

REMEMBER THE DATE!

Bay City

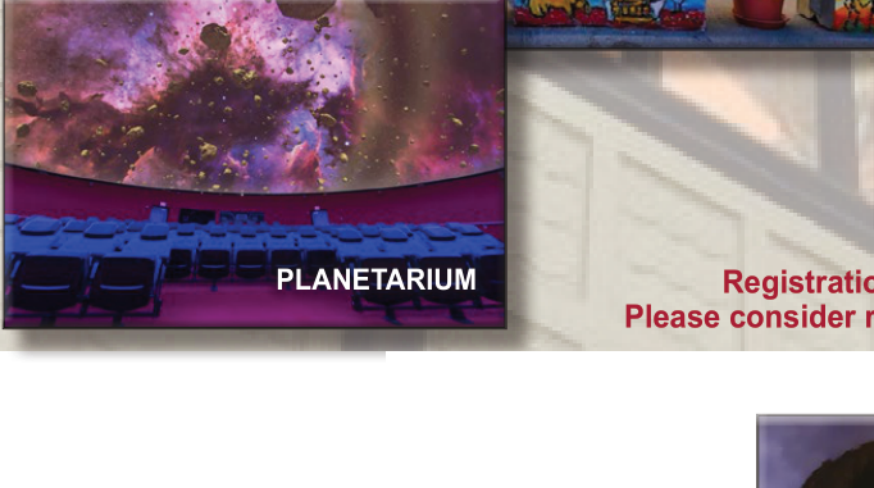
June 8-10, 2022



We're waiting for you.



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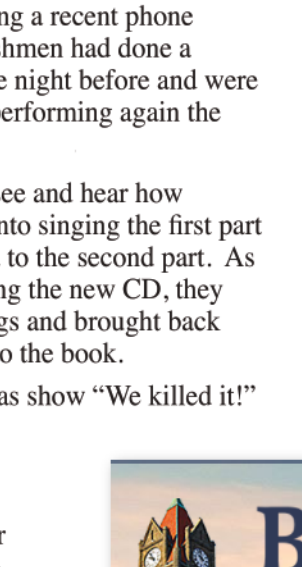
NAVAL SHIP MUSEUM



PLANETARIUM

Registration opens February 15, 2022. Please consider registering online at: [FFS2022.com](https://ffs2022.com)

Our President, Donna Gallaway



As we start a new year, the great news is that The Four Freshmen have been able to get back on the stage and show their stuff to live audiences again. It was reassuring to hear the excitement in Bob Ferreira's voice during a recent phone conversation. The Four Freshmen had done a Christmas show in Texas the night before and were enjoying a free day before performing again the next night.

Bob said he was thrilled to see and hear how smoothly Ryan has moved into singing the first part and Tommy has then shifted to the second part. As they prepare to start recording the new CD, they have learned many new songs and brought back some of the old favorites into the book.

Bob said at the Christmas show "We killed it!" Of course, meaning it was fantastic, and they had a great time doing it.

If you have Facebook or Youtube, you can hear some of their rehearsal time that has been posted as well as some stage time a fan posted, but nothing beats the real live thing. That is only a taste of what you can experience in Bay City in June. Yes folks, we are finally going to be able to gather again as the FFS family in just a few months in Michigan. What a celebration we will have! You will not want to miss this one, my friends. So fill out the registration form in this issue and plan to join us for an unforgettable experience of all things Fresh! Great memories and historic fun along with fantastic music guaranteed!

