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on the Move

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

Third Friday Presents Marquette's 1673 Map: Places, Features, and Issues



Historian Mark Walczynski will present a program entitled "Marquette's 1673 Map: Places, Features, and Issues, on Friday, August 18 at the Chicago Maritime Museum. The program will include information about villages Marquette and Jolliet visited, it will explore important geographical features illustrated on the map, and it will include a discussion of certain issues and problems that exist between the famous map and Marquette's written report.

Mark Walczynski is Park Historian for the Starved Rock Foundation located at Starved Rock State Park, Utica, Illinois. Mark's studies focus on the Franco-Amerindian history of the Western Great Lakes and the Illinois Country. Mark has written several books including Jolliet and Marquette: A New History of the 1673 Expedition (3 fields/University of Illinois Press), The History of Starved Rock 1673-1911 (NIU-Cornell University Press, 2020), Inquietus, La Salle in the Illinois Country (Center for French Colonial Studies, 2019), and Massacre 1769, The Search for the Origin of the Legend of Starved Rock (Center for French Colonial Studies, 2013).

Mark's research has been published in the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, Le Journal, Michigan's Habitant Heritage, American Heritage, Houghton Mifflin Books, and other publications. He is retired from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, IL.

In conjunction with the Bridgeport Art Center's Third Friday Open House, the Chicago Maritime Museum opens its doors for lively presentations on maritime history and current events each month. Come early and explore the Bridgeport Art Center's many art galleries. Join us on Friday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. either in person or on Zoom.

The presentation is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. However, you might just consider joining the CMM for an annual membership of just \$35, which provides unlimited visits, access to our monthly newsletter and special events such as the Third Friday maritime lecture series.

Join us at chicagomaritimemuseum.org or call us (773) 376-1982. We are located on the lower level of the Bridgeport Art Center at 1200 W 35th Street. Parking is free in the north lot.

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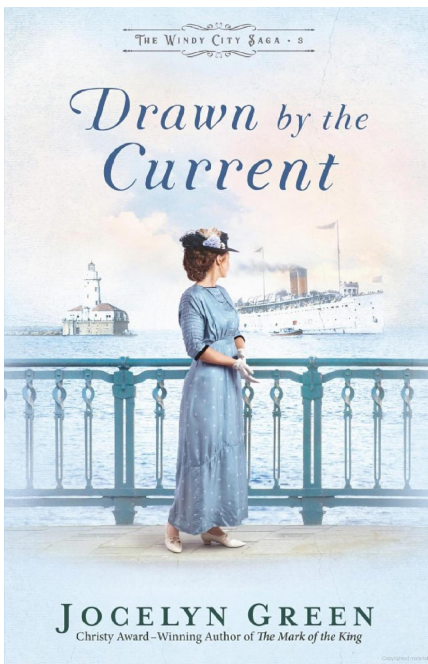
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Author Presentation and Signing of Book about the Eastland Disaster, *Drawn by the Current*, September 1

Jocelyn Green inspires faith and courage as the award-winning and bestselling author of 20 works of fiction and nonfiction, including her historical fiction trilogy, *The Windy City Saga*, a series set in Chicago during three of the city's most seminal events. The final book in this trilogy, ***Drawn by the Current***, focuses on the Eastland Disaster.

This book will be the center of a program on Friday, September 1 at the Chicago Maritime Museum. Copies of *Drawn by the Current* are now available at the Museum store. Reserve your copy today, and, as a CMM member, enjoy Ms. Green's invitation to reserve your seat (limited seating) at this program with her tour group.



The program, featuring the Eastland Disaster Historical Society presentation, also includes:

- The three recently discovered motion picture videos taken in 1915;
- Dozens of photographs;
- Compelling firsthand narrative delivered by descendants of a survivor;
- A brief video with ABC's Ron Magers interviewing several survivors;
- Animation depicting the listing of the Eastland while passengers were boarding, and the moment the ship capsized;
- A brief video revealing how George "Papa Bear" Halas arrived too late to board the Eastland (a fortunate bit of fate that guaranteed the future of the Chicago Bears and the National Football League).

The EDHS adult-oriented program will answer the following questions: Why was the picnic so highly anticipated? What happened? How did it happen? What was the impact? What was the response? Was it avoidable? Who was held accountable? What damages were awarded? What amount of relief funds were raised? And

what does an author do with that history in the making of a novel?

The program will include time for Q&A as well as the opportunity to have your copy of *Drawn by the Current* signed by the author.

After the program, members may stay after hours to review The Eastland Disaster Exhibit which honors those who perished in the catastrophe with a photo montage memorial wall. The exhibit also features a dive suit used as part of the recovery effort. In addition, on loan from the EDHS, are personal belongings of passengers including a wallet, a pocket watch, and a dollar bill.



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CMMFestival Fundraiser “All Hands on Deck” Scheduled for Thursday, October 26



All Hands On Deck!
CMMFestival 23
Thursday, 10-26-23
Raising funds to support the
Chicago Maritime Museum
A hybrid evening of maritime music
and generous giving
hosted by shanty singer, **Tom Kastle**

PADDLE
One of the oldest and biggest canoe races in the United States, the annual Des Plaines River Canoe & Kayak Race runs 13.5 miles on the upper Des Plaines River in northern Illinois on Memorial Day weekend. Beginning in Libertyville and ending in Mount Prospect, the event memorializes conservationist and canoe builder/collector, Ralph Freese, whose canoe collection is featured at the Chicago Maritime Museum.



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The CMM fundraiser planning committee is busy planning for the annual museum fundraiser. Themed “**All Hands on Deck**” the fundraiser date has been set for Thursday, October 26.

Last year, nearly 100 patrons, both on-line and in-person, which raised \$100,000 for the museum.

“This year, we are truly hoping for all hands on deck to support and grow our museum,” says Vice Chair Jerry Thomas. “CMM wishes to thank all who participated and donated last year. We hope to carry your momentum into this year as you continue to support exciting new plans for the museum.” It is never too late or early to support CMM’s future.

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Shipping in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Supports more than 240K Jobs



The Mark W. Barker coming into the Twin Ports on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022.

Danielle Kaeding/WPR

An industry-funded study found shipping supports nearly 7K jobs in Wisconsin.

[Learn More Here](#)

Teachers on Great Lakes Research Ship take Science back to their Classrooms



Spectrum News 1

A Lake Ontario cruise was no summer vacation for several teachers who spent a week on board an Environmental Protection Agency ship, testing water quality on the lake. The voyage plays an important role in the future health of not just Lake Ontario, but all of the Great Lakes.

[Learn More Here](#)

Seven Wisconsin Shipwrecks you can Dive

to in the Great Lakes



Many have become popular tourist attractions for curious scuba divers, snorkelers, kayakers and boaters.

[Learn More Here](#)

Maritime Event Calendar

Check out local maritime events at the Chicago Maritime Museum [website calendar page](#).

Submit maritime events in the Chicagoland area or story ideas to Mary Ann O'Rourke at communications@chicagomaritimemuseum.org.

Ready to join or renew your membership?

Information about our membership offers can be found [here](#). If you need further membership support please email us at cmm@chicagomaritimemuseum.org

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