convinced the figure was just a scarecrow that Jean had concocted for the occasion. Jean was probably waiting for us inside… with the treats! Well, the little Cummings girls got tricked that year. As it turned out, the motionless figure was Jean and, boy, we were scared! I’m sure screaming ensued, maybe some laughter.

I don't normally use this space to remember community members who have passed because there are so many great lives worth celebrating. But Jean’s passing in March came just as we were working on a list of potential interviewees for our revitalized oral history program. I can’t help but think that Jean Smith should have been on that list. And not because of her accomplishments, which were great, but because her experiences and her stories told in her voice would have been another thread preserved in the fabric of our community.

As the Historical Society partners with the high school’s National Honor Society students to record oral histories in the community, I hope you’ll considering being on that list or, at the very least, consider recording a loved one or a neighbor. Your voice, your stories are important. You have something to say about the time you grew up, whether a decade or decades ago. Your stories capture something that no history book can, and although folks often reply, ‘I don’t know if I’d have anything interesting to say,’ I assure you, you do.

One need not be a hall of famer, a leading scorer, have a prestigious title or a special background to have stories worth preserving. Unique personal stories that come from your experiences, told in your voice—those stories are part of our collective history. Help us in our efforts to preserve that history and share your voice.

Mary Cummings, Executive Director

**On the Cover:**

What’s this, you ask? The Historical Society is proud to unveil our new mission statement. Why put it on the cover our newsletter? Because our organization’s mission is front and center in everything we do from programs to collections, events, exhibits and fundraising. Our previous mission statement was as old as our organization and at the age of 21, we were ready to reevaluate and better define the organization we’ve become. Look for this statement both in print and also embodied in the great programs and exhibits we bring to the Harbor Springs community.
Harbor History Talks—Great topics ahead!

Our 2011 Harbor History Talks continue with a host of great topics and speakers. These programs are typically held the third Thursday of each month (with occasional special dates) and are designed to promote local history or historical experiences of local residents in an interesting and educational format. Refreshments are served at every talk!

On April 21 at 7:00 pm, we will learn more about Company K of the First Michigan Sharpshooters which served during the Civil War. This oft forgotten group has been described as the largest American Indian company serving with the Union armies east of the Mississippi. Eric Hemenway from the local Odawa tribe has been working on repatriation of remains of Company K soldiers. As the nation commemorates the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War in 2011, we hope you'll join us to learn more about our northern connection—the soldiers of Company K.

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A big thank you to our past presenters including Robert Clarke who gave a great presentation about the history of banking in Harbor Springs; genealogist Carol McWain Goodenough who had great tips for starting your own genealogical journey; and our March Madness crew of Tom Burley, David Ketterer, Sue (Carpenter) Moore, Gary Morse, Bryan Lauer and Jeri (Paige) Wilson. Thank you to all of you for sharing your time and your stories!

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Any changes or additions to these schedules will be updated on our website and in our next quarterly newsletter.

Pier hosts HSAHS Spring Fundraiser, April 29

The Harbor Springs Area Historical Society is once again partnering with The Pier Restaurant in Harbor Springs to hold a spring fundraiser. Please join us Friday, April 29, 2011 from 6-9 pm for the silent auction and a delectable dinner (rocky road brownies are rumored to be the dessert this year!). Dinner is $25 per person. This year, reservations are being accepted by the Historical Society and are appricated by Tuesday, April 26.

As in years past, we are seeking unique items to be included in the auction. Please contact Melanie Meengs at the Historical Society office if you have an item to donate, and to make your reservation for the event, at (231) 526-9771.
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The Offield Family Foundation
Marty and Lisa Sutter

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Tracy and Dick Hirrel
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The Historical Society has partnered with Network for Good to receive online donations through their secure server. If you would like to join or renew your existing membership online, please visit our website and look for the little blue button that says “Donate Now.” Please note that your credit card statement will read Network for Good, but your donation will be directed to the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society.

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One more name of note...

We are happy to introduce Barbara Justice, our new office manager here at the Historical Society. Barb joined our staff in February and we are thrilled to have her here.

Barb brings extensive accounting experience in both the profit and non-profit worlds. In addition to knowing her numbers, Barb is also a gardener and a jewelry and glass designer. Barb and her husband Jeff, both avid runners, live in Topinabee with their two dogs, Buster and Frank.

The next time you’re at the museum, please stop by our staff office and say hello!
With a great schedule of events and activities for the months ahead, the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society relies on volunteers to make each of these events a success. And with a variety of activities, we think we have just the right volunteer opportunity for you.

Throughout the year, the History Museum is in need of volunteers to help manage the front desk during museum hours. You will greet friends and neighbors, and welcome new visitors, while you introduce them to this beautiful old building in downtown Harbor Springs. We offer a volunteer training session and staff support during every volunteer shift. Our shifts are only for a few hours at a time so there will still be plenty of hours left in your day to tackle your to-do list.

Another great volunteer opportunity is to help with our various events including our monthly Harbor History Talks, our summer open house and our Heirloom Discovery Weekend. If hospitality is your interest, we would love your help setting up refreshments and welcoming attendees at these various events.

We are also filling volunteers slots for our October 1 lighthouse tour. We are in need of docents and room monitors the day of the tour. We have half-day shifts available (morning or afternoon) and, as always, we offer training for these positions.

If you are interested in other types of volunteer positions with the historical society, please let us know. We are also happy to train the right volunteers to work on collections cataloging—computer experience is required.