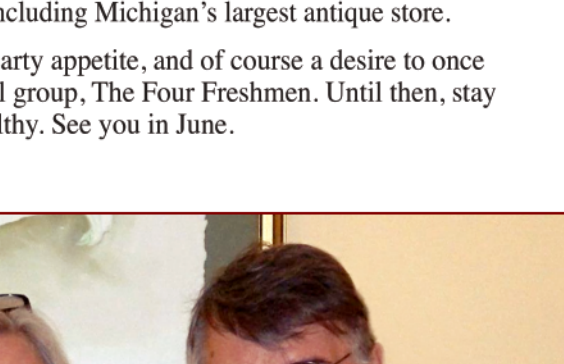


Bay City Will Still Be Ready

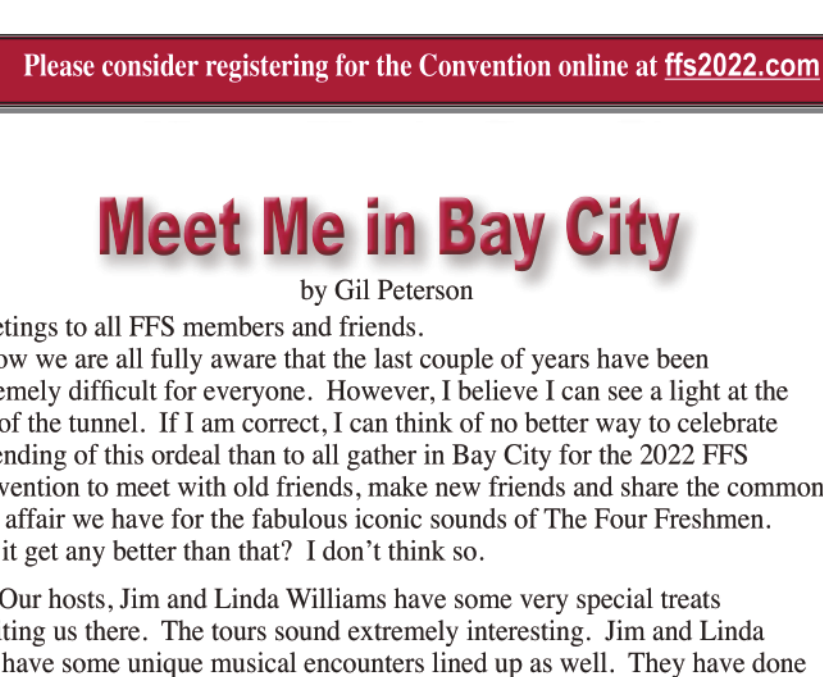
by Jim Williams

The uncertainty of the COVID 19 virus has caused the postponement of our 2021 Convention to June 8-10, 2022. Everything will be transitioned without much disruption. One thing for sure, I believe to continue to wait to hear our beloved Four Freshmen should heighten our anticipation and make the Convention more enjoyable as we break our fast. The tours have changed, and the hotel is just as anxious to host us. We will have the hotel almost entirely to ourselves. (see article elsewhere in this issue) The biggest change again will be the shift from a Thursday – Saturday Convention to Wednesday – Friday. Bay City is a weekend tourist destination during the summer, resulting in virtually all Saturday nights being booked for 2022.

The Michigan weather should be delightful in early June. One of the advantages to a small town is proximity. The DoubleTree Hotel, being on the Saginaw River in the downtown, encourages you to explore both the River Walk and a stroll through the downtown. There are over 20 restaurants and pubs within easy walking distance of the hotel, ranging from Jimmy Johns, and an Omelet Shop to fine dining with a variety of choices in between. Three blocks from the hotel is a full block of antique stores, including Michigan's largest antique store.



Bring a light jacket, a hearty appetite, and of course a desire to once again, hear our favorite vocal group, The Four Freshmen. Until then, stay home, stay safe and stay healthy. See you in June.



Linda & Jim Williams, Co-chairs 2022 Four Freshmen Society Convention

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Meet Me in Bay City

by Gil Peterson

Greetings to all FFS members and friends. I know we are all fully aware that the last couple of years have been extremely difficult for everyone. However, I believe I can see a light at the end of the tunnel. If I am correct, I can think of no better way to celebrate the ending of this ordeal than to all gather in Bay City for the 2022 FFS Convention to meet with old friends, make new friends and share the common love affair we have for the fabulous iconic sounds of The Four Freshmen. Can it get any better than that? I don't think so.

Our hosts, Jim and Linda Williams have some very special treats awaiting us there. The tours sound extremely interesting. Jim and Linda also have some unique musical encounters lined up as well. They have done a wonderful job of preparing for this convention. The 2022 convention will be slightly different from conventions in the past due to hotel scheduling. Activities will be scheduled Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Other than that, everything else will primarily be the same. All the registration information is in this issue of *Fresh News*. Plan ahead and register early.

As many of you know, The Four Freshmen are making plans for a new CD. David Bentley informed me that the group will be returning to Connecticut in early January to continue with the primary planning process prior to recording.

When everything is in place, the four voices will be added over the pre-cut instrumental tracks. Dave says if everything continues along smoothly, the goal is to have the new CD available for the 2022 convention. Very cool!!!!

As a side note, none of the songs to be recorded have ever been recorded before by The Four Freshmen. Obviously, we are all looking forward to the finished product.

I was fortunate enough to have The Four Freshmen here in Oregon this past June for two concerts. I can speak with first-hand knowledge, you do not want to miss the opportunity to see and hear Group 27. Therefore, do yourself a big favor and **MEET ME IN BAY CITY.**



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Take a Break and Relax at BAY CITY

Have you ever visited a new place and felt 'wow' about it? For many visitors, it happens at Bay City.

Bay City may not be as popular as other cities in the United States, but don't let that fool you. Bay City is a smaller but beautiful upcoming tourist destination that is worth a visit. You will be surprised by some of the unique things to do and places you can explore while at the Convention.

