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International Wizard of Oz Club 2012 National Convention

Holland, Michigan
August 17-19 2012

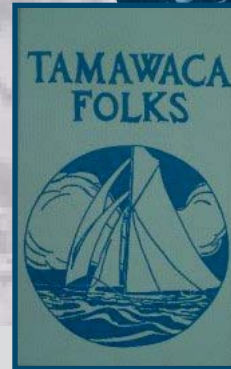
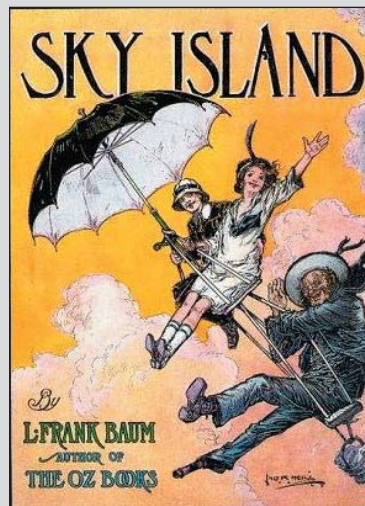
Join our exploration of Macatawa, Mich., site of the Baums' "Sign of the Goose" summer cottage, for a look at the homes of L. Frank Baum and this lakeside retreat he loved. We'll stage his novel, *Tamawaca Folks: A Summer Comedy*, that poked fun at the local inhabitants, learn about the *Aunt Jane's Nieces* series he began here, and have a now-and-then look at this turn-of-the-century resort community, which he left only when enchanting Coronado Island beckoned him from the California coast.

We'll also learn about the island in Bermuda where Oz illustrator W.W. Denslow reigned as King Denslow I, and we will celebrate the publication centennial of the second "borderland of Oz" story, *Sky Island*.

For many years the Oz Club returned each summer to Holland's own Castle Park. Now privately owned, we'll plan a nostalgic visit to this lovely castle and a tribute to the time we called it home. Other Baum homes and Oz castles also are expected on the program as details come together in the months ahead.

This 2012 IWOC convention is chaired by Kathleen DiScenna, chairman of the 2009 Munchkin Convention and Ozmania (2006). Kathy, a Baum historian, is the founder of the Lyman Frank Baum Foundation and the Land of Oz Preservation Co.

Bill Thompson will offer an IWOC fundraising auction for attendees. Contact him to contribute using InvisiBill1@gmail.com.



The Doubletree Inn of Holland has extended a group rate for our event and will be the site of most programming.

Fliers will be included with a future *Baum Bugle* mailing. Also watch the events section of www.OzClub.org for updates.