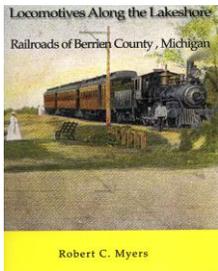


The History Center's summer program series returns with exciting presenters! The programs are **free of charge** thanks to generous sponsorships from the Berrien Springs/ Eau Claire Rotary Club and Indiana Michigan Power. All programs are on Thursday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the History Center.



June 23: "A 1000-Mile Great Lakes Islands Adventure" Great Lakes trekker **Loreen Niewenhuis** gives dynamic presentations about her adventures exploring the Great Lakes. She has completed her third 1,000 mile Great Lakes trek. This time she explored many of the islands of the Great Lakes. The book about this journey "A 1,000-Mile Great Lakes Island Adventure" was released in 2015 and will be available for sale and signing. Go to her website, www.laketrek.com to learn more about Loreen, see videos, or to follow her blog. Co-sponsored with the Berrien Springs Community Library.

June 30: "Plank's Tavern" John Owen of St. Joseph is the great-grandson of John Plank, builder of The Grand Hotel in Mackinac and St. Joseph's Plank's Tavern. which was said to be grander than the Grand Hotel. Located near where Tiscornia Park is today, the enormous three-story Plank's Tavern opened in 1889. It stretched 420 feet, had room for 750 guests, and had just about any amenity a world-class luxury hotel could have. Come listen to John Owen's lecture about his great-grandfather's grand hotel.

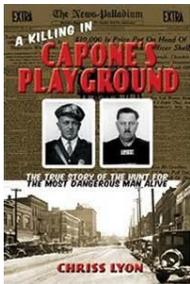


July 7: "Locomotives Along the Lakeshore" presented by History Center curator Bob Myers. Railroads, beginning with the Michigan Central in 1848, spread a transportation network across Berrien County in the 19th century. This program examines the history of the railroad lines that operated in Berrien County, including the Michigan Central, Pere Marquette, St. Joseph Valley, Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan, and the electric interurban lines. Myers has authored two books on the history of local railroads: "Locomotives Along the Lakeshore" and "Autotram, Clark Equipment Co. Aluminum Railcar" both of which are available at the museum store at the History Center.

July 14: "Laura Whidden." Singer/songwriter Laura Whidden, a Berrien Springs native, will share her music and information about her work with the humanitarian aid organization World Vision. Her albums include *Love's Pure Light*, *Flow*, *Awaken Me* and *You Are*. Co-sponsored with the Berrien Springs Community Library.



July 21: "A Killing In Capone's Playground" presented by author and historian **Chriss Lyon** "Bloody Chicago" was the name given to America's most corrupt city after the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. The masterminds behind the St. Valentines Day Massacre escaped. Ten months later on December 14, 1929, **St. Joseph, Michigan** Police Officer Charles Skelly, working a routine traffic stop came face to face with Fred Burke, a highly sought suspect in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and now the most wanted man in the nation. The "backwash of bloody Chicago" had made its way into the rural neighborhoods of Southwestern Michigan. Using never before published police reports, interviews with family members of key witnesses, and leading experts, historian Chriss Lyon establishes the foundation for what would develop as a haven for gangsters, including Fred Burke. Book sales and signing



July 28: "Theodore Roosevelt and the American West" Gilbert Young is considered one of the best Theodore Roosevelt impressionists. Besides the physical resemblance of Theodore Roosevelt - circa 1915 - Mr. Young has been able to develop the vocal and movements of his subject to a high degree. Come watch as Gilbert Young portrays Roosevelt and tells of his adventures in the Wild West and his subsequent federal conservation programs.

