

7th Annual

MYSTERIES & HISTORIES

Beneath the Inland Seas

Presented by The Joint Archives of Holland and Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates

Saturday May 7, 2005

The Knickerbocker Theatre 86 East Eighth St. Holland

7:00 PM- 9:30 PM

The Disappearance of Flight 2501

Presented by MSRA

55 years ago, Northwest Airlines Flight 2501 took off from LaGuardia airport for a stopover in Minneapolis en route to Seattle. The next morning scattered airplane debris and human remains floating in Lake Michigan confirmed the tragedy - the plane and all 58 persons aboard was gone, making this the worst passenger aviation disaster of its time. Join MSRA more than a half-century later, as they team up with Clive Cussler, the author of the non-fiction "Sea Hunters" series, the Dirk Pitt and Kurt Austin adventures, and the force behind the discovery of the Confederate submarine Hunley, to locate the remains of Flight 2501 in hopes of solving the mystery of why the airplane crashed.



The Evening's Events include Four Multi-Media Presentations

Two Ships....

Frozen In Time

Presented by David Trotter

The 163' Barquentine H. P. Bridge, built in 1863 during the Civil War, was only four years old when fate was to harshly intervene on May 11, 1869. Struck amidships by the Steamer Colorado, the Bridge disappeared. 135 years later, what the expedition team discovered amazed everyone....the ship appeared to be suspended in time. All masts upright, and unique features so pristine that the explorers felt they were in a time capsule! The 328' Steamer W. C. Gilbert, lost in the brutal collision with the Steamer Caldera in 1914, disappeared beneath the surface in less than 5 minutes. Now two ships, generations apart in design, size, and construction, rest quietly just a few miles apart, in the cold, deep waters of Lake Huron. It is an exciting tale adventure and discovery of ships that are "Frozen In Time".

Rouse Simmons -

The Christmas Schooner

Presented by Joyce Hayward

All shipwrecks have stories to tell, but one of the most endearing is the story of The Christmas Tree Ship! This special ship, owned and operated by the Scheunemann family, was well known in the Midwest as the schooner that delivered Christmas trees from upper Michigan and Wisconsin to the families of Chicago. In 1912, a ferocious storm on Lake Michigan dashed the dreams of Chicagoans that Christmas season, when the schooner failed to arrive at the Clark Street bridge. This program will provide the history of the ship and the family that brought Christmas to Chicago, views of the ship as she rests today, and how her message is still alive today!

The Discovery of the Civil War Submarine Hunley

Presented by Ralph Wilbanks

Underwater Archaeologist, Ralph Wilbanks, owner of Diversified Wilbanks, a marine services contracting firm, will share the story of the discovery of the C.S.S Hunley in waters off South Carolina while working with author and shipwreck historian Clive Cussler. While the history of the Hunley and its discovery has been told in several network documentaries, this will be an opportunity to hear the actual story from the man who made the discovery. Mr. Wilbanks will also share a few other tidbits of his extensive work on several search efforts with Clive Cussler, with whom he has worked for over a decade.

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Sign Up Early & Save! Tear here and mail. Support Local History in the Making. Admission: \$10.00 per person *in advance*.

No tickets will be mailed, your name will be held at the door. Admission available at the door for \$12.50 per person. All proceeds will be directed MSRA's Shipwreck Quest 2005.

Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____ No. of Children Under 12 free _____

Annual MSRA Membership* includes 1 free Ticket @ \$25.00 _____ Number of tickets: _____ x \$10.00 = Total enclosed _____

*Membership includes one free admission, special seating for members and guests, post show party, daily emails during annual shipwreck search, and quarterly MSRA newsletters.

Mail to: MSRA 1134 Goodwood Ct. Holland, MI 49424	Questions: Contact Valerie van Heest 616-738-9233	Further Details and directions to the theater: See MSRA's website www.michiganshipwrecks.org	Payment: Make Checks payable to MSRA Sorry, no credit cards accepted.
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