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on the Move

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

2018 MARKS A YEAR OF ENGAGING MARITIME PRESENTATIONS

Dear Members and Patrons,

Happy New Year and thank you for your support in 2018. What a year for the museum as we expand our reach with thought-provoking presentations and new exhibits. Close to 3,000 people visited the museum this year!



We hit the speaker trifecta in January with presentations by Dr. Phil Willink on the biodiversity of Lake Michigan as seen through the Morgan Shoal, a documentary on canoe aficionada, Ralph Frese and a presentation by native Chicagoan and around-the-world sailor and Arctic explorer Skip Novak. Also in January, we added a new exhibit to the museum – a series of five small maps that show Chicago's growth from when the city was officially established in 1833 and a new map detailing the Portage and Muddy Lake as discovered in 1673 by Joliet and Marquette.

*Our robust **Third Friday Open House** program continued throughout the year. In March, Professor Larry McClellan discussed the courageous flights of slaves along the Underground Railroad and in April author Richard Lanyon told the story of overcoming political interests in the South Side sewer district. Ron Holland visited the museum in May to talk about life as a yacht designer and children's book author Patricia Sutton presented her new book, **Capsized: The Forgotten Story of the SS Eastland Disaster** in July.*

*Also in July, we were delighted to learn that **Choose Chicago** selected the CMM as one of our city's top destinations and featured us in their July video newsletter. And in that same month, we added another wall exhibit on the infamous waterway just outside our back door – a panel display on the story of "Bubbly Creek" from 1818 to the present.*

Throughout the year, the museum has become an important meeting place for maritime discussions on topics such as recreational fishing, underwater archaeology and waterway stewardship. In August, more than a hundred people attended a discussion on **Bubbly Creek: Past Present, Future** with panelists from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and the City of Chicago.



In October, for the second time, the CMM participated in the Chicago Architecture Foundation's **Open House Chicago**. Our museum was one of 250 architecturally significant sites from all over Chicago in which the public was invited to tour for free. Almost 1,000 people visited the CMM over the two-day event and many expressed surprise and delight about our space. Also in October, I was happy give the Third Friday presentation on the region's response to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.



Two riveting speakers joined us in November: Frank Blair spoke on his successful circumnavigation in a custom-built wooden schooner and Benjamin Sells discussed how engineer Ellis Chesbrough led the construction of a two-mile tunnel below Lake Michigan in search of clean water.

We ended the year with a widely attended holiday member's party featuring homemade goodies and entertainment by maritime folk singer, Lee Murdoch. (More on that below.)

As Chicago's No. 1 source for local maritime history, news and information, the CMM is pleased to offer our members and patrons memorable events and exhibits throughout the year. Thank you for all you do to support our growing museum.

As they say in the harbor, we wish you fair winds and following seas in 2019.

Sincerely,

Ked Fairbank, Executive Director

Welcome Tian Tian

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CMM welcomes our new receptionist/membership coordinator Tian Tian, who will share responsibilities with Veronica Caminiti. Tian is working on her PhD in Management Science at IIT. She holds two masters degrees - one in Finance from the University of Illinois, Chicago and another in Economics from the University of International Business and Economics, Beijing.

"I've always loved small museums and art history," says Tian. "I'm happy to be here, where I learn more and grow with the CMM."

Tian works from 10 until 4 on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please join us in welcoming her to the museum.



Holiday Party

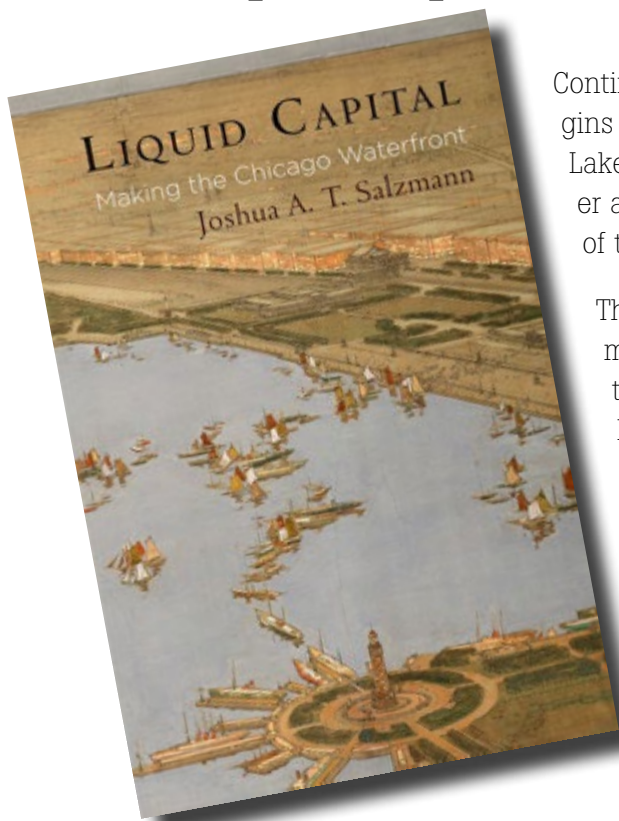
More than 90 people attended the CMM Holiday Party in December featuring maritime



