

Mark Twain...Alive in Garden City!

Famed American author and humorist Mark Twain, who “wowed” a wild, young nation in the 1800’s with his short stories and novels, including *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and its sequel *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, will visit The Garden City Historical Society Museum on Saturday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.

How can this be, you ask? Through the ingenuity and resourcefulness of Garden City’s own, incomparable Rob Alvey! Portraying Mark Twain—whose wit and satire earned him praise from critics and peers—Rob will present “A Reading by Mark Twain,” which will surely be an entertaining experience. All are invited to attend this unique event at the Museum, 109 Eleventh Street. Light refreshments will be served.

Rob is offering his portrayal as Mark Twain in Garden City as a benefit for two local non-profit organizations, The Garden City Historical Society and the Garden City Bird Sanctuary, which was founded by Rob and his wife Suzie Alvey. Rob previously starred in an Off-Broadway performance of this original performance as a benefit for the Village Light Opera Group in 2010.

Admission is \$25. For information and tickets, please call the Museum at (516) 746-8900, Brian Pinnola at (516) 456-0433, or the Bird Sanctuary at (516) 326-1720, or email gcbirdsanctuary@gmail.com.

Mark Twain, born in Missouri in 1835 as Samuel Langhorne Clemens, overcame childhood illness to become a Mississippi riverboat pilot’s apprentice and then a licensed pilot. When river trade was brought to a stand-still by the Civil War, Clemens turned to journalism, working as a newspaper reporter. He gained fame when his humorous short story, “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calavaras County,” appeared in the New York Saturday Press in November 1865. He wrote 28 books and numerous short stories, letters and sketches, and his travelogues were also well received.

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Captions:

1. On a recent preview visit to the Historical Society Museum, Mark Twain (aka Rob Alvey) contemplates his upcoming reading on May 21.
2. Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens), from his official website.