

International Wizard of Oz Club 2012 Convention

Islands & Castles & Homes!



Holland, Michigan ▲ Aug. 17-19, 2012

Join us near the Macatawa site of the Baums' summer cottage, "The Sign of the Goose," for a look at the islands and castles and homes of Oz. Arrive Friday afternoon and stay for the optional Sunday cruise to enjoy it all.

Friday: Explore the summer resort community Baum loved.* Richard Smyer's slides of past IWOC Castle Park conventions will kick off a welcoming reception. Have dinner in the Scarecrow's Corn Cob Castle as Scott Cummings tours us through the Castles of Oz. Special guest Chris Rickard will talk about her uncle, Ray Bolger, the beloved MGM Scarecrow. A Scarecrow exhibit drawn from the collection of Bill Beem also is planned. We'll conclude the evening with author Tom Doyle, *The Wizard of Macatawa*, as he talks about Macatawa in Baum's day.

Saturday: After breakfast, IWOC past-president Angelica Carpenter presents Woman's Suffrage leader Matilda Gage the "Mother of Oz" who made her home with Frank and Maud during their Chicago years. Next, there's no Dorothy like Judy!

Judy a Legendary Film Career, John Fricke's new book, lends itself to a film-clip-rich morning show. (Note: Bring your copy for him to sign.)

Bill Thompson's afternoon IWOC fund-raising "Sign of the Goose" auction will follow topical break-out sessions for Oz collectors. (Suggestions and moderators welcome!)

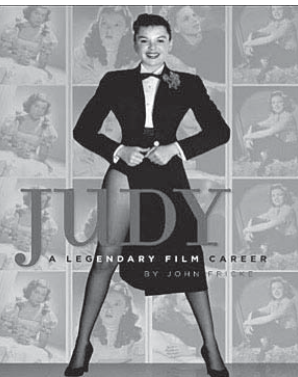
Our Saturday evening includes a look at the Baum family lifestyle by visiting all the places Frank Baum called "home"; convention chairman Kathy DiScenna presents. The evening's grand finale? Baum's novel *Tamawaca Folks: A Summer Comedy* about Macatawa comes to life in an original play by the IWOC's own Robin Olderman featuring an all-member cast.

Sunday: Wake up on island time in Macatawa. First Atticus Gannaway honors the publication centennial of *Sky Island*, Baum's second "borderland of Oz" story. Jane Albright then presents the story of the Bermuda island where Oz illustrator W.W. Denslow reigned as King Denslow I.

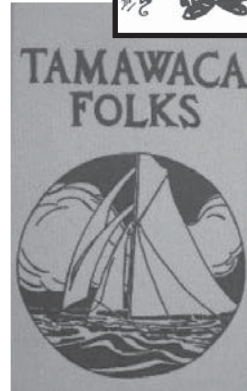
But don't hurry away! As an optional afternoon activity, join us on Lake Michigan for a scenic lunch cruise complete with Oz sing-along and fellowship. This cruise will actually be a 50th anniversary celebration — Oz Club members cruised Bass Lake at the 1962 IWOC convention. Although if rumors are true and pirates out to steal Ozian treasure learn of our plans, it could be a bumpy ride....

* Concern about our group's size has obligated the Castle Park Association to reconsider our previously planned visit to the site of past Club events. We are exploring alternative local sites of historic interest for our Friday afternoon hours. Note also that the IWOC Board of Directors will meet Friday.

Please watch www.OzClub.org and the Oz Club Convention page on Facebook for plan updates.



Ye, ho, me hearties! Just tack yer pirate coat or wench rags in yer cache and bring 'em along. (Question? Abandon all hope of answers.)



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August 17-19

**Register now
for \$160**

Register after July 15 for \$175.

The DoubleTree by Hilton, in Holland, Mich. will be our convention site. We recommend it for attendee lodging. Our Friday/Saturday group rate is \$119/night. Make reservations directly.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Holland
650 East 24th Street, Holland, Mich, 49423
Tel: 1-616-394-0111 Fax: 1-616-396-0711
www.doubletree.com (specify Holland, MI)

Travel planning: At 30 miles Grand Rapids, Mich., has the nearest airport. Driving directions from additional cities can be found on the DoubleTree website.

Meet at the DoubleTree at noon. Friday to team up with others exploring the Holland/Macatawa area. Those who stay through the optional Sunday afternoon cruise should expect the program to wrap up at 4 p.m.

The IWOC Board of Directors meets Friday. If you arrive early for the meeting -- or just for fun -- Thursday evening enjoy free street performers in downtown Holland.

Weekend fee covers meals (Friday dinner - Sunday breakfast), programs, entertainment, exhibits and 2012 event commemoratives. The optional Sunday cruise is not included in the registration rate.

One-day rates: Friday \$65 (reception, dinner and evening program), Saturday \$75 (breakfast, lunch, dinner, auction, day and evening programs), Sunday \$35 (brunch, morning program). Additionally, Sunday's cruise tickets are \$30/ adult and \$15/child 6-16.

Reduced rates for families: Kids age 0-6 free: Age 7-18 half-price with paying adult(s). Please note this rate is for families only.

For updates watch www.OzClub.org and our IWOC Convention page on Facebook.

2012 Convention Chairman, Kathleen DiScenna, chaired both 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.

Contact Kathy at discenna@dreamscape.com.

To contribute or consign to IWOC volunteer auctioneer Bill Thompson's "Sign of the Goose" fund-raising auction, contact him using InvisiBill1@gmail.com.

Cut-off date for early rate is July 15, 2012.

IWOC 2012 Macatawa Convention Registration Form

Please register _____ adults @ \$160/\$175 _____ kids @ \$80/\$97.50 for the full event.

Day rate only registrants: _____ adults F/65 • S/75 • S/35 _____ kids 5-12 F/33 • S/37 • S/17 (circle)

Optional Sunday afternoon lake cruise aboard the Holland Princess (est. 2 hours with lunch and our Oz program)

Ticket(s) _____ adults @\$30 _____ kids (age 6-16, 0-5 free) @\$15

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Can you help? This is a registration-funded event with no commercial or academic sponsors. Contributions of more than your registration fee are tax deductible and will help support this or future IWOC national events.

Donation: \$ _____

Send form with check made payable to The International Wizard of Oz Club to:
Karen Owens, IWOC Registrar, 14767 Westpoint, Taylor, MI 48180

Registration(s): \$ _____

Registration questions? Contact Karen at Storylandmi@aol.com 734-287-2603
Castle Park questions? Jane Albright, Ozibus@aol.com 816-753-2674

Cruise ticket(s): \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____