

April 2019



on the Move

Local maritime news, events and history from the Chicago Maritime Museum

Help Us Clean Up Bubbly Creek

Chicago River Day is Saturday May 11. CMM is asking our volunteers, members and friends to support the clean up of our beloved Bubbly Creek. The Bubbly Creek team captain for Friends of the Chicago River is Jim McBride and volunteers will gather at Crystal Window & Door at 1300 W. 35th Street (west side of the Creek) at 9:00 a.m.

Here's a great way to support your museum and Friends of the Chicago River. Be sure to wear closed-toed shoes, work clothes that can get dirty, and bring a full water bottle. Click here for the registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-river-day-2019-bubbly-creek-tickets-57043866741>



New History and the Windy City Historians Podcast

CMM Operations Board member and author Patrick McBriarty and his co-host, author and historian Christopher Lynch are launching a new history podcast. The podcast will offer 50-60 minute episodes sharing Chicago history and stories.

The Windy City Historians podcast will begin with the inaugural series entitled "Laying the Foundation." During the course of a dozen or so episodes (released one-per-month) the series will cover Chicago history from the beginning up into the 1930s or '40s.

On Friday, March 29, the podcast kicked off with Episode 1: "Who Was First?" the first of two interviews with retired lawyer and historian John Swenson who argues Marquette and Jolliet were not the first western explorers through the Chicago area. The last Friday



in April, Episode 2, entitled "The Place Called Chicagoua" will deliver the second half of



the interview with Swenson, who explains this place the Indians called "Chicagoua."

In 1991, after a seven-year effort, Swenson published the definitive etymology of the word **Chicago** by delving into the earliest accounts, maps and histories, seeking the area's origins, and frequently going back to original French documents. His 35-year quest reveals interesting speculation on Chicago's origin story.

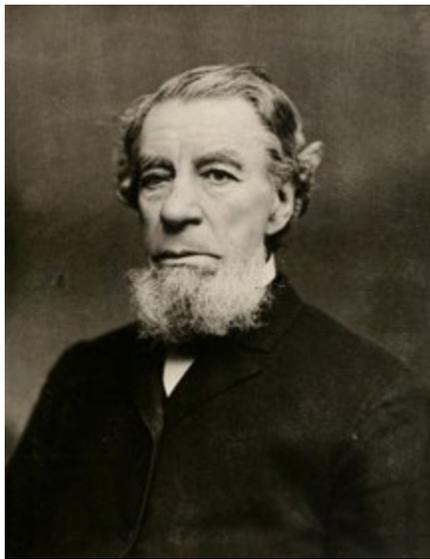
John Swenson presented his new history on March 7 at DePaul University for the Chad-dick Institute and this fall he will present on November 21 for the Chicago Map Society at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

To learn more and to check out the podcast visit the Windy City Historians website: **www.WindyCityHistorians.com**.

Third Friday presents *Chicago Founding Father Gurdon Hubbard*

While most Chicagoans are familiar with Hubbard Street in Chicago, many might not know that the roadway was named in honor of one of the most influential people in the early days of Chicago – Gurdon Hubbard.

Historian Jeff Carter will tell the story of Hubbard, the man who helped realize Joliet’s vision of a canal and established Chicago as the marketplace of the Midwest. Hubbard built the first brick commercial building, opened the first meat packing plant in Chicago, and helped create the Chi-



cago Board of Trade and the Union Stockyards. He was the first insurance underwriter in Chicago and started a steamship line on Lake Michigan. As an elected state representative he campaigned to begin the I&M Canal in Chicago. He was later appointed as one of the three commissioners responsible for building the I&M Canal.

Jeff Carter is an experienced storyteller, historical researcher, and tour guide with a passion for Chicago area’s early history, especially the waterways and canals. Jeff is a longtime member of the “Friends of the Chicago Portage” serving as president, tour guide, presenter, and community representative. Jeff has also led tours for the “Friends of the Chicago River” and has

offered his services to numerous historical societies and groups throughout the metropolitan area.

The Open House is from 7 to 10 p.m on Friday, April 19. The museum is located at 1200 W. 35th, on the River Level of the Bridgeport Art Center. Parking is free on the north side of the building. Museum entrance is free on Third Fridays; the presentation

is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members at the door. Beat the line and pay for your lecture tickets in advance at: <http://www.chicagomaritimemuseum.org/event/cmm-third-friday-presents-the-man-who-put-chicago-on-the-map-gordon-saltonstall-hubbard/>



The Operations Board of CMM will continue supporting Third Friday Open House with a light food and beverage table.

Ralph Frese Memorial Paddle



On Saturday, May 4th bring your canoe or kayak and celebrate the legacy of canoe legend Ralph Frese by paddling the Ralph Frese Canoe Trail – the North Branch of the Chicago River from Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods in Morton Grove. (If the river is in flood, the trip will be north on the Skokie Lagoons.) Read more here:

<http://www.illinoispadding.info/2019/03/may-4-ralph-frese-memorial-trip-on-the-north-branch-of-the-chicago-river/?fbclid=IwAR3VqY->

Philanthropic News



Online campaigns raise a number of tax issues for people setting up a campaign and for beneficiaries. Read more here:

<https://www.journalofaccountancy.com/issues/2018/mar/donation-based-crowd-funding.html>

Volunteer News

If you love Chicago's maritime history, please help us tell our story. We need docents, data experts, event hosts and so much more. Please call Don Glasell at 773-376-1982 if you would like to volunteer.





The City of Chicago is Sinking!

Ice sheets that receded 10,000 years ago are responsible for the Windy City dropping at least four inches over the last century.

Read more here:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/chicago-can-blame-glaciers-sinking-city-180971643/?fbclid=IwAR2HUFgk0j3xHxjZSyVmiOjYXqtqKVq804A9dOo-DH8uYfdBOK0mqUBt5mqw#J3wxxfrxE10Vs7YF.99>



*Making your way to the
Chicago Maritime Museum!*

John Ericsson, Inventor of Propelled Steamship

Regarded as one of the most influential mechanical engineers ever, John Ericsson collaborated on the design of the US Navy's first screw-propelled steam-frigate the ***USS Princeton***, marking the end of the schooner trade on the Great Lakes. Although patented types of marine propellers existed at the time, Ericsson's counter rotating design achieved the most attention. As such, he is considered one of the founders of the modern marine propeller in the United States. His inventions also resulted in the first armored ship with a rotating turret, the ***USS Monitor***, which dramatically saved the US naval blockading squadron from destruction by an ironclad Confederate vessel the ***CSS Virginia***, at Hampton Roads in March 1862.



MARITIME EVENT CALENDAR

Check out local maritime events at the Chicago Maritime Museum website calendar page:

<http://www.chicagomaritimemuseum.org/events/month/>

Submit maritime events in the Chicagoland area to Mary Ann O'Rourke at maorourke@ameritech.net.

We hope you've enjoyed our monthly e-newsletter, On the Move.

*If you have a Chicago maritime story idea please
forward it to maorourke@ameritech.net.*

