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Letter from the Executive Director Bob Bury

Perhaps you attended the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center this year and experienced a level of excitement and optimism that seemed unstoppable...

...or maybe you enjoyed seeing our City being recognized in a positive, leading-edge light in Chrysler's Super Bowl ad.

Maybe you feel a renewed sense of pride and optimism for the future when you see one of the many "I'm a Believer" billboards around town or hear a radio spot featuring Dave Bing or L. Brooks Patterson...

...or maybe you joined Rochelle Riley of the Free Press' effort to save the ABC television show "Detroit 1-8-7" because of the pro-Detroit themes it includes.

Clearly, a common theme is emerging.

Detroit, with its remarkable past and the future it faces, is unique and very special. As Chrysler's Super Bowl ad declared "we are *not* New York City, the Windy City, Sin City or certainly not anyone's Emerald City."

Thanks to your continued support, the Detroit Historical Society collects and shares the stories of our unique City and region — our challenges and our triumphs — through our exhibits, educational programs, collections efforts and community collaborations. It is both a great privilege and responsibility to preserve a past that also serves to inspire and inform our future.

Consider that the next time you visit us or experience one of our programs.

Since 1921, we have captured the innovation, entrepreneurial spirit and achievement that define our region and ourselves. From *Frontiers to Factories* through the famous *Streets of Old Detroit* to the *Motor City*, we are firmly committed to telling the story of the past we share... and of the future that lies ahead.

What's more, our *Past>Forward* Campaign will expand our capabilities and enable us to tell more of the stories that are so distinctly ours.

As the popular media reminds us so often, Detroit's future is undefined and, I would argue, is ours to create. Take the time to rediscover and learn from those who went before us by visiting soon. Our future may depend on it.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bury

Executive Director & CEO
 Detroit Historical Society

ON THE COVER:

Diana Ross (far right) and the Supremes along with TV host Ed Sullivan; award-winning writer and columnist Mitch Albom; legendary heavyweight champion Joe Louis; Tony Award winner Julie Harris; and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Dr. Ralph Bunche (far right).

Don't miss the Dossin Great Lakes Museum Annual Gala!

Don't miss out on your chance to experience the Dossin Great Lakes Museum as it's transformed into a Riverboat gambler's paradise — complete with Blackjack, Roulette and Hold 'em Poker — at the annual gala on Friday, April 15 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.!

This event, hosted by the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, is an exceptional evening of fun, food and great entertainment.

Prices are \$200 for the "High Roller" tickets and \$150 for the "Shark" tickets. Our friends ages 35 and under are invited to join us at the "Snapper" rate of \$100 per ticket.

The gala brings in much-needed funds to support the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, enabling the Detroit Historical Society to continue providing educational programs and exhibits that celebrate the exciting maritime history of our region. Make your plans now and join us!

To purchase your tickets, visit us at www.detroithistorical.org or call Amanda Saoud at (313) 833-1980.

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Museum hosts regional round of state history competition

On Saturday, March 19, more than 100 4th through 12th grade students will share their historical scholarship at the Detroit Historical Museum as part of the Michigan History Day program.

Michigan History Day, an affiliate of the National History Day initiative, is a year-long educational program where students choose a historical topic based on an annual theme, conduct original research in primary and secondary sources, analyze and interpret their findings and create a final project that shares their work. Students can submit their projects, which include historical papers, web sites, documentaries, performances and exhibits, into a series of competitions from the local to the national level.

At the March 19th contest, area students will present their projects based on the annual theme, "Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences." The general public is invited to see the documentaries, performances, and exhibits throughout the day. The winners will advance to the Michigan History Day competition which takes place at Grand Valley State University on Saturday, April 30.

"This program is one of the best tools educators have to encourage critical thinking, research, literacy, communication and other skills

among their students," explained Tobi Voigt, Detroit Historical Society Director of Education and the southeastern Michigan coordinator for the competition.

"Studies have shown that students that participate in the contest score higher on nearly every measure of standardized testing and assessment than those who do not. More importantly, they learn how to collaborate with team members, talk to experts, manage their time and see something through from start to finish — all critical skills that are necessary for them to succeed in today's competitive environment."

For more information on Michigan History Day and the March 19th contest, please contact Tobi Voigt at tobiv@detroithistorical.org or at (313) 833-0481.



