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.

Reflecting ahead
If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday.
-Pearl S. Buck

Here at the Historical Society, we are in the business of marking milestones, celebrating anniversaries and generally appraising the past. Last year alone, we marked the centenary of the extinction of the passenger pigeon, celebrated the 175th anniversary of noted inventor and resident Ephraim Shay and the 80th anniversary of the Northern Michigan sloop.

This year, it’s our turn. The Harbor Springs Area Historical Society is proudly celebrating our 25th anniversary. On March 6, 1990, seven local residents gathered in their shared interest of preserving our amazing local history, and the Historical Society was born. To mark this milestone, we hosted a wonderful open house in early March and presented a Harbor History Talk with a charming look back at our 25 years.

We have much to celebrate in our brief history. As our current board member Tim Jardine described it, having a museum was “just a dream” in his earlier years of involvement with the Historical Society. Our organization has moved from all-volunteer and seasonal to having a staff of four and a year-round home. More importantly we continue to expand the good work we do. Beyond just preserving attic treasures, we have created dynamic programs and exhibits that connect the past with the present.

Now with those years under our belt, we use this experience to reflect ahead. Take this experience and progress and dream for the opportunities ahead in the next 25, 50, even 75 years. And while we recognize that 25 years is a mere blink of an eye, we believe the stories we save and share and the milestones we mark connect us all to the arc of history and its lessons.

As we move through this anniversary year, we invite you to join us in the celebration. If you’re reading this, you likely know of our programs and activities. Won’t you invite a friend or new neighbor to join us for a Harbor History Talk? Won’t you tell your friends with young kids or grandkids of our museum’s great hands-on activities? Or let your family historian know that we offer free access to Ancestry.com here at the museum.

It is with your help that we have accomplished so much to become history’s home in Harbor Springs. And it is only with your continued support that we forge into the future.

Mary Cummings
Executive Director
Did you know that in the 25 years since the Historical Society was founded we have hosted 54 Harbor History Talks with over 2,700 attendees? We are proud to continue this great series in 2015 with wonderful presenters and topics.

We start things off on April 16 when we welcome Ed Pike of the Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch. Pike will speak about the annual raptor count at the straits and the current state of research and education regarding raptor conservation.

Back by popular demand, we will host a repeat of Rick Wiles’ engaging presentation on the clubs Manitou and Ponytail on Thursday, June 18. Join us to learn about northern Michigan’s most famous speakeasy and the teen club that once hosted the Beach Boys at an engaging talk you won’t want to miss.

In conjunction with our upcoming exhibit, Anishnaabek Art: Gift of the Great Lakes, we are honored to host renowned quill artist Yvonne Walker Keshick on July 16. Keshick will speak about her work as a quill artist and the cultural importance of this art form to the Odawa people.

On August 6, Dave Irish will reprise his talk on the Northern Michigan sloop (or NM). The NM has a rich history which began when the sloop was designed in Harbor Springs in 1934. The NM still has a strong presence in the boating communities of the area and this talk will highlight both the history and current state of the fleet.

On August 27, Cynthia Haynes will join us to talk about her late father, beloved local photographer Virgil D. Haynes, and reflect on his life and work during what would have been his 100th year.

Join us on September 17 when Christine Steensma from the Oden State Fish Hatchery will speak about the hatchery’s history and about early conservation efforts in northern Michigan and the state.

Our Harbor History Talks begin at 5:30 pm and are held in the second-floor Anton Library of the Harbor Springs History Museum. Admission for each talk is $5 for adults and free for HSAHS members. Reservations are strongly encouraged by calling (231) 526-9771.

**Annual Spring Fling Dinner at the Pier, May 15**

A sure sign of spring is our annual Spring Fling dinner at Stafford’s Pier Restaurant! Join us for our tenth annual event on Friday, May 15, at 6:00 pm for appetizers and live music with Herb Glahn. The evening fun will continue with a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Britt and an interactive trivia game with the talented Carol Parker. As the Historical Society is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, Parker’s trivia game will feature some of our organization’s history. (Hint – Read on in this newsletter and you’ll be sure to encounter a few potential trivia answers.)