Many folks that have spent a few hours, or a few days, of a side trip here while traveling to Ann Arbor, Detroit, or Mackinac Island have wished to revisit someday, to take a break and relax at Bay City.

Bay City is one of the tri-cities that make up the Mid-Michigan region, along with Saginaw and Midland. Saginaw was known as an automotive town that hosts two of the world's largest foundries, which provided raw materials for a number of war efforts. Midland is home to Dow Chemical. Bay City, which sits at the mouth of the Saginaw River, was at the heart of Michigan's lumber industry. Lumber barn homes still line blocks of Center Avenue.

If you are not sure if Bay City should be included in your convention plans, you will be pleasantly surprised when you do so. As is not often the case in other convention cities, everything in Bay City is laid back, casually paced and centrally located.

Within a few blocks of the DoubleTree Hotel are specialty shops, pubs, restaurants and one of Michigan's largest antique malls. The DoubleTree Hotel sits adjacent to the Saginaw River providing the opportunity for a leisurely stroll along the River Walk which lines both banks of the river that divides the city. Be sure to include in your visit one of the three tours.

Most importantly, The Four Freshmen will be here. Make plans to join them.



Both the Frankenkumth and Dow Gardens tours include 25 – 30 minute bus rides and some walking, but they are both worth it. Frankenkumth is one of the top tourist attractions in the Midwest. Dow Gardens and a stroll along the canopy in early June should be spectacular. A piece of pie from Grand Traverse is probably worth the trip alone. For those of you who would like to spend less time and/or avoid a bus trip and walking, we are offering a presentation at the Delta College Planetarium directly across the street from the hotel. More detailed information regarding the tours can be found below.

Frankenkumth – Bronner's Christmas Wonderland City Tour and Lunch • Thursday, June 9th, 2022

This morning we depart Bay City 8:30 AM and head to Frankenkumth, Michigan's Little Bavaria. We arrive to shop Bronner's CHRISTMAS Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store with over 50,000 trims and gifts for all your holiday needs. While at Bronner's, you can view the replica of the Silent Night Memorial Chapel and spend a memorable moment singing *Silent Night*, the world's favorite Christmas carol.

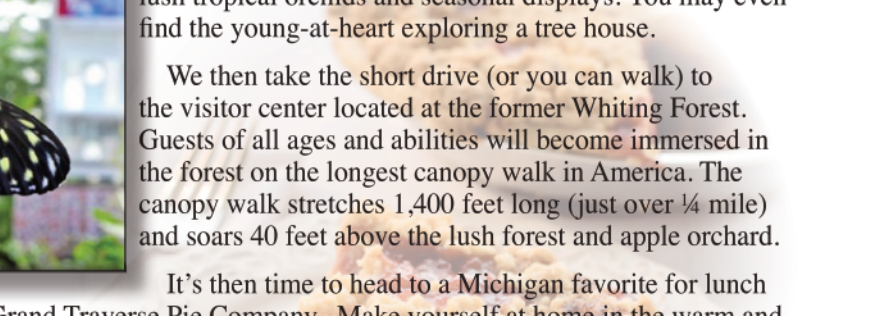
Back in the heart of downtown we will pick up our step-on guide as we enjoy a city tour of Frankenkumth.

At the Bavarian Inn Restaurant, lunch includes homemade bread, cole slaw, three pieces of fresh, plump, tender chicken served with mashed potatoes, gravy and baked dressing! Chef's choice dessert and beverage included.

Afterwards, you will have time to take in the old-world charm and hospitality that has made Frankenkumth the number one tourist attraction of the Midwest. Take a stroll on Main Street to shop in the unique stores or enjoy the short walk for additional charming and colorful shopping at the Frankenkumth River Place Shops. Not interested in shopping? There are plenty of places to enjoy wine tasting, indulge in a German beer or people-watching from a park bench.

You will return to the DoubleTree Hotel at approximately 3:30 PM

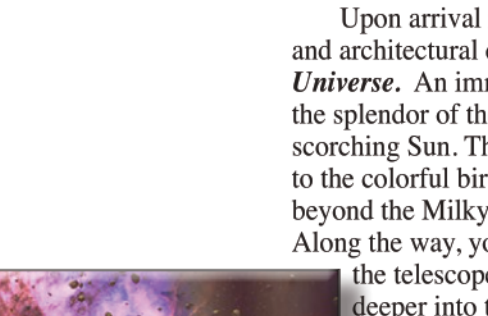
- Price per person \$55 INCLUDES
- Round trip Motor Coach Transportation
- Shopping time at Bronner's CHRISTMAS Wonderland
- City tour of Frankenkumth
- Signature Chicken Lunch at Bavarian Inn Restaurant
- Free time downtown Frankenkumth



Bay City Tours

Dow Gardens – Traverse City Pie Company Thursday, June 9th, 2022

This morning we depart Bay City 9:15 AM and head to Midland to visit the award winning Dow Gardens where we enjoy a guided tour. Enjoy the magnificent colors of the season where there are over 100 acres of flowers, shrubs, ponds and trees in a relaxing pastoral setting. Follow the paved curving paths as you meander past a waterfall, beside a winding brook and over bridges. Be sure not to miss the Conservatory with lush tropical orchids and seasonal displays. You may even find the young-at-heart exploring a tree house.



