Larry Chabot’s “Twelve True Soo Tales”
Historian Larry Chabot, of Marquette, will speak at CCHS’s general meeting to be held at Bayliss Public Library on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. “Twelve True Soo Tales” are the stories of various visitors to Sault Ste. Marie—a Medal of Honor soldier, another with five Purple Hearts, the shortest Presidential visit ever, VIPs through the Locks, the local boy who made Army Chief of Staff, Public Enemy No. 1, and other notables. Larry Chabot is a native of Ontonagon. His interest in writing began in elementary school. Chabot’s work has appeared in such publications as Michigan History magazine and Marquette Monthly newspaper. He has written two U.P. history books: The U.P. Goes to War: Upper Michigan and Its Heroes in World War II and Saving Our Sons: How the Civilian Conservation Corps Rescued a Generation of Upper Michigan Men. Both books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. Please enter by the front door as the rest of the library will be closed that evening.

Over There!
An event in honor of Veterans Day will take place at CCHS on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Dan Sherman will speak about his display at CCHS relating the World War II experiences of his father Pete Sherman. The Sherman family has connections to Sault Ste. Marie. Dan’s grandfather, Henry Sherman, was the City Manager from 1920 to 1948; Sherman Park is named for him.

The display entitled “Over There! Pete Sherman’s letters home from Army Service in World War II: April 11, 1944 to May 23, 1946” is related to the book Dan wrote several years ago. (The display will likely be on view at CCHS for several weeks.) Copies of his book will be available to borrow from CCHS. The book is based on the remarkably complete collection of letters that Pete Sherman sent to his folks at home from European service at the end of World War II. The letters, memorabilia, direct interviews and related research tell the story of one soldier’s experience doing service with the U.S. Army in the world’s most devastating military confrontation.
While in basic training in 1944, Pete was selected to be an ‘Intelligence Observer’ in the Intelligence and Reconnaissance section. Each army unit had an eight-man I & R section that moved with the Headquarters Company. Pete’s company was assigned to the Seventh Army’s 222nd Infantry Regiment, part of the reinstated 42nd Rainbow Division assigned to the Rhineland Campaign known as “Taskforce Linden.” After discharge from the Army in 1946, Pete was hired by Union Carbide’s Mining and Metals Division in Niagara Falls as a draftsman in the engineering department. He retired in 1981 as Senior Design Engineer.

Maple Ridge Cemetery Tour

This fall’s Maple Ridge Cemetery Tour is going to be an especially spooky one, according to tour leader Caroline Grabowski. It will be held on Saturday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m. This year CCHS is co-sponsoring the event with the Superior District Library’s NEA Big Read celebrating the life and work of Edgar Allan Poe. Your donation of $5.00 (or more) will help with CCHS’s ongoing façade project. Seasonal refreshments will be provided. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes as the ground is uneven. Parking will be available in the lot north of the cemetery.

Mary M. June Honored

Mary M. June, long-time CCHS president, was awarded the 2016 Charles Follo Award at the Historical Society of Michigan’s UP History Conference in Munising in June. The Follo Award is named in honor of Charles Follo, a school teacher from Escanaba who worked to establish historical societies and promote the history of the Upper Peninsula. It is presented annually to the individual who has made the most outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of Upper Peninsula history. As past president Nancy Steinhaus related in her letter of support, “Mary has shared her early love for local and regional...
history (her own ancestry includes the names of Rains and Payment, both names that have contributed much to the larger history of this area) through her active involvement with the Chippewa County Historical Society, the EUP History Consortium, and the City of Sault Ste. Marie’s Historical Development Commission and Historic Structures Management Committee…. For the past twenty plus years, Mary has been quietly and steadfastly working to promote local and regional history, and through her work many of the projects that she early identified as areas deserving attention have received the care they needed—for example, the Maple Ridge Cemetery; the Johnston, Schoolcraft, and Baraga homes; and the Kemp Industrial Museum.” Mary is the sixth CCHS officer to be so honored. The previous winners are: 2012, Bernard J. Arbic; 2010, Nancy Steinhaus; 2008, Robert Money; 2002, Yvonne Hogue-Peer (Deceased); and 1985, Reeta Freeborn. We congratulate Mary and add her name to CCHS’s Honor Roll.

Potter’s Field
By Caroline Grabowski
There is a potter’s field on both sides of Riverside Cemetery. Neither area is marked in any way, and the names of the hundreds interred there have long been forgotten. The CCHS’s cemetery lady (Caroline Grabowski) has been working to rectify this situation. At Mrs. Grabowski’s request, the Knights of Columbus have volunteered to pay for the complete restoration of the potter’s field in the Catholic portion of Riverside. The potter’s field in the Protestant side of the cemetery does not need restoration, but it does need a sign letting people know what it is and who is buried there.