The cost for our dinner is $30 per person with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Historical Society. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the Historical Society directly at (231) 526-9771.
On Saturday, March 7, the Historical Society held a special open house commemorating our 25th anniversary with free admission, fun crafts and refreshments. Founded in 1990, the society has blossomed from a small, volunteer-run organization with a summer reading room to year-round destination for history programming, exhibits and events held at the Harbor Springs History Museum.

Pictured above enjoying our open house are Judy Cummings (left) and Nancy Gurney. Gurney is one of the seven founders of the Historical Society. Our thanks to everyone who attended and helped us mark the occasion.

The second installment of the Essence of Emmet magazine produced by the Essence of Emmet group (made up of area historical organizations plus Emmet County and its Historical Commission) is now available. This magazine is the second in a four-part historical series that tells the stories of the people and events that shaped Emmet County.

Published in January, this volume covers the period from 1813 to 1917 and highlights treaty settlements, the arrival of the railroad, homesteading and lumbering. To request a complimentary copy of the magazine, contact Beth Anne Eckerle at beckerle@emmetcounty.org or call (231) 348-1704. Two additional volumes will be published in 2016 and 2017.

Blessing of the Fleet & Summer White Party

Summer is just around the corner so save the date for our Third Annual Blessing of the Fleet and Summer White Party on Wednesday evening, June 24, 2015. We will officially launch the summer season with the Blessing of the Fleet, a delightful boat parade on the harbor, open to the public and welcoming all participants. Spectators can gather on the docks and along the shore to watch as vessels of all sizes are blessed for an enjoyable and safe boating season.

Following the Blessing, everyone is welcome to attend the Summer White Party held at the Boathouse of Harbor Springs. Enjoy music, local foods, beers, wines and cocktails as you reconnect with summer friends. Additional ticket details and formal invitations will be out soon so stay tuned!

UPCOMING EXHIBIT HOURS

Spring Hours begin May 1:
Friday - Saturday • 11 am-3 pm

Summer Hours begin June 16:
Tuesday - Saturday • 11 am-3 pm

We are also happy to schedule your visit outside of our exhibit hours. Please call (231) 526-9771 for more information.

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

Admission rates for the museum are $5 for adults, $3 for children and seniors. HSAHS members are always free.
NEW EXHIBIT OPENING JUNE 30

“Anishnaabek Art: Gift of the Great Lakes”

Our newest exhibit, *Anishnaabek Art: Gift of the Great Lakes*, is set to open **Tuesday, June 30**, at the Harbor Springs History Museum. The exhibit showcases Anishnaabek (Odawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi) art from throughout the Great Lakes region, focusing on various media, styles and tribes. The exhibit is being developed primarily from the private Robert W. Streett Collection. An avid collector, Streett will be loaning the majority of the artifacts for this unique exhibit.

Using handcrafted items such as wooden tools, quill boxes, baskets and beadwork, the exhibit will explore the political, religious, cultural, and social changes the Odawa and other native groups navigated throughout their history. The exhibit and accompanying programs will also explore stories of assimilation, forced removal and discrimination as well as the stories of leadership and perseverance in tribal communities.

The exhibit will also feature work from contemporary native artists and artifacts from the Historical Society and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians collections. Plans are currently underway to offer several presentations and workshops on specific types of Native art including quill work and bead work presented by local, traditional artists including Yvonne Walker Keshick and Daniel Chingwa.

HSAHS hosts Northern Michigan History Consortium one-day conference, April 25

The Historical Society is a proud member of the Northern Michigan History Consortium, a grassroots network of history and cultural organizations throughout the eight northernmost counties in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula. As consortium members for many years, we are honored to host its first conference on **Saturday, April 25** from 10:00 am-3:30 pm at the Harbor Springs History Museum.

