



Volunteer Connection December 20, 2011

Happy Holidays!

What a wonderful time of year it is. Not only is it the holiday season, but it is also our Annual Appeal and it appears as though the Michigan Maritime Museum has found its way into the hearts of many! Thanks to all of you who have chosen to “give” in one form or another and believe in the many good things that are happening here at the Museum. It is because of your generosity we are moving toward an exciting future, filled with many opportunities for members and visitors alike. Thank you for your continued support and commitment. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Patti Montgomery
Executive Director

Volunteer Highlights

The holidays are upon us and as we enter this season of giving, the Michigan Maritime Museum has been given a very special gift... a new volunteer, Alice Meyer. We are very excited to welcome her to our fun community of volunteers! Please make sure to stop by and welcome Alice next Thursday, December 22 any time from 10-1 if you have a minute. Welcome Alice and thank you for choosing the Michigan Maritime Museum to give your time to!

Submitted by: The Staff

Christmas Tree Ship Presentation has largest crowd yet!

Author and presenter Rochelle Pennington gave a heartwarming presentation on her famous work, the “Christmas Tree Ship”, last Saturday, December 10. We had good attendance, warm eggnog and cookies, and Rochelle brought with her an amazing expanse of intriguing artifacts to supplement her story. Thank you Rochelle for your wonderful lecture and thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this a wonderful afternoon!

Submitted by: The Staff

Friends Good Will Work Sessions: Cancellations and Continuations

The *FGW* work sessions will continue regularly through December and January, with just two cancellations due to holidays. The Saturday work sessions on Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), and Saturday, December 31 (New Years Eve), have been cancelled. The Wednesday sessions are still on. Hope to see you all there!

Submitted by: Bosun Eric Standen

January Night for the Museums!

Thank you to all those who attended the December Night for the Museums at the Thirsty Perch, it is always wonderful to see people out supporting their favorite non-profits! The next night for the museums will be held January 5, from 5-8pm, at Clementine’s restaurant in downtown South Haven. Please be sure to attend this wonderful event, and bring all your friends and family! Hope to see you there!

Submitted by: Katie Bleil

Upcoming Events at the Michigan Maritime Museum 2012!

The Museum will be temporarily closing for the next several months as we prepare for our new exhibit, the War of 1812. This exhibit is going to be spectacular, taking some time to remove our present exhibits and constructing the next which will occupy both of the galleries. There is still a lot happening every day and the doors are always open with a phone call ahead. Katie, David, Andy and I are working feverishly in preparation for our May 1 opening! We hope to be ready for spring cruises prior to that opening, but will keep everyone alerted to our plans. Feel free to stop by any time or call Katie to get involved in one of the many projects we have going.

Believe me, we can use your help and have lots to do! We will be open for our Winter Lecture Series which may be held at different areas of the campus or Keepers House.

So.....mark your calendars for January 29, the January lecture series. Ken Pott, a previous curator of the Michigan Maritime Museum will be hosting an afternoon lecture on the Rockaway. It should be a riveting presentation! We are very excited about having Ken back as our guest speaker and I think he is just as excited to return! Let's be sure to make him feel welcome!