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**SEE MARITIME HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR LARRY MASSIE AT THE
DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MARITIME AUXILIARY GROUP'S
FAIR WINDS FALL DINNER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

Join the Detroit Historical Society's Maritime Auxiliary Group at their Fair Winds Fall Dinner on **Sunday, October 5th** starting at **2 p.m.** at the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**. Guests will enjoy a reception, silent auction, dinner, raffle and a presentation entitled "**Sand Dunes, Sawdust & Ship Wrecks: Stories from the Sunset Shore**" by noted author and maritime historian **Larry B. Massie**.

The cost for each event is \$30 for Society/Maritime Auxiliary Group members and \$40 for guests. Advance ticket purchase is required. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

For more information or to reserve your spot for this event, call **(313) 833-1801**, or go to www.detroithistorical.org and click on "Upcoming Events and Programs."

Massie was born in Grand Rapids and grew up in Allegan. Following a tour in Vietnam as a U.S. Army paratrooper, he worked as a telephone lineman, construction laborer, bartender and in a pickle factory before earning three degrees in history from Western Michigan University. In 1983, he launched a career as an independent historian, specializing in the heritage of the state he loves. He lives with his wife and workmate, Priscilla, their four children, and their 35,000 volume library in a rambling old schoolhouse nestled in the Allegan State Forest. The Michigan history storytelling sessions which Massie has presented at hundreds of conferences, libraries, schools, festivals and organizations across both peninsulas have proven a popular and fun way to get citizens excited about learning more about the heritage of their state and community. Mr. Massie also has authored 18 books about Michigan's history and offers writing workshops.

The Detroit Historical Society's Maritime Auxiliary Group (MAG) is dedicated to preserving our region's rich maritime history. In addition to all the regular benefits of Society membership, members of the MAG have access to special events and programs at the Dossin

Great Lakes Museum and receive a quarterly maritime history publication called the *Telescope*. To become a member of the Detroit Historical Society and the Maritime Auxiliary Group, call **(313) 833-1980** or click on “Membership & Support” at www.detroithistorical.org.

The Dossin Museum, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except the day of the dinner). Admission is free at the Museum for the duration of 2008 through the generous support of the **DeRoy Testamentary Foundation**, however, donations are welcome. During the week, the Museum is open for group tours by advance reservation. Permanent exhibits include the *Miss Pepsi* vintage 1940s championship hydroplane, a bow anchor from the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter *S.S. William Clay Ford*, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. New exhibits include *Smugglers on the Straits* and *Fun, Fast & Fancy: Great Lakes Yachts*. For more information, call **(313) 833-5538** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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