folk singer Lee Murdock. Members, directors, volunteers and patrons enjoyed festive entertainment and delicious homemade holiday appetizers and sweets compliments of the CMM volunteers. Sincere thanks to operations board members Kath Thomas and Lorraine Freeman for their behind-the-scenes work to make this party a great success!



Third Friday presents *Liquid Capital: Making the Chicago Waterfront*



Continuing our successful Third Friday program in 2019, the CMM begins with author Joshua Salzmann discussing how changes in Great Lakes ships during the late 19th century led to the decline of the river as an industrial harbor and ushered in a new era of beautification of the downtown riverbanks and lakefront by Burnham and others

The Open House is from 7 to 10 p.m on Friday, January 18. The museum is located at 1200 W. 35th Street 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 or online at <https://bit.ly/2Ral22n>. Signed copies of Salzmann's book, *Liquid Capital: Making the Chicago Waterfront*, will be available for purchase.

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

Philanthropic News

How to Minimize Estate Taxes with Charitable Donations

Leaving a financial legacy for your heirs requires you to make some big decisions. You may not want to leave all of your money to your children, but you also may not know exactly the best way to leave a portion of your assets to a charity or other beneficiary. Read more here:

<https://www.investopedia.com/articles/retirement/110716/how-minimize-estate-taxes-charitable-donations.asp>



CMM Model Ship Maker Recreates Famous Vessels

Of the 20-some volunteers at the CMM, no one has a more interesting and engaging job than the museum's model ship maker. Glenn Braun has created several model ship exhibits for the museum including models of the **Griffin**, and an I&M Canal barge. He is currently working on replicas of the **Lady Elgin** and the **Pelagic**, the boat owned by Chicago native and around-the-world sailor, Skip Novak.

A New York native, Glenn moved to Chicago in 2004 to be close to his daughter. Prior to his move, Glenn spent years at New York's **South Street Seaport Museum**, where he honed his skills modeling ships of all shapes and sizes. His interest in model building goes back to childhood.

"When I was about six, I made my first plastic ship model with the help of my older brother," says Glenn.

While his family enjoyed sailing their boat in the Great South Bay, it was the 1958 documentary **Windjammer**, about the voyage of the Norwegian ship, **Christian Radich** that inspired Glenn to build ship models.

"It was my favorite movie as a kid, and I became mesmerized by the beauty of structure of sailing ships."

In addition to model shipbuilding, Glenn serves on the CMM operations board and volunteers at numerous museum events throughout the year.

"I love working at the museum, because you really get a sense that something is happening here," says Glenn. "We have great team of people who have managed to push this organization forward in the last few years. It's fun to be a part of that momentum."

CMM patrons can watch Glenn work his craft at his workshop inside the museum.

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.



U-Boat in Lake Michigan

Did you know that there is a German submarine in Lake Michigan?

About 300 feet below the surface on the bottom of the lake, some 20-30 miles west of Highland Park, lies a German mine-laying sub, the U-C 97. The submarine was on tour through the Great Lakes in 1919, including Chicago. However, as

part of the Armistice agreement it had to be destroyed. The U-boat was sunk by the Navy ship, *USS Wilmette* in June 1921. The *USS Wilmette* was the original ill-fated *Eastland*, before its conversion into a Navy ship.



Chicago's Deep Tunnel – Will it Work?

"It's now clear that this 50-year, multibillion-dollar project will not be sufficient to stop flooding in Chicago. In fact, far from building a catchall for Chicago wastewater until the end of time, the MWRD is now encouraging local projects—initiatives like rain barrels and green roofs and detention ponds—to keep water out of the system. The rainstorms are too big for the bottle." Read more here.

<https://slate.com/business/2019/01/chicagos-deep-tunnel-is-it-the-solution-to-urban-flooding-or-a-cautionary-tale.html>



Time to Renew your Membership

Don't forget to keep your membership current. Renew for the 2019 year by December 1, 2018. If you are unsure if your membership needs to be renewed, call us at 773-376-1982 and we will check for you.



*Making your way to the
Chicago Maritime Museum!*

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.*

