

Past Times

THE HARBOR SPRINGS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER VOL. 16 No. 3



The Harbor Springs Area Historical Society board of directors. Front row, left to right: Rich Bachus, Jerry Burns, Tanya Graham, Sharon Thornton, Lois Cassidy, Judy Meyer. Back row, left to right: Bruce Gathman, Sarah Cohen, Karen Searles, Mary Cummings, Norine McBride, Ethel Rose, Ed Meyer. Not present: Constance Cappel, Linda Heminger, Eleanor Jardine, Linda Rosenow. Photo: Linda Young

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES 15TH ANNIVERSARY

With all the talk of history about town this summer, it is only fitting that this newsletter acknowledges some HSAHS history of its own. The Harbor Springs Area Historical Society was founded in 1990, with 2005 marking its fifteen anniversary.

According to leading founder Marge May, a community meeting was called by City Manager Fred Geuder in the late 1980s to discuss the Blackbird Museum.

What emerged from that meeting was a genuine interest in local history and enthusiasm for having a Harbor Springs historical society. The rest, as they say, was history.

Marge spearheaded the effort and a founding Board was recruited which included Arthur Barnes, David DeWindt, Nancy Gurney, Marge May, Jan Morley, Nancy Morton and Linda Rosenow. This dedicated group established the by-laws, secured 501(c)3 charitable status, and developed the mission for the organization which is to acquire, preserve and display objects relating to Har-

bor Springs area's history. This mission guides the historical society to this day.

Marge recalls that a great deal of volunteer time was given, "by good people who gave their time generously for a good cause."

Organizing the summer reading room at Josephine Ford Park, Shay Days, photograph displays, history talks and oral histories of our senior citizens were early efforts by trustees and volunteers.

These efforts continue today. Increased volunteer efforts have made possible the tours of the Little Traverse Lighthouse, school programs, a winter Victorian Tea, a Historic Home Tour and the publi-

cation of a postcard book of early Harbor Springs views. Again, good people who are willing to give their time generously for a good cause.

Happy Anniversary HSAHS and here's to many more!

OFFIELD FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARDS PLANNING GRANT

Early this summer, HSAHS received a \$43,000 planning grant from the Offield Family Foundation. This generous dona-

tion will fund the planning activities for the "A Museum Grows in Harbor Springs" project.

The project includes the architectural design for the building, exhibit design, promotional materials and other important efforts which will enable HSAHS to move ahead with plans to renovate the original City Hall to house the future Harbor Springs Historical Museum.

We are deeply grateful for this special gift and look forward to sharing the proposed design for the building at the September 19th Annual Meeting.

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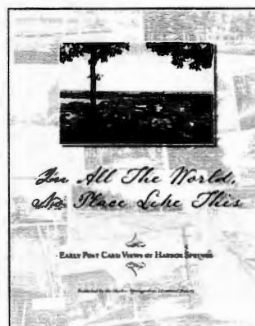
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems like only a year or two ago that I joined the HSAHS Board. In reality, it has been eleven years! I joined the Board in the fall of 1994, never realizing how much I would and could contribute. So much has happened in just over a decade: *Shay Days* back then was only an idea but this summer we hosted our eighth annual event.

We have also sponsored *Harbor History Talks* at the library, organized tours of the Little Traverse Lighthouse, initiated a renewed effort to capture oral histories, organized a historical home tour and published a postcard book of early views of Harbor Springs. Whew - many achievements for a small but growing organization.

Now the reality of a museum - a real building we can call home and safeguard area artifacts for future generations - is on the horizon. I want to thank everyone who has helped us make so much progress.

I am remaining on the Board, only stepping down as President after serving my three 3-year term as President. My volunteer time on the board has been rewarding whether it has been meeting, hauling, sorting, filing or moving objects! I am dedicated to the historical society and as you all know I love Harbor Springs. Our postcard book title says it best, "In All The World, No Place Like This."

Thank you for allowing me to lead this Board.

Lois Cassidy, President

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I want to help support the work of the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society.

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CURRENT EVENTS

FALL CALENDAR

ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2005
7:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church
343 East Main Street

Please join us for our annual update about the historical society, election of new trustees and unveiling of the plans for the future Harbor Springs History Museum. The post card book will be available for pick-up and sale. A tour of the Historic City Hall will follow the meeting.



Historic City Hall at the turn of the century.
Photo: Bruce G. Gathman Collection

FALL BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to the public and are held at the Harbor Springs Library at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 17
Monday, November 21

“REMINISCE WITH PATSY” HARBOR HISTORY TALK AT THE LIBRARY

Long-time resident Patsy Ketterer will share her memories of Harbor Springs at the Harbor Springs Library on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.

HATS OFF AND THANKS!

A special thank you to our many volunteers who helped the HSAHS with our many activities this summer!

Community volunteers helped with Shay Days, the Historic Home Tour, staff the Josephine Ford Park reading room, with newsletter mailings and more.

A special thank you goes to Mary Beth Soellner for her August *Harbor History Talk* at the library.