

# Greater Port Austin Area Chamber of Commerce

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

MAY 2008



The 13th Annual Spring Breakout Classic Car Show is May 16, 17 and 18 this year. Tons of activities for all ages are planned!

The festivities kick off downtown on Friday evening at 6 o'clock with a Street Fest. Lake Street will be closed from State Street north to the traffic light to accommodate a display of classic cars as well as dancing and music featuring the Spring Street Boys.

On Saturday, Village-wide Garage Sales will be going on throughout town all day. Farmers Market opens for the season at 9:00 a.m., and "Princess Day" will take place at the Civic Center from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

"Cruise the Lakeshore" departs from the former North Huron Middle School parking lot at 1:00 p.m. traveling through town and west to Port Crescent State Park. There will be a drawing and prizes at the end of the cruise for registered cars. A "Poker Run" will take place after the cruise.

A Spaghetti Dinner will be served at the United Protestant Church from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Also on Saturday, a Car Corral, Games and Drawings are scheduled from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. downtown. Lake Street will again be closed to allow residents and visitors an opportunity to view classic cars and enjoy the music of 50s-60s rock 'n' roll singing sensation Jack Scott. He will be performing from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

## SPRING BREAKOUT CLASSIC CAR SHOW

May 16, 17 & 18

Join in on the fun!

Sunday morning features a Pancake Breakfast at the U & I Club from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

The featured event of the weekend - the Car Show - will take place at Gallup Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dozens of cars will be lined up around the park for your viewing pleasure.

Event buttons entitle you to free admission and eligibility for prizes. They cost \$2 (or \$1 if you get them before the event weekend). Also at Gallup Park there will be 50/50 drawings, DJ Jammin' Jerry spinning 50s and 60s Music, and a TAG-sponsored Art Show.

The Fire Department will have a Jaws of Life demonstration at noon. Jack Scott will have an autograph session from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Award Presentation (Top 25) begins at 2:00 p.m. The Jim Ball Participants' Choice Award will be given out at 2:30 p.m.

**TO REGISTER YOUR CAR:** The Cost is \$10 per day - or \$18 for both Saturday and Sunday if registered by May 12. Goodie bags and dash plaques to the first 150 registered vehicle entrants.

Registration flyers are around town - or contact Dave Williams at 989-738-9750 for more information.

## Chamber Bocce Ball June 17 & 18

Tuesday, June 17 and Wednesday, June 18 are the dates for this year's Bocce Ball Tournament at Gallup Park.

If you had a team registered in last year's tournament, you should be receiving a registration form in the mail this week. If you are organizing a new team and need a form, contact the Chamber office for one.

As in past years there will be food and refreshments available for purchase during the event. Pam Gabriel is heading up the food concessions, featuring delicious grilled burgers and brats. The beer truck will again be manned by Laura Mayes and her crew. Special "Bocce Mugs" will be on sale, while they last!

Charlie Parks is in charge of setting up the game field, while Del Ruth will set up game brackets and serve as announcer. The Chamber will conduct 50/50 raffles during the two-day event.

If you have questions or could volunteer a few hours to work at the tournament, contact the Chamber office at 989-738-7600, or call Joyce at 989-550-2949.



### "Senior" Softball League being organized

A 40 & over men's softball league is forming in Port Austin. Teams will play one evening game a week at Gallup Park. All players will be drafted to teams by ability to assure even competition. Everyone assigned to a team plays. There will be a \$25 registration fee for all players to offset the expenses associated with running the league. Your registration includes placement on a team, games once a week starting in May and ending the last week in August, "Opening Day" tournament, and a "Last Chance" tournament. We are going to form four teams, and players will be assigned to teams on first come first serve basis. If you are interested in becoming a player, manager, or sponsor please call Dave Dybowski at 738-5017 or 553-4535



### Fishing Tournament in its third year & growing!

The 3rd Annual Thumb Area Offshore Challenge Fishing Tournament is set for June 21 & 22 out of the Port Austin and Grindstone City harbors.

100% of entry fees are paid back in prize money, with a first place guarantee of \$3,500, based on a 25 boat minimum entry. The more boats entered, the higher the prize money! There are lots of chances to win cash or prizes, including pay outs for the top five boats, port prizes for big fish (trout and salmon), mystery weight, and more.

If you or someone you know would like to enter the tournament, registration forms may be picked up at the Chamber office and at area businesses, or call Dave Dybowski at 989-738-5017 or Riviera at 738-5700.

Tournament updates are posted on the web at [www.eaglebayoutfitter.com](http://www.eaglebayoutfitter.com)

#### TIDBITS

**\* Harbor Festival & Kayak Festival June 6-8**

◦ If you are planning to run specials or sales that weekend, contact Joyce 989-550-2949

**\* July 4th Parade**

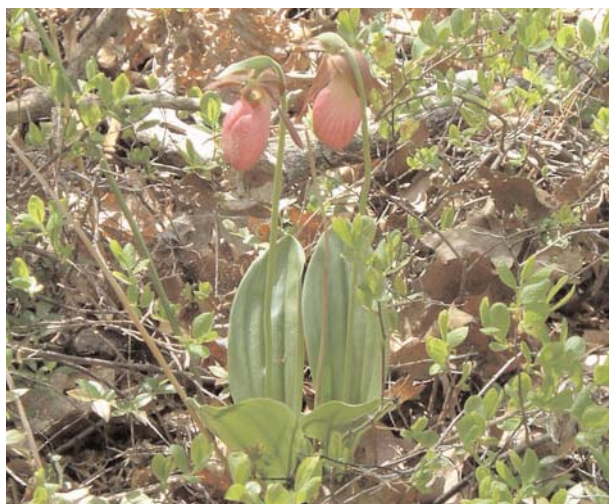
◦ Registration - due June 13 - contact Rene at 989-738-8650 for a form or information.

