

JUNE HISTORY WALKS & TALKS

The Society's Annual Meeting Closes Out History Week

Following the final TALK of the week, we will have a brief business meeting at 7:30 pm and conclude with a **"Member's Meet and Mingle"** social of light fare and beverages.

HURON HISTORY LIVES HERE!

History WALKS	History TALKS
6:30 pm @ Lakefront Park	6:30 pm @ South Shore Marine
6/27 Old Plat Home Walk	6/28 Commercial Fishing
6/29 Lighthouse & River Walk	6/30 A Freighter Captain's Life

We appreciate South Shore Marine and the Mack Family for providing the nautical-themed space for this event at their Sawmill Parkway showroom. We acknowledge David Meeker for designing our promotional materials. Thank you to Jim's Pizza Box, Old Fish House, and Huron Public Library for advertising support.

Meeker Homestead Memorial Day Tour

By invitation of Jim Murray, Historical Society members are welcome to tour the Old Meeker Homestead at 617 Chippewa at 10:30 am on Monday. As the Murray family will be engaging in some transitions, Jim thought this would be a good opportunity to share the history of the home that dates back to 1859. Old photos will be shared. No reservations.

Get hooked on Huron's waterfront history with nightly events open to all

WALK: 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 27th

Meet at the Lakefront Park Gazebo for a 45-60 minute guided walking tour of Huron's oldest homes and churches. Huron was platted in 1824. Your hosts will be Kathy Muehlhauser and Steve Myers.

TALK: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28th

Join us at South Shore Marine for an encore presentation of Bill Scott's Commercial Fishing talk as he shares his family's history in the most prosperous fishing industry of the 1800s. Arrive early for parking and seating.

WALK: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29th

Meet at Lakefront Park where Kathy and Steve will begin this walk to the pier and along the river. Walkers will learn the history of the lighthouses and our shipbuilding, dock, fishing, and rail industries. 45-60 minutes.

TALK: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30th

Join us at South Shore Marine for "Life as a Great Lakes Merchant Marine Captain". Captain Russ Brohl will share his story, from Miller Ferry deckhand to Great Lakes freighter and ferry captain. Arrive early for parking and seating.

Renew or become a new member now. Here are two ways to join:

- 1) BY MAIL: Detach this form with your information complete.
Mail a check payable to Huron Historical Society for the amount of your membership level.
Address: P.O. Box 222, Huron, Ohio 44839. A receipt will be sent to your email.

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

- 2) ONLINE: Pay online with a credit card using our secure website: www.thehuronthistoricalociety.org

Membership levels: Student (\$5); Individual/Family (\$35); Senior (\$25); Business (\$50); Benefactor (\$250)

*Lifetime members will be automatically renewed. Let us know your email.

Questions??? Email us at: historical.society@huronlibrary.org

The Rewards and Challenges of making Huron's history accessible

We were fortunate to have a Board-to-Board discussion between Huron Public Library and Huron Historical Society that led to a deep-deep discount in rental of our space in the library's lower level. Essentially, we have impressed upon the library that we are committed to being **accessible** to the public with weekly open Wednesday hours, 3-5pm. Upon answering their question "What types of inquiries do people pose and how can you assist?" they assessed that we are fulfilling a library mission with expertise that is unique to the library. We appreciate our library partnership.

We received a 2021 award from the Ohio Local History Alliance for our **accessible**, interactive "Explore Huron History" digital platform. That platform's QR Code has been incorporated into a new logo. This enables the user to immediately access a website upon taking a photo of the square image with a mobile device.

We continue to make our programming and most of our media productions free and **accessible** to the public.

One challenge of making history more **accessible** to our public is that contemporary culture prefers streaming of video or social media posts as their source to learning history, making it difficult for us to use our research productions (DVDs, Booklets) as a fund-raising mechanism. Additionally, there are maintenance costs for operating these digital platforms.

Would you sponsor a book for our popular Yearbook Collection?

Our most viewed collection is our selection of high school annuals dating back to 1925. Likewise, one of our most valuable resources is Mike Heydinger's compilation of Huron graduates/alumni dating back even earlier. If you are interested in sponsoring the purchase of a \$65 Huron High School '22 Yearbook, visit Wednesday 3-5pm or email us: historical.society@huronlibrary.org.

What can you expect from the Board?

- See us at the "All Classics Festival" in August.
- New Video: History of Old Woman Creek
- Adherence to a collections policy focusing on Huron-centric materials, photos, & artifacts (as space allows).
- Continued efforts to connect youth with Huron's History
- Utilize volunteers for targeted objectives. Could you lead a fund-raiser (garden tour, raffle, etc)? Provide data entry for our new collections policy? Be a board Member? Man a festival booth? Provide a Huron-centric talk?
- Appreciate YOU for your mutual interest in history



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In the 1930s, pleasure craft marinas began popping up on the Huron River. With his first marina located at Gull Harbor in 1942, Sharon Sawicki's grandfather, Joe Weingart, moved north to manage the 65-slip Boat Harbor. He sold Owens, Correct Craft, Chris Craft, and Lyman boats. This building would later house the first Huron Yacht Club, opening in 1955 as a family-friendly club hosting annual regattas. HYC purchased the basin property in 1987. Harbor North has plans to build a new marina facility at the former HYC location. HYC's history, written by its first Commodore, Doc Swanbeck, is available at: www.huronyachtcluboh.com/about/

The sandwich bar photo (above) was taken in the late 1940s. The Instructions on the wall: #2 was "No spitting", #3 was "In case of raid, file quickly through Ladies ??? and out the rear window", and #4 was "Treat your date as a lady."