Director of Education Tobi Voigt

Society among presenters at annual history conference

The Detroit Historical Society will be well represented when the 53rd annual conference on local history kicks off on Friday, March 25, at the Michigan State University Management Education Center in Troy.

Presented by the Historical Society of Michigan and sponsored in part by the Detroit Historical Society, the two-

day conference — formally known as "Michigan in Perspective: The 53rd Annual Conference on Local History" — includes premier offerings on topics in state and regional history.

Sessions presented on Friday will include "Exhibiting Cultural Diversity Through Wedding Dresses" by Society Vice President

David Janssen and Society Director of Exhibitions & Programs Tracy Irwin.

In addition, Society Curator Joel Stone presents "To Scale: A Legacy of Great Lakes Ship Models" on Saturday. For more information on other sessions or to reserve your spot, please visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.



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Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings

Now open • Booth Wilkinson Gallery

"I do." Brides and grooms have been uttering these words in one way or another — and in one language or another — for a long time in metro Detroit as part of the colorful pageantry that celebrates hopeful futures as well as the uniting of families, neighbors and communities. But weddings can be much more than that. They can be solemn ceremonies that reflect centuries of cultural and ethnic traditions, with rituals that span generations.

This exhibition, *Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings*, highlights three centuries of these personal stories and community rituals as it examines the traditions surrounding marriage and weddings.

Portions of the Detroit Historical Society's collection of wedding gowns and accessories are highlighted in this exhibit. This Society has also established partnerships with a host of ethnic and community groups from throughout the region as a means of ensuring diverse representation of traditional costumes, ceremonial artifacts and stories.

Be sure to put this on your "must see" list and discover the rich, diverse ways metro Detroit has been saying "I do" for more than 300 years!



VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed

Now open • Stark Hall

Metro Detroiters have always been ready to say "I'll race you!" From early Native American foot races to French horse races — right up to the recent Red Bull Air Races — we've always found the thrill of a race irresistible. No matter the century, no matter the season, the challenge has been met!

VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed is an exhibit devoted to our appetite for fast competitions. While other towns can claim to



race cars or boats or planes, Detroit's unique geography has enabled us to have been involved in all of these at their inception.

Community Partner



But this exhibit is more than just a history lesson. After all, racing is about thrills — for contestants and fans alike. Exciting graphics, videos and stories allow visitors to explore the nature of various sports and enhance the exhibit's appeal.

It's guaranteed to feed your need for speed!

Jerome Biederman Exhibition

Now open • Second floor corridor

The Detroit Historical Society proudly dedicates a space at the Detroit Historical Museum that displays some of the most treasured artistic creations in its collection. As such, this installment features several pieces from renowned artist Jerome Biederman.

Biederman was a nationally recognized transportation illustrator. Whether his subject was an automobile, aircraft or train, his renderings were technically accurate and highly detailed. His medium of choice was tempura paint and illustration board.

He chose to specialize in transportation and built a reputation for colorful and lifelike paintings. For many years, his steadiest commissions came from calendar companies. He also did special projects and his work appeared regularly in *Automobile Quarterly* and *Horseless Carriage Gazette* magazines.

Following his death in 1996, friends gathered his original paintings and began donating them to organizations with historic ties to the various transportation modes pictured. The Society's Collection has received 28 of Biederman's automobile images, courtesy of Kenneth Cahn.



Scripps-Booth "DaVinci Pup" Cyclecar

Now open • Automotive Showplace

The Scripps-Booth Cyclecar Company was founded in 1913 and occupied a factory less than a mile from the Detroit Historical Museum. A short-lived trend in the early days

of "motoring," cycle cars were designed to be small, sporty and particularly fast. The company produced about 400 vehicles before the fad passed.

This "DaVinci Pup" is one of four Scripps-Booth vehicles in the Detroit Historical Society Collection and is yet another one-of-a-kind example that we're proud to display. Constructed on a wood frame, the boat-tailed aluminum body weighs 1,250 pounds and is powered by an all-aluminum 16-valve, 4-cylinder engine. Two rubber belts turn the wheels, propelling this car at over 90 mph.

While its value is indeed priceless, consider this: it was *built* at a cost of \$30,000! Don't miss this unique piece of automotive history.



