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MAY CALENDAR

Brunch and Speaker- Saturday, 13 May 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

The May brunch will be held at The Cottage, 420 Munson Avenue at 8th Street, in Traverse City. We will meet in the separate room in the rear. Our speaker will be **Heather Shumaker**, who will speak to us about her new book ***Saving Arcadia: A Story of Conservation and Community in the Great Lakes*** which tells the story of Arcadia Dunes and the 40 year effort to preserve this Michigan landscape..

It is a suspenseful and intimate land conservation adventure story set in the Great Lakes heartland. The story spans more than forty years, following the fate of a magnificent sand dune on Lake Michigan and the people who care about it. Author and narrator Heather Shumaker shares the remarkable untold stories behind protecting land and creating new nature preserves. Written in a compelling narrative style, the book is intended in part as a case study for landscape-level conservation and

documents the challenges of integrating economic livelihoods into conservation and what it really means to "preserve" land over time.

And Coming Up In JUNE...

Kidnapped
Bibliomensans' Book for June
by Robert Louis Stevenson - 166 pages
Scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2017

The full title of the book gives away major parts of the plot and creates the false impression that the novel is autobiographical. It is:

Kidnapped: Being Memoirs of the Adventures of David Balfour in the Year 1751: How he was Kidnapped and Cast away; his Sufferings in a Desert Isle; his Journey in the Wild Highlands; his acquaintance with Alan Breck Stewart and other notorious Highland Jacobites; with all that he Suffered at the hands of his Uncle, Ebenezer Balfour of Shaws, falsely so-called: Written by Himself and now set forth by Robert Louis Stevenson.

The central character and narrator is 17-year-old David Balfour. (Balfour is Stevenson's mother's maiden name.) His parents have recently died, and he is out to make his way in the world. He is given a letter by the minister of Essendean, Mr. Campbell, to be delivered to the House of Shaws in Cramond, where David's uncle, Ebenezer Balfour, lives. On his journey, David asks many people where the House of Shaws is, and all of them speak of it darkly as a place of fear and evil.

This tale of high adventure, told simply but colorfully, is woven around a true incident; Stevenson's characters, from all classes, noble and ignoble, are skillfully drawn and develop convincingly as they pass through kidnappings, battles at sea, murders, and other adventures. Here is Stevenson the novelist at his best -- forsaking dogma and eschewing ideology in favor of humanistic values. Stevenson was a master storyteller.

ON THE COVER Last month's speaker, Dave Barrons, uses a globe to demonstrate a point about relationships between our world's weather, climate change and man's influence on this system.

Correction: Last month's issue listed an incorrect date for Carole Eberly's death. The correct date was **February. 17, 2017.** We regret the error.

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