

MUSEUM SHOP

We have received a release letter that will enable the Society to use two great paintings of the Pavilion to create items for the gift shop. The generous spirit of Bob Mersbach, who owns one of the paintings, and Martha Severt, the artist and her husband, Bill, of Florida to give the museum the rights to these paintings is wonderful. I have used the photographs they sent me to produce notecards for the Museum Gift Shop and have several other ideas for next year.

One painting includes the Interurban in front of the building, the other painting is the Pavilion from the water side. These would make terrific Christmas presents. Thank you so very much. It is gifts like this that help the Society preserve our heritage.

The gift shop will be open weekends in November at least up to Thanksgiving weekend. We need to reduce inventory so you will find many nice things for half the price. Support the museum and plan some Christmas purchases. Also this may be your last chance to get copies of some of the exhibit books that are nearly sold out.

Next year I need some helpers. I would like a person to develop everything we can think of in product using various Big Pavilion images. We could get involved in making some custom designs perhaps on T-shirts, note cards, envelopes and perhaps some new product that we haven't thought of yet. It would involve production and assembly of new materials.

I also need someone to be in charge of making displays and figuring a way to sell more photographs. Perhaps to design some type of flip chart or display for photos from this year's book.

I really could use three people to meet a few times and get some ideas going for products directly related to the exhibit and collections. It would not be a huge time commitment, more task-oriented. I would really appreciate a call from you if you have some time this winter to play and get ready for the opening in May.

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Museum Store Chairman

HISTORICAL CRUISE PRODUCES PROFIT, FUN

The cabin of the Star of Saugatuck was filled to capacity Saturday, October 13, under gray rainy skies as the Society hosted an historical sunset cruise and chili supper.

The first delightful surprise was how warm, dry and cozy the enclosed cabin felt in the chilly rainy weather. The second equally pleasing surprise was how well we would see all of the historical sites and buildings that were being pointed out by Society historians Jim Schmiechen and Kit Lane during the narrated tour.

We cruised on down the river, past the site of old Singapore and out into Lake Michigan where we could only assume that the sun was setting behind the dripping clouds because it rapidly got dark.

On the way back a chili supper four kinds of chili (regular, Texas, vegetarian and white) were served with vast bowls of salad and baskets of corn muffins, followed by home made apple pie.

A spirited mini-auction of donated historical items plus a couple of extra pies, brought in additional monies on the return trip.

Thanks to all who helped with the event including chairman Jane Underwood; appetizer cooks, Jim Schmiechen and Dawn Schumann; chili cooks, Art Lane, Ron Hirsch, Peg Sanford and Jim and Kathy Barnes; muffin makers, June and Mike Phillips; salad creators, Jim and Mary Ann Curtis, Pat Dewey and Corey Stoppel; pie baker and salad dressing chef, Ken Carls; Crane's for the cider; Uncommon Ground for the coffee; Bill Johnson and Ralph Siddell for the buffet serving pans; and especially to Bruce and Marilyn Starring, for giving us a discount on the boat ride itself. (Jane Underwood is currently out of town so I may have missed a few devoted participants, sorry.).

All on board said that we should make it an annual event. Perhaps not annual, but we should most certainly do it again some time.

KIT LANE