This one-day conference is open to the public and focuses entirely on community engagement. The keynote speaker for the conference is **Wendy Steele**, Traverse City resident and philanthropist. Steele is the founder of Impact 100, a giving circle created in Cincinnati, Ohio, and since replicated across the country. Steele is also a noted speaker on generosity and was featured in a recent TEDx Talk.

The other guest speaker at the conference is **Andrea Morgan** from the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Morgan is the Docent and Group Tours Senior Coordinator and will be sharing her insights in creating dynamic volunteer programs.

In addition to the guest speakers, the conference will include a panel discussion on successful community engagements efforts. Panelists are consortium members speaking on successful education programs, fundraising appeals, and collaborative community projects. Finally, conference attendees are encouraged to stay after the formal activities have finished for an optional historic walking tour (at no cost) and a casual dinner as a group (individuals pay for their own dinner and beverages).

Cost to attend the conference is **$20** and includes lunch. Please visit northernmichiganhistory.net to learn more and to register for this unique conference. You may also call the Historical Society at (231) 526-9771.

This conference is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and NorthSky Nonprofit Network.
Celebrating 25 years of History’s Home in Harbor Springs

1990

Founded as an area-wide organization dedicated to preserving history, the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society was incorporated and shortly received its status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The HSAHS office was located at Jo Ford Park on East Bay Street where volunteers maintained a reading room each summer.

1992

During the early years, the Historical Society made its home at Jo Ford Park on East Bay Street. The society began its work by hosting small exhibits and collecting artifacts. The early membership drives and raffles were the organization’s primary source of revenue.

2003

The historical society formed a Museum Planning Committee to begin the discussion of museum feasibility. At the same time, the City of Harbor Springs moved to its new City Hall facility on Zoll Street.

2004

In March, the historical society hired its first part-time executive director, Linda Young. In September, the HSAHS commissioned an assessment of the historic City Hall building. In October, the HSAHS and Harbor Springs City Council signed an agreement for long-term lease for the historic City Hall building. This year also marked the organization’s first annual fund appeal, exceeding $17,000 in contributions.

June 21, 2006

The Harbor Springs Area Historical Society publicly launched its capital campaign with a special groundbreaking ceremony.

2005

The HSAHS began the extensive ground work for the future museum. Community members gave input on museum exhibits. The organization hired architectural firm Wigen, Tincknell, Meyer and Associates. A planning grant allowed HSAHS to design and print capital campaign materials and hire support staff. That summer, the quiet portion of the campaign was launched with several early leadership gifts. In addition, the organization hosted several successful events and released its first book titled In All The World, No Place Like This.
October 2006
It’s official—the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society signed a final lease with the City of Harbor Springs for the future museum.

December 5, 2008
The Harbor Springs History Museum opened its doors to visitors for the first time and received rave reviews both for the building renovation and for the new permanent exhibits.

May 15, 2009
The Harbor Springs History Museum was awarded a prestigious building award from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

2007
The stucco had been removed from the building’s exterior and construction commenced.

March 2015
The Harbor Springs Area Historical Society received a special tribute from the State of Michigan on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. The organization hosted an open house celebrating their growth through the years.
Research your family’s history at HSAHS

The Harbor Springs Area Historical Society is dedicated to helping our community connect with their personal history. At the Harbor Springs History Museum we have a dedicated genealogy space with two research computers linked to the website Ancestry.com. The museum has a subscription to the library edition of Ancestry and we offer access to the service free to all of our visitors. We are also happy to provide assistance with using this awesome research tool during your visit.

Are you interested in genealogical research? Would you like to use the free Ancestry.com access and the museum? Please call us at (231) 526-9771 and let us know! We are happy to schedule a time for you to come by and use our research area. We are also planning to host some extended summer hours specifically for genealogy research. If you would be interested in programs, classes or extended hours related to family history research, please give us a call or send us an email at info@harborspringshistory.org.

FROM OUR MUSEUM STORE

Quimper plate features museum building

With our 25th anniversary year in full swing, we are excited to announce a special addition to our museum store. We are pleased to offer these limited-edition, hand-painted Quimper pottery plates featuring an image of the museum building.