Funds are being raised to make this sign a reality; $600 is still needed. Generous donations have been received from the VFW, the Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society, CCHS, the Roberts P. and Ella B. Hudson Foundation, and Robert Arfstrom and Sharyn Faunt. If you would like to make a contribution to this project, please send your donation to CCHS, P.O. Box 342, Sault, MI 49783, and mark it, “For potter’s field.” Not only will Mrs. Grabowski be very grateful, but you will have the thanks of the 287 poor souls whose poverty did not keep them from making their contribution to the history of Sault Ste. Marie.

Program by Michael Loukinen
On June 22, sociologist/filmmaker Dr. Michael Loukinen spoke to a crowd of over 40 people at Bayliss Library about his almost four decades of making films about the U.P. He spoke in particular about the films featuring Finnish and Ojibwe cultural themes and showed clips from various films, including “Medicine Fiddle.” Dr. Loukinen donated a selection of his DVDs to Bayliss Library for checkout by library patrons.

Rendezvous in the Sault 2016
By Ginny Cymbalist
Our annual Rendezvous in the Sault was, once again, a huge success. Well over 100 re-enactors and an estimated 1,500 visitors enjoyed music, dance, storytelling, demonstrations, and much more in the two days in July. Organizers Angie Patterson, Tom Tocco, Ginny...
Cymbalist, and Paul Sabourin recognize that this event couldn’t have taken place without volunteers too numerous to mention. We thank each and every person who helped before, during, and after the Rendezvous. Make sure to mark your calendars for July 29 and 30, 2017 and watch for updates on next year’s Rendezvous in future newsletters.

Water Street Historic Homes and Kemp Industrial Museum
By Ginny Cymbalist
It was a very busy summer on Historic Water Street. As usual, we opened for visitors on Engineer’s Day and were open seven days a week from noon to 5:00 p.m. until Labor Day. During that time a group of dedicated docents—Barb Lisiecki, Phyllis Bigelow, Patty Olsen, Howard Kaiser, Kathie Kaiser, Anny Hubbard, Susan Harries, Lindsay Uhrig, Kathy Rogers, Sabrina Neveu, and I—guided visitors and promoted Sault Ste. Marie history. Volunteer Kathy Shaeffer spent hours on the Johnston House garden and it’s looking great.

Before opening, new displays were added to the Johnston and Baraga Houses. Work on rearranging and upgrading the Kemp displays went on all summer and will continue throughout the winter. In early summer, we plan to hold a grand re-opening to showcase the improvements in the Kemp Industrial Museum. Watch for specific information in the spring newsletter.

On Saturday, September 10, we hosted our first bus tour. Forty-four people from the Canadian Slovenian Historical Society stopped in the Sault on their way to Baraga Days in Marquette. In addition to seeing Holy Angels Church on Sugar Island and St. Mary’s Church, they spent over an hour visiting our four buildings, enjoying shortbread cookies at the Johnston House and spending extra time at the Baraga House. Many thanks to Phyllis Bigelow, Patty Olsen, Karen Sabatine, Barb Lisiecki, and Joyce Mansfield who joined me in welcoming this group.

As one can imagine, activities and improvements on Water Street don’t just happen. We work all winter preparing new and improving old displays. In the spring, cleaning needs to be done then the artifacts are moved into the homes. In the fall, many items are taken out of the buildings and returned to CCHS for winter storage. If you would like to help with the packing up, please join us on Water Street on Saturday, October 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Many hands make light work and we thank you in advance for helping out.

History Camp 2016
By Patty Olsen
This summer History Camp was attended by eighteen enthusiastic students. Our host on Monday was Dr. Thomas Pleger, President of Lake Superior State University. He showed us artifacts about the geological history and archeological significance of the area. Of great interest were the archaeological finds that showed the Paleo-Indians were here over 6,000 years ago. Mary M. June gave us an overview of LSSU as it was used as the third Fort Brady and set up a display of artifacts that were examples of military use. Following our lunch, we toured buildings on the campus that were used by the military. The students were surprised to learn that at one time Brady Hall was just filled with rows and rows of bunk beds.