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For more information call (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org

Exclusive Member Preview!

Attention Members! Watch the mail for your invitation to an exclusive Member Preview Reception at the Detroit Historical Museum on Friday, March 18 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This members-only event will showcase the newest exhibits at the Detroit Historical Museum. Be among the first to see *Fabulous 5: Detroit's Award Winners* (highlighted on this page), *Detroit*

Artist's Showcase featuring work from Janet Anderson, and *New to the Collection*, featuring the most recent additions to the Detroit Historical Society's collections.

If you're a member and would like to RSVP, or if you'd like to become a member so you can attend, please contact Amanda Saoud at (313) 833-1980 or at amandas@detroithistorical.org.



Fabulous 5: Detroit's Award Winners

Opens March 19 • Kresge Gallery

The *Fabulous 5* exhibits highlight outstanding things about Detroit — people and aspects of the city that Detroiters love and respect. Occasionally, these wonderful elements of local culture are recognized nationally and internationally. *Detroit's Award Winners* is a salute to five people that have been honored in this manner.

Each of these Detroiters received awards that honor their extraordinary achievements. They are representative of the dynamic talent that this city has produced over three centuries. Their recognition instills pride in our city and hope for our future.

Fabulous 5: Detroit's Award Winners includes Mitch Albom, *Detroit Free Press* journalist, who received the 2010 Red Smith Award for Lifetime Achievement, given by the Associated Press Sports Editors for outstanding contributions to sports journalism. Albom has also been recognized as an author, screen writer, radio personality and for charitable contributions to the city.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, Detroit-born United States Ambassador to the United Nations, is the recipient of the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to mediate an agreement between Israel and numerous Arab states. He was also recognized with numerous honorary doctorates and the 1949 Spingarn Medal from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Julie Harris, locally born actress from Grosse Pointe, received the American Theatre Wing's Tony Special Lifetime Achievement Award

in 2002. She is also recognized for her 10 nominations and five Tony awards — the most ever — as well as the National Medal of the Arts that she received in 1994.

Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1981. Louis was honored for his numerous boxing achievements, but more importantly for his service to the United States as a soldier and a symbol of American determination.

Diana Ross, vocalist and actress, was a recipient of the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors in 2007. That same year she also received the Black Entertainment Television Lifetime Achievement Award. Both of these accolades recognized her numerous Grammy nominations, American Music Awards, Golden Globe and Tony awards, as well as her place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Make sure to visit this one and celebrate their remarkable achievements.



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This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.



COMMUNITY GALLERY

Michigan Sports Hall of Fame

Closes April 3



The Michigan Sports Hall of Fame presents a spirited, interactive exhibit featuring an exciting theme based on comebacks and championships.

This exhibit highlights both team and individual triumphs over the years.

From the Detroit Red Wings unbelievable stretch as the best team in hockey after years of being one of the worst, to the Detroit Tigers remarkable comeback against the Cardinals in 1968, this exhibit evokes nostalgic memories for fans of all ages.

Positive messages of teamwork, persistence, faith and other encouraging elements invite you to take home a feeling of inspiration — especially during our state's comeback journey.

Detroit Economic Club: 75 Years of Remarkable Speakers and Compelling Conversations

Opens April 16



The Detroit Economic Club (DEC) was established in 1934 amidst the Great Depression by a determined, optimistic and forward-thinking business leader, Allen Crow.

When Crow, a prominent Detroit businessman known for his tireless devotion to the community, brought together 47 of Detroit's business and industrial leaders for forum meetings, the Detroit Economic Club was born. Today, with 3,000 members and over 100 sponsors, the DEC continues to be a coveted podium for prominent CEOs, thought leaders and government officials to let their voices be heard.

This exhibit will take you on a journey through the history of the DEC — and the history of Detroit itself — with photographs, artifacts, audio and video featuring an array of fascinating speakers and captivating speeches covering the last 75 years.

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BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

\$20 Detroit Historical Society members • \$30 Guests (unless otherwise noted)Sponsored by  DTE Energy

Advance reservations required. Tour registrants receive directions to the tour location, a map and additional information 1–2 weeks after payment is received. On average, tours last from 90 minutes to two hours. No refunds or tour credits will be given. You may choose from three options to sign-up:

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Guardian Building

April 2 – 10 a.m.**\$20 members/\$30 guests**

If you missed the December tour, this is your chance to explore one of the unique highlights of Detroit's skyline. Join us to gain understanding of the craftsmanship, historical significance, and amazing views from the Guardian Building!

