

Bridgehouse Museum

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Bridge Lift!

Photos taken by Donna Primas

Did you know that general admission to **The McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum** is always complimentary to card carrying CTPA members? For the public, general admission is just \$4. The museum is open Thursday-Monday, **10 a.m.-5 p.m., between May 15 and October 31**. See it again (or for the first time) before it closes for the winter!

Located at 376 N. Michigan Ave., on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive, the entrance is on the Riverwalk level. For detailed info go to: <http://bridgehousemuseum.org>

On October 12, the weather was perfectly sunny—true Indian Summer weather! About a dozen sailboats were in the flotilla that sailed from the lake to the south. The windows at the top of the museum offer great views. Historic photos don the walls of the five-story museum.

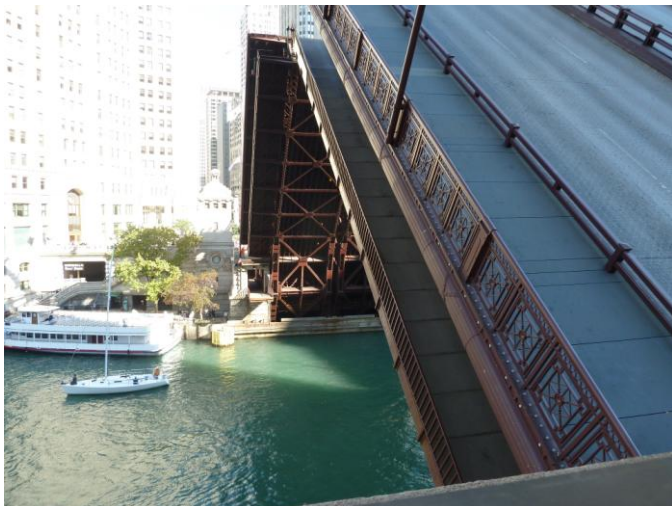
If you missed this outing, remember there are planned bridge openings **each WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY in October**, starting about 9:30 a.m. with the opening of Lake Shore Drive. As bridges are often opened one at a time, on October 12, the Michigan Avenue bridge opened about 10:15 a.m.



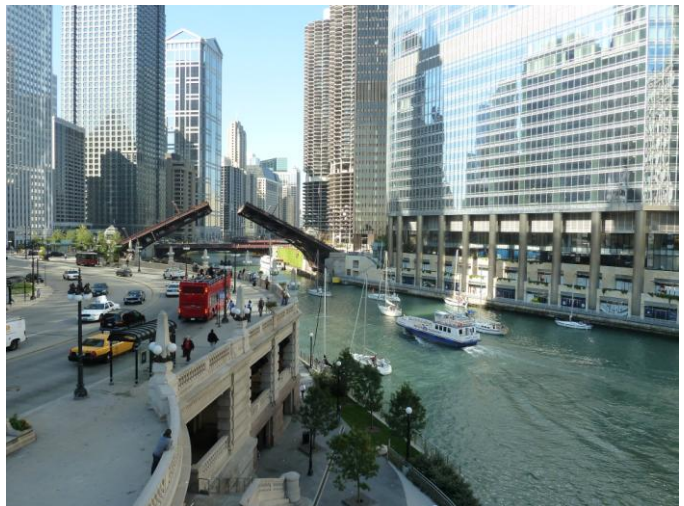
Lake Shore Drive opening!



Columbus only opened one side!

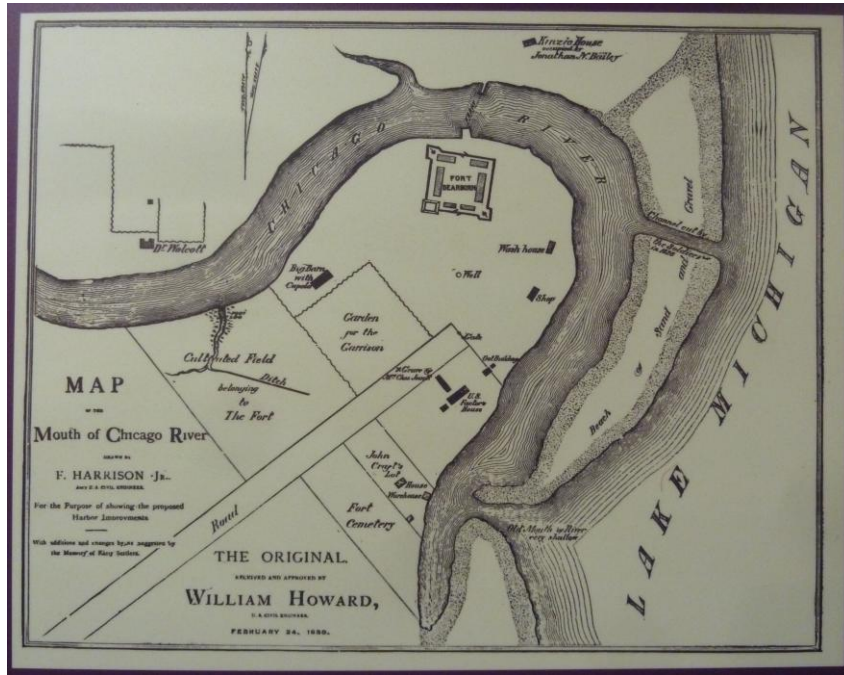


Michigan Avenue going up!



Next up, Wabash!

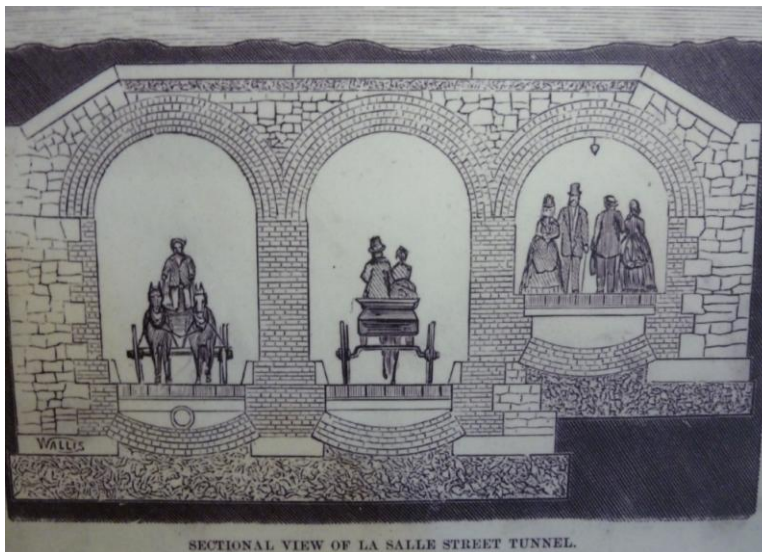
Historic Maps and Photos are on Display in the Museum!



Map of Chicago, 1830



Great Chicago Lake Tunnel, 1867



LaSalle Street Pedestrian Tunnels under the Chicago River, 1877