Please save the date for CMM’s first gala benefit. Our special events committee is busy working on *Voyage through History*, which will take place on Thursday, April 30 at Columbia Yacht Club. Our keynote speaker is around-the-world sailor and native Chicagoan, Bill Pinkney. A festive fundraiser, the event will support CMM’s expansion efforts through ticket sales, auctions, and advertising. More details to come.
Thank You Note to Staff and Volunteers for Successful Holiday Party

On occasion, we take for granted small successes as we plan for those huge make-or-break events. A museum is no different. Last month’s Lee Murdock concert, with 75-plus attendees, was one of those small successes that we often take as a given. It was not.

It happened only because of the concerted effort of all of you. Ked and his staff beat the bushes to encourage attendance. Ronnie, Glenn and Dylan were there to help with the arrangements.

And of course, there were the volunteers who prepared the hors d’oeuvres and cookies and drinks and provided the service. I draw special attention to several of you:

Jim, the CMM booking agent, emcee an as always, the top 3rd Friday and membership cheerleader.

Mary Ann, our savvy social media mogul.

Lorraine’s design skills, and always at the ready for eblasts, invitations, etc., still had time to provide home baked cookies and decorate the space.

Kath did the shopping side and provided savory snacks for the guests.

Chuck, CMM’s behind-the-scenes wizard.

Betsy, Mark and Kath provided the hospitality that ensured everything got done from beginning to end.

Carolyn, our newest volunteer member on the Gala Committee, surprised us with homemade cookies.

To all of you, thank you for a job well done.

Jerry Thomas, CMM Board Member, President Emeritus
The Winter 2020 model ship building classes begin the week of January 14th–16th. The classes are eight-weeks long. Two session choices – afternoon or evenings – available at the CMM. Prices are $320 for members and $350 for non-members.

Non-members enjoy an automatic CMM membership with the sign up.

For more information, check out the Education page on our website chicagomaritimemuseum.org/model-building.html or call us at 773-376-1982.

For 75 years, the E.S. Burman Company manufactured wooden spars, ship’s wheels, flagpoles, and marine fittings on the city’s North Side. The Chicago Maritime Museum’s collection contains wooden blocks that were hand built by Roy B. Burman. The E.S. Burman Company shop was located at 3045 N. Western Avenue near the North Branch of the Chicago River. These blocks are another example of Chicago’s rich connection to the waterways and the shipbuilding industry.
As we prepare for our first benefit gala, let’s stay focused even through the unpredictable. “On the morning of the gala, we woke to perhaps the worst forecast in the history of mankind. A giant nor’easter, the likes of which the city had never seen, was barreling up the East Coast and bearing down on New York.” Read more here:

https://www.insidephilanthropy.com/home/2019/12/16/a-fundraiser-nightmare-before-christmas

Old 1927 Chevrolet Coupe Found Intact in Lake Huron Shipwreck

Some people were quick to speculate that the car was eliminated by Al Capone or some other gangster.” Read more here: https://k1025.com/manasoo-wreck/?fbclid=IwAR1LZeCpryXl6MNdS268IdKGYhlkNz-JNMK3AjhSf1SDuRp3Lon_dIiU0
“It is possible the current quakes we’ve been having are a side-effect of the larger one felt throughout Northeast Ohio.” Read more here: https://www.cleveland19.com/2019/12/12/something-is-moving-around-down-there-earthquakes-under-lake-erie-past-week/?fbclid=IwAR037xM4H4nqrinlC39fILnLIWP1YzMQUku0e8Sy2EvY-dkUR0fMRZsaBvw
"The Port of Chicago soon will receive a portion of a $35 million state appropriation for Illinois’ 19 ports. In addition, funds from the city’s Lake Calumet Industrial TIF District will pay for $3.48 million in rail and road improvements." Read more here in two recent Chicago Sun-Times articles:


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.