Acclaimed Preservation Wayne guide Ellen Howell will share her vast knowledge of the building and personal anecdotes in this great tour.

Dime and Ford Buildings

April 9 – 10 a.m.**\$20 members/\$30 guests****Back by popular demand!**

Join Preservation Wayne's Ellen Howell as she guides you through two of Daniel Burnham's skyscrapers, the Dime and Ford buildings. Detroit's first skyscraper, the Ford Building, was built for Ford Glass, which eventually merged with a rival, the Libby Glass Company, to form Libby-Owens-Ford.

The Dime Building, built to house a banking floor and many levels for the business of Dime Bank, was designed with a window for ventilation and light in every office.



Masonic Temple

April 16 – 2 p.m.**\$20 members/****\$30 guests**

On September 18, 1922, thousands of Master Masons and their families witnessed the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple of

Detroit being placed into position. George Washington's own working tools, brought from his Virginia lodge, were employed. The first mortar was spread with the same trowel that our nation's first president used in the cornerstone laying of the National Capitol.

The Detroit Temple is unique among the Masonic buildings of the country because

all of the various bodies are housed in the same structure. Boasting more than 12 million cubic feet of space in all, this is one of the largest and most complete buildings of its kind in the world.

April 23 • NO TOUR – EASTER WEEKEND

Historic Detroit Motorcoach Tour

April 30 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**\$60 members/\$70 guests**

Leave the driving to the Detroit Historical Society and join us for an educational tour of the historic city of Detroit. Registration includes charter bus transportation, lunch, all admissions and full tour narration.

Explore Michigan's largest city with educators Dr. Jim McConnell and Annette W. McConnell, who will lead participants on an enjoyable journey through Detroit's 300-plus years. Guests will travel to downtown Detroit and walk the grounds where Cadillac founded the city in 1701. Next they will hear about the Great Fire of 1805, and learn how the Woodward Plan shaped the modern city.

Other tour highlights include visiting key locations from the early years of Ford Motor Company and driving through the downtown area. Additional tour sites include the New Center area, Historic Corktown, Midtown and the vibrant Cultural Center. What a great way to experience Historic Detroit!

Solanus Casey Center

May 7 – 10 a.m.**\$30 members/\$40 guests****Includes lunch!**

The Solanus Casey Center, a ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars of the Province of Saint Joseph, is located within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. Inspired by the life and example of Venerable Solanus Casey, the center strives to be a place of pilgrimage, healing, reconciliation and peace.

This tour will introduce you to the history of Father Solanus Casey, the beginnings of the Capuchins in Detroit, and the St. Bonaventure Chapel adjacent to the center through its many artifacts, photographs and types of artwork.

The Players Club of Detroit

May 13 – 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.**\$75 members/\$85 guests****Special Friday evening tour and performance includes dinner!**

On the first Saturday of every month during the performance season, the Players put on three unique one-act plays for a formally attired audience comprised of Players members and their invited guests.

Allowing for breaks in this schedule for the November Invitational and the January Millionaire's party, this creates a grand total of 15 individual plays each season.

After the final play is performed in April, the general membership is presented with a review of the season's fare and then proceeds to vote on what they consider to be the three best plays worthy of encore performances for a general invitational audience. To be selected for this honor is known amongst the Players as 'Making May' and is quite a coveted distinction by actors and directors alike!

We invite you to come and be a part of this extra special event at the historic Players' Playhouse as this year the Players Club of Detroit celebrates its 100-year anniversary as an iconic Detroit organization.

Charles T. Fisher Mansion

May 21 – 10 a.m.**\$20 members/\$30 guests**

Architect George Mason built this 18,000-square-foot home in 1922 for Charles T. Fisher and his wife Sarah.

The house has 12 bedrooms, 17 bathrooms, a pub, a private chapel, and marble ballroom. There was even a gymnasium built on the third floor to keep the Fisher children safe from kidnapping.

Michael Fisher, a cousin, bought and began restoring the home in 2008. Come explore the largest mansion in Detroit's historic Boston-Edison district!