Tuesday morning began with a discussion of the history and lifestyle of the Anishinaabek. We tasted wild blueberries, wild rice, smoked fish and maple syrup. Mrs. Johnston welcomed us into her house and told us about her husband John, her children, and her life. In the afternoon, Bernie Arbic spoke to us about our French connection. We also learned how research is done in Bayliss Public Library’s Steere Room. Wednesday was our own Soo Locks Day. The morning was spent in the Visitors Center completing the questionnaire that has been developed on the exhibits. In the afternoon, Scott Aldrich provided us with a tour of the locks buildings including a visit underneath the locks. Thursday morning was spend on fur trapping and the life and of the voyageurs. A special thanks to Lloyd White for
bringing his pelt collection and to Ed Herman and Mike Bennett for setting up the model canoe and teaching us how to paddle. The afternoon was spent at the River of History Museum where our past comes alive in the many wonderful exhibits. Friday morning we visited the Cloverland Electric open house and the LSSU Aquatic Lab and then returned to the Historic Homes to complete our visit to the Kemp Museum, Baraga House, and Schoolcraft House. Our week was completed with the students performing as voyageurs and giving their parents and guests tours of the homes.

Ginny Cymbalist and I want to thank Susan James for her work in securing a grant for this year’s camp from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. With her assistance we have received a $2,000 grant for the 2017 camp where the focus will be 350 years of Sault Ste. Marie history.

**EUP History Consortium**

The fall EUPHC meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1 at Luce County Historical Society’s Old Jail and Sheriff’s Residence Museum, located at 441 W. Harrie St. in Newberry. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 2:30 p.m. From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., there will be a tour of the museum, before a move to the First Presbyterian Church where Lucille Kenyon and Sterling McGinn will give a presentation. Contact 906-322-1152 or mmodela@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in more information.
Author Caroline Grabowski

On Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m., CCHS President Caroline Grabowski will discuss her book *Headlines & Headstones* from Sault Ste. Marie’s Historic Past at Bayliss Public Library. The event is part of the Superior District Library’s NEA Big Read celebrating the life and works of Edgar Allan Poe.

Murals around Town

Have you noticed the murals cropping up around downtown Sault Ste. Marie? There are three within one block of CCHS. Jeanne Tubman is working on two of them; the *Edmund Fitzgerald* on the side of Island Books & Crafts, above Bird’s Eye Outfitters and Superior Café, and adjacent to CCHS, and one on the side of 1668 Winery and Lockside Brewery.

New Microfilm Machine at Bayliss Library

For those interested in researching old newspapers and other records, Bayliss Public Library has a new microfilm reader/scanner for public use. CCHS was one of the many donors to the fundraising project.

Holiday Events

CCHS will hold Holiday Open Houses during the DDA’s Downtown Christmas Open Houses on Saturdays, December 3 and 10. The times are to be announced. There will be a train display by Dennis Hank and Gil Cymbalist. Dolls or toys will also be on display. Holiday refreshments will be provided.

Volunteers

By Carolyn Person

Volunteers, where would we be without them? CCHS currently has six wonderful people entering data into the collections program. There are currently over 2,500 items listed in the program and probably that many left to enter. When completed, a query can be placed on the data program and the possible objects, their location and history will appear. This service is already available with our photo collection and we have been able to provide images of businesses, people or landmarks by entering just a few search words.

The dedicated volunteers have learned to interpret handwriting, have gotten a chuckle over some of the entries and, more importantly, have returned week after week. Thanks Dawn, Marian, Kathy, Joyce, Eileen and Cris.

For the past few years, the volunteers have been matching accession numbers to objects, some of which were in a catalog system of 60 plus years ago and a second attempt from the early 1970s. Since the early 2000s, a much better and more descriptive system was introduced, however everything was still on paper. The great computer age has arrived and we are diligently catching up.

Many thanks to the people who have brought in treasures to the
Society. In the last weeks, we have received ladies hats, a souvenir letter opener, toasters, hair dryers, books and toy dust mop, just to mention a few. Thanks to all who took the time to bring everything to us. If you are downsizing or having to dismantle a relative’s house, please remember CCHS is interested in old businesses, photos, church information, Carbide and Tannery history, Camp Lucas and more. If it pertains to the Sault and Chippewa County history, we always welcome donations and antiquities. Remember the Historical Society and don’t throw it away!

Coming Soon!
Articles on:
Artifacts from the Harold C. Lawrence Collection

Fred and Audrey Warth Bottle Collection
Please note the new cabinet expertly designed and fabricated by Tom Boger.

Gift Shop
The CCHS gift shop will be open sporadically until Christmas as volunteers are available. Please call 635-7082 to make sure we are open or check out our online offerings at www.cchsmi.com.

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