The success of our museum relies on the presence of volunteers so please give serious consideration to lending a few hours of your time each month to the Harbor Springs History Museum.

Call (231) 526-9771 or stop by the museum to learn more about how you can help.

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**Heirloom Discovery Weekend**

We are happy to present our second Heirloom Discovery Weekend following last year’s very successful event.

Our popular Benefit Antiques Sale and Appraisal Day are coming back to Harbor Springs! The HSAHS will once again be hosting an Appraisal Day at the Harbor Springs History Museum on **Friday, August 5, 2011**. We have asked DuMouchelle Galleries of Detroit to be on hand to appraise your family treasures.

The historical society has also extended the Benefit Antiques Sale to a two-day event. Mary Cay Jones, owner of the historic Shay House, has generously allowed the HSAHS to display your vintage collectibles or antiques in that unique setting so they may be sold on **Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6, 2011**. Profits from the sale will be shared equally by the seller and the HSAHS. We will begin taking reservations soon for each of these events and more information will be available in our next newsletter and on our website.

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Historical Society wants you!**

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**Artist Ivan Swift subject of next HSAHS exhibit**

Our next exhibit, **Ivan Swift, Artist and Poet**, will feature the life and artistry of this prominent community resident and will open to the public on **Friday, July 29**.

Born in 1873, Ivan Swift has a strong connection to the Harbor Springs community. Ivan graduated from Harbor Springs High School in 1892 and later studied at the Art Institute of Chicago.

The Swift exhibit, installed in our temporary galleries, will include 10-15 pieces of his original artwork on loan to the Historical Society from private collectors. From our collections, we will feature books written and printed here by Mr. Swift bearing his autograph. Also on display will be materials pertaining to Chippewa Cove Woods, the artists’ colony he founded north of Harbor Springs in 1916.

This activity is supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Cheboygan Area Arts Council.

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**Summer Open House July 2**

Mark your calendars! The HSAHS will be hosting its annual summer open house on **Saturday, July 2, 2011** from **10 am to 2 pm**. We will be offering free admission to the Harbor Springs History Museum and are encouraging families to come in and see the interactive, hand-on exhibits designed to be used by guests of all ages. The day will also feature activities for children and lemonade and cookies for everyone.

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**Our current exhibit titled Earl H. Mead, Architect, will be on display through Saturday, July 9, 2011.**
Little Traverse Lighthouse Tour Reservation Form

Name __________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________
City _________________________________ State _______ ZIP _________
Phone _____________________  E-mail ____________________________

Little Traverse Lighthouse Tour Reservation Form

Qty Each TOTAL
COMBINED TICKET— Program (Friday) and Lighthouse Tour (Sat.) $40.00
Lighthouse Tour only (Saturday) $25.00

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Tour Time Preference:
Please indicate first (1), second (2) and third (3) choice below. Requests will be honored in the order received. You will receive written confirmation along with directions and tour guidelines.

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Please make your check payable to HSAHS and send with this form to Harbor Springs Area Historical Society, PO Box 812, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Reservations are non-refundable.

Little Traverse Lighthouse Tour
Saturday, October 1, 2011

A rare opportunity is coming once again to tour the Little Traverse Lighthouse at Harbor Point, Michigan

Reservations are limited so sign up early for this unique opportunity to ride a shuttle through the grounds of the Harbor Point Association and to visit the historic 1884 lighthouse. Ticket price for the tour is $25 per person.

This year, the Harbor Point Association is completing a number of interesting additions to the private lighthouse site. Since the last public tour, portions of the interior have been restored, while some areas are devoted to the history of the lighthouse and the Harbor Point Association which was established in 1878. Original plans of the lighthouse are on display as well as many rare photographs of local maritime activity and social life in the Victorian era.

In addition to the tour, HSAHS is pleased to offer a special presentation given by Terry Pepper, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (GLLKA). Pepper’s program titled Wobbleshanks, Skilly, Beavers and Foxes will be held 5-7 pm, Friday, September 30 at the Harbor Springs History Museum. Scattered with untold hazards, the passage north into the Straits of Mackinac was one of the most treacherous to be found anywhere on the lakes, and is home to one of the most architecturally diverse assemblage of lighthouses in the world. Using a unique combination of historic and recent photographs, his unparalleled knowledge of the subject matter and a liberal dose of energy and humor, Terry Pepper will recount the story of these lights and the dedicated men and women who gave their all to ensure the safety of those at sea. Refreshments will be served. Priority tickets for the program are available in a tour/program combination ticket.

The Little Traverse Lighthouse Tour is sponsored by the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society (HSAHS). All proceeds will support the work of the Historical Society including the Harbor Springs History Museum located at 349 East Main Street.

(231) 526-9771
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We appreciate the continuing support of the Harbor Point Association for their generous permission to offer this tour.
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MUSEUM HOURS
Spring Museum Hours Begin May 6
Friday 11 am-3 pm
Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Summer Museum Hours Begin June 22
Wednesday 11 am-3 pm
Thursday 11 am-3 pm
Friday 11 am-3 pm
Saturday 10 am-2 pm

The Historical Society offices, located on the second floor of the museum building, maintain regular business hours year round.

Tuesday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

The Historical Society will be closed April 4-8 for spring break. We are back Tuesday, April 12!

Admission rates for the museum are
$5 for adults, $3 for students and seniors.
HSAHS members are always free.

Please call for information about group visits or school tours.

Updated news and events are always available on our website:
www.HarborSpringsHistory.org