**May 28 • NO TOUR –
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

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RiverWalk Bus/Walking Tour

June 4 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\$30 members/\$40 guests

Come explore the history hidden in Detroit's RiverWalk with local history guru Virginia Catanese. We will meet at the Detroit Historical Museum and ride down to the riverfront in comfort.

This combination coach and walking tour will provide you the best of both worlds!



Woodmere Cemetery

June 11 – 10 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

Woodmere Cemetery was dedicated on July 14, 1869, and began with approxi-

mately 2,000 remains that had been removed from the Russell Street Cemetery when it was closed. An afternoon stroll through Woodmere Cemetery's 200 rolling acres offers a feast for the eyes and the emotions.

Ornate mausoleums, a Civil War monument, as well as headstones dating back to the 1860s can be studied in this corner of southwest Detroit. Among its more

prominent residents are Michigan auto magnates David Buick and Henry Leland, brilliant innovators who built engines for Oldsmobile and Cadillac.

Historic Fort Wayne

June 18 – 10 a.m.

**\$20 members/****\$30 guests**

Fort Wayne was Detroit's third

military fort and the first built by the Americans. The fort never saw a shot fired in anger. The peaceful location became a primary induction center for Michigan troops entering battle in every U.S. conflict from the Civil War to Vietnam.

Among many of its duties over the course of its 125-year use as an Army base, it served as an infantry training station, housed the Chaplin school for a few years, and was the primary procurement location for the vehicles and weapons manufactured in Detroit during both World Wars. During these wars, the fort even housed prisoners of war from Italy and Russia.

Boston-Edison Walking Tour

June 25 – 10 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

The Boston-Edison Historic District is an instantly recognizable address in the heart of Detroit. Most homes were constructed between 1905 and 1925 and range in size from modest two-story vernaculars to impressive mansions. Early residents of Boston-Edison included Henry Ford, James Couzens, Horace Rackham, Sebastian Kresge and Joe Louis.

The American penchant for individuality is evident in the fact that out of more than 900 houses, no two are alike. Each is custom designed and is a unique interpretation of its chosen style which includes English Revival (Cottage, Tudor, Renaissance), Roman and Greek Revival, French Provincial, Colonial Revival (Georgian and Dutch), Italian Renaissance, Prairie and Vernacular.

Don't miss this tour of one the city's most iconic and popular neighborhoods!

Historic Houses of Worship Tours

Since 1972, the Historic Houses of Worship tours have acquainted metro Detroiters with the contributions religious institutions have made in the development of our community. These tours are co-sponsored by the Detroit Historical Society and the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Michigan.

Tours now feature the comfort of motorcoaches, providing you with a relaxing view of our architecturally unique city!

Cost is \$30 for Detroit Historical Society members; \$40 for guests. All tours run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and both depart from and return to the Detroit Historical Museum (unless otherwise noted).

NOTE: Due to the popularity of these tours, it's recommended that you make reservations well in advance. No group or individual reservations will be held without payment in full.

April 4

Immaculate Conception

St. Ladislaus

St. Matthew & St. Joseph

St. Florian

Sacred Heart

(SOLD OUT — call (313) 833-1801 to get on waiting list)

May 2 (Monroe)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

St. Michael the Archangel

First Presbyterian Church

June 6

St. Cecelia

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Author Series

The Detroit Historical Society Author Series offers an opportunity to meet with those who write the fascinating stories behind our city's history and is presented in partnership with Arcadia Books.

Admission is FREE for Society Members and \$10 for Guests. Advance registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Wednesday, May 11 • 6 p.m.

Featured author – Randall Fogelman,
Detroit's New Center
(Detroit Historical Museum)

Shortly after General Motors built its headquarters three miles north of downtown, the Fisher Brothers conceived the idea of a “new center” and proceeded to construct the landmark Fisher and New Center Buildings. From this initial activity in the 1920s sprung a new commercial district, a new neighborhood, and a New Center for the City of Detroit.

Join the author as he shares the journey from New Center's origins as a planned business district to its current life as a thriving area where Detroiters live, work, and play.

Scholar Series

The Detroit Historical Society Scholar Series is an academic approach to Detroit's history. Presenters cover the causes, meanings, outcomes and possibilities that surround events and places in our community's past, present and future.