**\* Bocce on the Bay Festival of Lights**

◦ Tour di Lago Bike Tour registration forms  
◦ Light Boat Parade registration forms  
◦ Spaghetti Sauce Cook-off registration forms

Contact Paulette 989-738-8412 for more information.

# Check out these events sponsored by some of our non-profit organizations and civic groups!!!!



## NATURE CENTER PLANS 2008 EVENTS

The Huron County Nature Center has announced its schedule of events for 2008.

May 24-25 marks their annual Lady's Slipper Festival. It will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days. Besides nature walks, activities include arts, crafts, music and entertainment.

Saturday, May 24, also kicks off their annual Summer Saturday Programs. Joe Rogers will present "Wild Birds of Prey."

On Saturday, July 12 at 1:00 p.m., Randy Baker will continue the special programs with his "Wild Animals of Michigan" presentation.

Tim McGrath will be the next presenter on Saturday, July 26 at 10:30 a.m. with "Michigan Snakes and Other Creatures." He will return with a different collection of Michigan wild animals on August 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Rounding out the August offerings will be a Cranbook presentation on "Bats" at 2:00 p.m. on August 23.

The annual fall dinner has yet to be finalized, but will take place in September. Also still in the planning stages is the upcoming "Fall Festival." The annual Candlelight Walk is slated for Saturday, December 13.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY AUCTION SET FOR JUNE 1

The Port Austin Area Historical Society will conduct a benefit auction on Sunday, June 1, behind Antiques to Zebras (the former North Huron Middle School) beginning at 1:00 o'clock.

In addition to the Live Auction, there will be a Silent Auction and a "Buy It Now" table.

The Historical Society will have a display of books, booklets, calendars and other items for sale. Concessions will also be available for purchase.

The Live Auction will include consignment items as well as donated items. Society members are working to bring a variety of items to the event. If you would like to donate, consign an item, or have questions, please call Martha Thuemmel at 989-738-8667.

## TAG SPRING ART SHOW

The Thumb Arts Guild (TAG) is having their annual Spring Art Show on May 24 and 25 at the Community House gym in Harbor Beach. Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Also, as a reminder, TAG has an Art Exhibit at the Burns Gallery in Sebawaing from May 10 through June 8.

## NORTH HURON SHOW MAY 14

The comedy "NuptialsKnots.com" will be presented at North Huron High School on Wednesday, May 14. Show time is 7:00 p.m.

The high school drama class, made up of 34 students in grades nine through twelve, has been working on all aspects of the production for the past three months – including costumes, props and set.

Teachers/Co-Directors are Deb Lerash and Clark Brock.

## Mark Your Calendar - May 2008

### May

- 14** "NuptialsKnot.Com" - play at North Huron High School
- 16-18** Spring Breakout Classic Car Show
- 17** Farmers Market Opens: 9 am - 1 pm
- 21** Band Concert, North Huron High School
- 24** Lions Club Annual Raffle
- 24-25** Lady's Slipper Festival,  
at Huron County Nature Center
- 24-25** TAG Spring Art Show,  
at Harbor Beach Community House gym
- 24-26** Huron City Museums open for season
- 26** American Legion Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, 10:30 am
- 31** The Bards of Bird Creek Poetry Reading,  
at Bird Creek Park, 7 pm

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### COMING SOON:

- \* June 1 - North Huron Graduation
- \* June 6-8 - Water Trails Festival & Harbor Festival
- \* June 17 & 18 - Annual Bocce Ball Tournament

**An added note** – if you have a “regularly scheduled” event (bingo, cards, karaoke, your organization’s meetings – whatever) ---please let us know the days, times, etc. We frequently receive inquiries concerning events not on the Visitor’s Guide calendar. Any information we can offer is appreciated by callers.

## 2008 Chamber Board Members

President:	Dave Dybowski - 553-4535
Vice President:	Michel Ricou - 738-8729
Treasurer:	LaNette Wiese - 874-4500
Secretary:	Lori Babcock - 550-7936
Trustee:	Laura Mayes - 738-5136
Trustee:	Steve Schmidt - 738-5235
Trustee:	Pam Gabriel - 738-5254

## Annual Chamber Election in September

At the May 5 Chamber meeting it was noted that there will be three openings up for election at the annual meeting in September: President, Secretary and one Trustee. Those currently serving in those positions (Dave Dybowski, Lori Babcock and Laura Mayes) do not plan to seek re-election, so please consider running.

## VETERANS MEMORIAL

As you have probably noticed, there has been a lot of activity recently at the site of the Veterans Memorial area at Veterans Waterfront Park.

The Veterans Memorial Committee members – Kurt Damrow, Ron Gottschalk, John Upthegrove and Ron Wyatt – have been hard at work getting everything ready for the dedication, which is slated for May 17 (TBA).

Special Brick Memorials may be purchased for any U.S. Military Veteran who served at any time at any location. Cost is \$25 and includes an inscription with the veteran’s name, rank and branch of service. Brick donation certificates may be picked up at the Village Hall, the Chamber office or area businesses, or call either 989-738-5199 or 989-738-8612.

The Committee welcomes any and all donations for the Memorial.



## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Members of the Port Austin American Legion - Frank Horetski Post 499 will take part in the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 26.

They will begin their march from the Port Austin State Bank at 10:30 a.m., turning north on Lake Street, then west on Spring Street to Veterans Memorial Park, where the special Memorial Day ceremony will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Anyone in the service (past or current) is welcome to march. Uniforms are not mandatory; a white or light shirt and dark pants and a service hat, if available, are preferred, if possible.

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### Office hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday  
from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.