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TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THREE OF THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S FEBRUARY BEHIND THE SCENES SATURDAY TOURS

DETROIT - The Detroit Historical Society continues its popular weekly "Behind the Scenes" series, sponsored by the **DTE Energy Foundation**, this February with the following guided tours of some of Metro Detroit's most unique locations.

- **Underground Railroad Living Museum on Saturday, February 13 at 11 a.m.** – Guests will experience what slaves encountered along the Underground Railroad between 1840 and 1863. On the tour, guests will hide from bounty hunters, cross the Ohio River and find refuge in a safe house before escaping to freedom. The cost of this tour is \$20 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$30 for guests.
- **Detroit Public Library on Saturday, February 20 at 2 p.m.** – Due to popular demand, a special afternoon tour has been added! **Kathleen Marcaccio**, Detroit Historical Society and Preservation Wayne member, will guide guests on a tour of one of the city's greatest treasures. The main library, designed by prominent New York architect **Cass Gilbert**, was dedicated in 1921. The Italian Renaissance-style building had three floors, eight reference departments and 439,000 books. In 1963 wings along Cass Avenue were added to the north and south ends of the original building. Guests will learn about the library's architecture, fine art and special collections. The cost of this tour is \$20 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$30 for guests.
- **Conservation & Museum Services on Saturday, February 27 at 11 a.m.** – Conservator **Kenneth Katz** will guide guests through his Detroit studio and demonstrate some of the techniques used to preserve and restore beauty to some of metro Detroit's most famous sculptures, paintings and artifacts. The cost of this tour is \$20 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$30 for guests.

Telephone reservations can be accepted with a Visa or MasterCard Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are not sold the day of the tour. Those who register receive

directions to the tour location, a map, and additional information in the mail one to two weeks prior to the tour.

For more information or to reserve your spot for the Detroit Historical Society's Behind the Scenes Saturday tours or other 2010 events, call **(313) 833-1801**, or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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