Admission is FREE for Society Members and \$10 for Guests. RSVP is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Wednesday, April 13 • 6 p.m.

Featured scholar – Michael Hodges, art & architecture writer, *The Detroit News*
(Detroit Historical Museum)

Michael Hodges has spent the last three years photographing Detroit in all its splendor and collapse for his architecture blog (detnews.com/architecture). This lecture and slideshow offers alternate ways of interpreting Detroit — hitting the city's architectural high points without skirting the abandonment that characterizes so much of the cityscape.

Hodges reviews the city's treasures that upstarts like Seattle would kill for, not the least of which is our three great art-deco skyscrapers. But he also makes an

argument for learning to see the interest — and even beauty — in areas most people would call “depressing” and to that end, takes audiences on a tour of the long-abandoned Packard Motor Car plant.

Wednesday, June 8 • 6 p.m.

Featured scholar – Steve Babson,
co-author of *The Color of Law: Ernie Goodman, Detroit, and the Struggle for Labor and Civil Rights*
(Detroit Historical Museum)

In a working life that spanned half a century, Ernie Goodman was one of the nation's preeminent defense attorneys for workers and the militant poor.

The Color of Law: Ernie Goodman, Detroit, and the Struggle for Labor and Civil Rights traces Goodman's journey through these tumultuous events and highlights the many moments when changing perceptions of social justice clashed with legal precedent.

Join co-author Steve Babson as he shares Goodman's life story.

Curator Chats

The Detroit Historical Society Curator Chats invites members and visitors to take a behind-the-scenes look at popular exhibitions at both the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

Admission is FREE for Society Members and \$20 for Guests. RSVP is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Thursday, May 19

5 p.m. – Tour of exhibit
6 p.m. – Panel discussion
(Detroit Historical Museum)

This panel discussion is your chance to delve deeper into the cultural traditions highlighted in *Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings*. With moderator Joel Stone and several area historians, the evening will be filled with information that will bring to life the wedding customs of the African American, Antiochian Orthodox, Muslim, Jewish, and Polish Catholic communities.

Film Series

The Detroit Historical Society Film Series screens films that cover a range of Detroit history subjects. Films will screen on the second weekend of every month at 1 p.m. Admission to films is FREE with regular admission to the Detroit Historical Museum.

April 9 & 10

Detroit Remember When: The Jewish Community
Running time: 50 minutes

The *Detroit Remember When* nostalgia series is back with its latest production, “The Jewish Community.” From Detroit Public Television and award-winning producers Sue Marx and Allyson Rockwell comes this retrospective documentary about Jewish life in Detroit.

The film traces the roots of Jews in Detroit from the 1700s with the arrival of the first Jewish fur trader and culminates in the importance of Jewish leadership in the political, civil rights, arts, cultural and educational life of the region today.

May 7 & 8

Grown in Detroit
Running time: 60 minutes

This film focuses on the urban gardening efforts managed by a public school of 300, mainly African-American, pregnant and parenting teenagers. In Detroit alone, there are annually more than 3,000 pregnant teenagers who drop out of high school.

Catherine Ferguson Academy in Detroit is one of only three schools in the U.S. for pregnant and parenting teens. Under the inspiring leadership of the principal, the students bring their babies to school every day and work hard to get their diploma.

One curriculum to get them back on track and teach them the basics of life is urban farming. The city, through its many vacant lots, allows the school and other residents to have farms where houses, shops and factories once stood. Taking care of animals, growing produce and earning money to do so is helping to shape these girls into strong, independent and hopeful women.

Don't miss this powerful and inspirational story.

June 11 & 12

Lily's Detroit
Running time: 29 minutes

Winner of “The Audience Choice for Best Short Detroit Docs” at the International Film Festival in 2004!

Settle in across from Lily Tomlin as she reminisces about growing up in Detroit.

The Detroit Historical Society has extended its partnership programs to include day and evening events offered by other non-profit and community-based organizations. Please use the contact information given for more details.

Historic Fort Wayne to open for annual flea market, tours



Antique and bargain hunters will find collectibles, contemporary treasures and a variety of arts and crafts at

the 29th annual Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market, taking place Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, April 10th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Historic Fort Wayne, located at 6325 W. Jefferson (at the foot of Livernois).

