

## **GREETINGS FROM THE MICHIGAN HEMINGWAY SOCIETY**

We're trying something new this spring – a brief online update to all our MHS members and friends with email addresses. We've kept individual addresses private, but we wanted to reach as many of you as possible.

There are several very important issues that we want to bring to your attention:

- If you have not sent in your **2012 membership to MHS** please do so as soon as possible. You'll find a link to the form on our website at [www.michiganhemingwaysociety.org](http://www.michiganhemingwaysociety.org). You'll find other news there too.
- From June 17-22 MHS is hosting the **INTERNATIONAL HEMINGWAY SOCIETY CONFERENCE** here in Petoskey's historic Bay View Community. We've been announcing general information about this fantastic event on our website, at our recent meetings and in our newsletters. Now you'll find **detailed information** about this conference at [www.hem2012.com](http://www.hem2012.com).
- If you are planning to attend this International Hemingway Conference you'll need to send in **MEMBERSHIP FEES TO THAT ORGANIZATION** at [www.hemingwaysociety.org](http://www.hemingwaysociety.org) - even if you are already a member of our organization – the Michigan Hemingway Society. If you go to their website you'll see a link to Membership on the left-hand side list. There are several levels of membership.
- If you are planning to attend this conference you'll need to send in your **REGISTRATION** for it. Again see the website for the conference at [www.hem2012.com](http://www.hem2012.com). There are several different options for registration listed and explained. You must register before **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, or pay a late fee.
- And if you are planning to attend you'll need to arrange **LODGING**. Again you'll see a listing at the conference website. There are **special rates** to the various hotels **and deadlines**. Please be aware of those and make your decision as quickly as possible.
- In addition to the impressive academic **PROGRAM** listed on the website there are some pretty impressive events planned as part of the conference:
  - ✓ *An opening reception at the historic Victorian Perry Hotel where Hemingway stayed in 1916.*
  - ✓ *An evening in downtown Petoskey that includes a CMU exhibit "Hemingway in Michigan" at the Carnegie Library where Hemingway gave a talk on his war experience; a Little Traverse Historical Museum exhibit "The Hemingways and Petoskey"; a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception given by the Crooked Tree Arts Center; the premier showing of the new CMU public television documentary "Little Traverse Bay at the*

*Turn of the Century”; the Petoskey Steel Drum Band performing in Pennsylvania Park, and a self-guided walking tour of Hemingway’s Petoskey featuring historic plaques installed to coincide with the conference.*

- ✓ *A silent auction to benefit the Hinkle Travel Grants for graduate students.*
- ✓ *New and used books and ephemera for sale.*
- ✓ *A tour of Walloon Lake Village and Horton Bay.*
- ✓ *A cocktail reception at the stunning Bay Harbor Yacht Club with wine, hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar.*

...The following are optional conference events:

- ✓ *A tour of the Hemingway family cottage Windemere on Walloon Lake.*
- ✓ *The Pen/Hemingway Award Fund Raiser which includes a boat ride on Walloon Lake (weather permitting), a tour of the privately owned Grace Cottage, and a social at Shangri-La (where Ernest and Hadley Hemingway held their wedding reception) and the Horton Bay General Store.*
- ✓ *A Sunset Cruise on Lake Michigan under the famous Mackinac Bridge sponsored by WCMU Public Radio with live musical entertainment, as cash bar and hearty hors d’oeuvres.*
- ✓ *The Closing Banquet at that impressive Bay Harbor Yacht Club sponsored by the Libraries of Central Michigan University.*

...Plus these additional related events:

- ✓ *The highly acclaimed opening concert of the Bay View Music Festival.*
- ✓ *A pre-conference owner’s Reception at Windemere cottage.*
- ✓ *A showing of the movie “Midnight in Paris”.*
- ✓ *An evening with Paula McLain discussing her book “The Paris Wife”.*
- ✓ *The Bay View Association Faculty Artists’ Concert.*
- ✓ *The Downtown Petoskey Art Gallery Walk (Open house exhibits with refreshments).*
- ✓ *A post-conference bus tour of Hemingway sites in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.*
- ✓ *An opportunity to spend two nights at Windemere.*

✓ *A historical tour of the Bay View Community.*

As you can see this is a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become thoroughly saturated with Ernest Hemingway's life, work, and influence! I know that many of you have already registered for this great conference. If you have not - make your plans just as soon as possible.

If you have any questions that are not answered on the above mentioned websites, please contact me.

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