This plate was first offered in 2006 as part of Bluff Garden’s annual landmark series. We are excited to have a small quantity of these for sale this year. Each plate is handmade and painstakingly hand-painted in France. Bluff Gardens has been commissioning these special landmark plates for nearly 30 years.

The colorful plate features the image of our building which served as the Harbor Springs City Hall from 1902 until 2003. Perfect as a hostess gift or for anyone with a special connection to Harbor Springs, these plates are sure to disappear quickly!

The plates are being offered at $50 and are only available through the Historical Society. You can order yours by calling us at the Historical Society at (231) 526-9771, or by visiting our museum store.

Not yet here in Harbor Springs—no worries! Order anytime at www.HarborSpringsHistory.org/shop. While you’re online, you can peruse some of our other museum store offerings from the Haynes lithograph series to local books to Harbor Springs postcards and notecards. And remember, Historical Society members get 10 percent off in the museum store (in store and online). Enter coupon code member10 when checking out online.
“Haynes 100” book coming this summer

If you think you are familiar with the range and subject matter in the image collections of Harbor’s beloved photographer Virgil D. Haynes, then a book which is set to launch this summer may surprise you.

Along with Haynes’ daughter Cynthia, the Historical Society will be hosting a presentation of the book, “Virgil D. Haynes 100” at the Shay Hexagon House, Thursday, July 30 - Saturday, August 1, 2015.

The launch event will also include a small photographic show and exhibit in partnership with Cynthia to honor and celebrate what would have been Virgil Haynes’ 100th year.

Cynthia Haynes of Haynes Studio is publishing and presenting this new book showcasing Virgil’s 100 most artful and unexpected photographs, most of which are unknown to his followers. Please stay tuned for more information about this event as the launch date approaches.

Turning Point exhibit moves to new venue

The Historical Society’s 2013-14 temporary exhibit, Turning Point: The War of 1812 from the Native American Perspective has traveled to a new home! The exhibit panels are currently on display at River Raisin National Battlefield Park in Monroe, Michigan. River Raisin is a historical battlefield that is a part of the National Park System and receives thousands of visitors each year including school groups.

We are extremely pleased that our exhibit has an extended life at River Raisin, giving thousands of guests the chance to learn about the impact the War of 1812 had on the Odawa and other tribes native to the Great Lakes.

If you missed seeing Turning Point, you can still find the exhibit’s complete text at www.HarborSpringsHistory.org on our Museum | Temporary Exhibits page.

Site of Hiawatha play to receive marker

Thanks to the efforts of the Petoskey Area Antiques Club, a piece of local history will be remembered. During the early 1900s, Round Lake was the site of the Hiawatha Pageant, a play based on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s epic poem, and a destination for resorters and tourists from around the area. Last year, the Historical Society partnered with the Antiques Club in their efforts to commemorate the site with a Michigan Historical Marker.

Between 1905 and 1917, the Hiawatha Pageant was held on the shores of the inland lake located between Harbor Springs and Petoskey. The pageant was directed and managed by Mr. L. O. Armstrong and originally featured some 75 Ojibwa actors from Canada. Thanks to significant funding and promotion from the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad, the event became a huge hit with upwards of 1,000 people coming daily to watch the performances. On some particularly busy summer weekends the dummy train might have carried as many as 6,000 visitors from Petoskey to the pageant grounds.

Eventually local Odawa actors were hired on as extras in the play and many more set up shops and stands on the pageant grounds. The grounds became a destination with activities including a deer park, restaurant, tea room and water sports like swimming, fishing and canoeing.

In the years after the play was performed on Round Lake, modified versions were also held on Bear River near the Mineral Wells Park in Petoskey, at the Petoskey football stadium and at Ottawa Stadium in Harbor Springs.

The historical marker is currently in production through the Michigan History Foundation. Although we have no confirmed date for its completion, please stay tuned to the Historical Society’s website for updates.

This historical marker project is made possible thanks to support from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and Rotary Club of Petoskey.

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Blessing of the Fleet & Summer White Party

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