We then take the short drive (or you can walk) to the visitor center located at the former Whiting Forest. Guests of all ages and abilities will become immersed in the forest on the longest canopy walk in America. The canopy walk stretches 1,400 feet long (just over ¼ mile) and soars 40 feet above the lush forest and apple orchard.

It's then time to head to a Michigan favorite for lunch at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. Make yourself at home in the warm and welcoming atmosphere as you enjoy a full deli sandwich, chips, beverage, and of course a slice of pie!

You will return to the DoubleTree Hotel at approximately 2:15 PM

- Price per person \$58 INCLUDES
- Round trip Motor Coach Transportation
- Guided Tour of Dow Gardens
- Free time to explore the Canopy Walk
- Deli lunch at Grand Traverse Pie Company

Bay City – Delta College Planetarium – Box Lunch Thursday, June 9th, 2022

This morning you will take the short walk from the hotel to the Delta College Planetarium arriving at 10:00 AM. The Delta College Planetarium was designed around metaphors of space and exploration! The sun is the center of our solar system and the exterior colors are red and orange to represent the true colors of the sun's gases. The planetarium is certainly one of the most unique and significant buildings in downtown Bay City and has won significant awards from the American Institute of Architects!

Upon arrival in the theatre you will learn many more facts on the design and architectural elements before the main event entitled *From Earth to the Universe*. An impressive grand tour of the universe, this show starts with the splendor of the various worlds in the solar system and the ferocity of the scorching Sun. The program then leaves our home to take the audience out to the colorful birthplaces and burial grounds of stars, and still further out, beyond the Milky Way, to the unimaginable immensity of countless galaxies. Along the way, you will learn about famous astronomers, the invention of the telescope, and today's giant telescopes that allow us to probe ever deeper into the Universe.



After the amazing show you will have a box lunch provided at approximately 11:30 AM

You will return to the DoubleTree Hotel at your leisure, leaving you ample time to discover the waterfront and unique shops located downtown.

- Price per person \$30 INCLUDES
- Delta College Planetarium facility tour
- Planetarium show - *From Earth to the Universe*
- Boxed deli-style lunch

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2022 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

| Wednesday 6/8 | |
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| 8:00am – 6:00pm | Registration Grand Foyer |
| 9:00am – 4:00pm | 113 Club Wheeler |
| 10:00am – 2:00pm | FF Music Foundation Salon A |
| 2:30pm – 4:00pm | Wannabes Davidson |
| 3:00pm – 5:00pm | FF Society Board Salon B |
| 7:00pm – 11:00pm | Cash Bar Grand Ballroom |
| 7:00pm – 11:00pm | Jam Session Grand Ballroom |
| Thursday 6/9 | |
| 8:00am – 6:00pm | Registration Grand Foyer |
| 8:30am – 3:30pm | Tour #1 (Frankenkumth) Grand Foyer |
| 9:15am – 2:15pm | Tour #2 (Dow Gardens) Grand Foyer |
| 10:30am – 12:30pm | Tour #3 (Planetarium) Grand Foyer |
| 9:00am – 4:00pm | 113 Club Wheeler |
| 2:30pm – 4:00pm | Wannabes Davidson |
| 5:30pm – 6:30pm | Meet and Greet Grand Foyer |
| 5:30pm – 11:00pm | Cash Bar Grand Ballroom |
| 6:30pm – 11:00pm | Dinner and Concert Grand Ballroom |
| Friday 6/10 | |
| 9:00am – 4:00pm | 113 Club Wheeler |
| 9:00am – 10:00am | State Representatives Davidson |
| 10:00am – 11:00am | General Meeting Davidson |
| 1:00pm – 2:30pm | FF Memories Davidson |
| 2:30pm – 4:00pm | Wannabes Davidson |
| 2:30pm – 4:00pm | Convention Co-ordination Boardroom |
| 5:30pm – 6:30pm | Meet and Greet Grand Foyer |
| 5:30pm – 11:00pm | Cash Bar Grand Ballroom |
| 6:30pm – 11:00pm | Dinner and Concert Grand Ballroom |
| 11:00pm – ??? | Afterglow Grand Foyer |



Order your commemorative shirts before they are sold out!

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The Four Freshmen



Bob Ferreira Tommy Boynton Jake Baldwin Ryan Howe

A Musical Legacy