Clarke’s New Exhibit

The Clarke Historical Library is preparing for the opening of our next exhibit, *A Delightful Destination: Little Traverse Bay at the Turn of the Century*. In 1900 tourists and season residents flocked to waterfront communities around Little Traverse Bay including Petoskey and Harbor Springs. Luxury hotels opened serving fresh oysters and lobsters. Railroad and steamship companies created elaborate advertising campaigns that rival the current Pure Michigan program and an economy and way of life still visible today were created. Through vintage maps, photographs, books and postcards, *A Delightful Destination: Little Traverse Bay at the Turn of the Century* explores the region’s transportation, cultural, and economic growth during this colorful period between 1890 and 1920.

To mark the opening of the new exhibit, award winning author Michael Federspiel will discuss the history of tourism in the first years of the Twentieth Century in and around Little Traverse Bay on February 29 at 7 pm in the Park Library Auditorium with a reception following in the Clarke Historical Library. The exhibit will run through May 31.

For those interested in a little behinds-the-scenes peek about the change of Clarke exhibits, check out the latest *Clarke Historical Library News and Notes* blog entry by Frank Boles, the Clarke Historical Library Director.

Check Out New Articles On Our Blog

The *Clarke Historical Library News and Notes* blog has had quite a few interesting posts in these first two months of 2012. From a U. S. presidential signature exhibit and lecture marking President’s Day to brief reminis-cence on the 200th birthday of Charles Dickens, the Clarke has been pub-lishing quite a bit about what we have going on.

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Spring 2012 Lecture Series

Among the upcoming events at the Clarke Historical Library are several lectures. These include Dan and Jennifer Diggman speaking about their book *Despite MS, To Spite MS* on March 15 and author and CMU profes-sor Ari Berk speaking about his work on April 12. You can stay up to date with our upcoming lecture series by visiting the Clarke Historical Library website - clarke.cmich.edu.