



## Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter January, 2015

Happy 2015 from Mackinaw Area Historical Society (MAHS)! As I am writing this, it is a beautiful sunny, January, winter day. This is winter at its best.

January is a very busy planning month for MAHS. This is the time of year we send out our invitations for school visitations, plan our Plowing of the Fields Day, our Historic Festival (which will be on July 31 and August 1, so mark your calendars), our entire lecture series and any new events for the coming season. And boy, do we have a great new project for this summer!

In collaboration with the Mackinaw City Area Arts Council, we are developing a children's day camp to take place on June 22 - 26, 2015. Our "Discovery Camp: Learning Locally" will feature many hands-on activities around history, art and science. This day camp, for children entering 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, will be based out of Heritage Village, with field trips within Emmet and Cheboygan Counties. There will be more details within the next month, so stay tuned and mark your calendars for this fabulous opportunity for children and for adult volunteers.

We have the first six months of our lecture series scheduled. So once again, mark your calendars for 7:00 p.m. at **our new venue, Pinecrest Village** on:

February 9—U of M Biological Station—over 100 years old, how it began and in what projects they are now involved.

March 8—Cabin Fever at Audie's from 5:00-7:00 p.m.—tickets available for \$10/adult or \$5/children at Coffman Hardware or from MAHS Board members. While this is not a MAHS fundraiser, it is a time for our Mackinaw area to come together and enjoy each other's company after a long winter! Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets at Coffman Hardware to go to the top of the Mighty Mac this summer. The drawing is during the Cabin Fever dinner!

April 13— Rand Shackleton shares Ernest Shackleton's harrowing 1914 expedition to the Antarctic. While Ernest Shackleton failed to fulfill the goal of the expedition, he was able to rescue and return the entire crew home after 3 years trapped in Antarctica. Through a Public Broadcasting film, we will witness the story. A short presentation follows. Rand is a descendent of Ernest's. MAHS is collaborating with the Mackinaw Area Public Library to do this presentation for the Mackinaw Public Schools' students in the afternoon. So the evening program **location is changed to the all-purpose room at Mackinaw Public Schools at 7:00 p.m.**

May 11—Matt Friday will talk about Duncan Bay and introduce his new book on the subject.

June 8—Wayne Bloomberg will speak on the Inland Waterways

So for the time being, bundle up and stay warm while you dream of the many ways you can be part of all the events that will occur this year at Heritage Village!

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