Returning by popular demand, tours of the Historic Fort Wayne complex will be offered each day. The guided tours will include the Star Fort built in the 1840s, the Commanding Officer's House, the Spanish-American War Guard House and the National Museum of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Secured parking is \$5 per vehicle, admission is free for the flea market, and the tours are priced at \$3 per person. Refreshments and baked goods will also be for sale. Proceeds from the Flea Market and tours benefit the work of the Detroit Historical Society Guild. Vendors can purchase tables for only \$30 or three tables for \$75.

For more information on the flea market or to purchase a table, call Mozella at (313) 384-8438 or Natalie at (586) 771-1353.

Guild hosts Children's Etiquette Tea Party

Detroit Historical Society Guild 

The Detroit Historical Society Guild is, once again, pleased to host a Children's Etiquette Tea Party at the Detroit Historical Museum on Sunday, May 15, from noon to 3 p.m. This unique event is presented for boys and girls ages six to 14 and their accompanying adult.



Families can look forward to another entertaining Tea Party thanks to the Detroit Historical Society Guild.

Guests will enjoy tea or lemonade and desserts, followed by an interactive, fun etiquette lesson. Everyone will receive a free etiquette booklet as well as the chance to win several exciting door prizes.

The cost is \$15 per person and includes Museum admission. Parking is available in the Museum's lot off Kirby for four dollars.

For information and reservations, please call (586) 777-5898 by May 9th. Sorry, no tickets will be sold on the day of the event due to limited seating.

Detroit and Windsor: A Bootlegging Tour



Law enforcement officials developed a fleet of patrol boats to combat bootlegging on the Detroit River.

Enterprising Detroiters made our city a hub of activity during the Prohibition years, and on Saturday, May 21, a unique tour will give you a chance to explore this chapter in our history first-hand by sailing past some of the bootleggers' favorite locations along the Detroit River!

Guests will enjoy dinner on board one of the Diamond Jack boats and listen as guides share their knowledge of the infamous activity that shaped our city in the 1920s and 1930s.

The tour, brought to you by Preservation Wayne and the Detroit Historical Society, will depart at 5:30 p.m. and return by 8 p.m. The cost is \$55 for Detroit Historical Society and Preservation Wayne members and \$60 for guests.

Please call Preservation Wayne's tour hotline at (313) 577-7674 for tickets or additional information.

Jewish Historical Society offering exclusive tour of Detroit churches that were once synagogues

Back by popular demand, the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan is excited to offer a special tour of four historic houses of worship that were formerly synagogues on Thursday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour will focus on how Jewish and Christian symbols and art have been blended to honor both religious traditions as exemplified in each of the venue's interiors.

The visit will include tours of Adat Shalom, now Bailey Cathedral COGIC; Shaarey Zedek, now Clinton Street Greater Bethlehem Temple Church; B'nai David, now New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church; and B'nai Moshe, now St Paul A.M.E. Zion Church.

The cost is \$35 for Jewish Historical Society and Detroit Historical Society members. Guest reservations are \$42. Lunch is included. Buses leave from Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell Road, in Southfield.

Please contact the Jewish Historical Society directly at (248) 432-5517 to reserve your spot today! Or visit them at michjewsihistory.org.

Half off admission, extended hours during Spring Break

Want to get away? How about traveling through more than 300 years of Detroit's history at the Detroit Historical Museum — at half the price?

Thanks to our extended Spring Break hours, you and your family can be a tourist without leaving town by visiting us any day of the week — Monday, April 18 through Saturday, April 23 — from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



During that time, everyone will be admitted at 50% off the normal admission fee! Make your plans now!

Spring into some great deals at our Museum Store

Looking for some unique gifts? Then check out these great deals on tap at our Museum Store this spring!

In March, we're celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a special offer. When you spend \$30 or more in our online store, you'll receive two FREE admission tickets to the Detroit Historical Museum. Also, the book *Detroit's Corktown*, published by Arcadia, will be an additional 10% off. Offer ends Thursday, March 31!

In April, local history buffs can save 10% on all of our Arcadia titles as well as the popular Wayne State Press books.

Then in May, all logo merchandise — including our café mugs, tote bags and water bottles — will be offered at 20% off the normal price both in our Museum Stores and online.

If you like art, you'll love our Summer Art Sale! This June, all Randall Higdon and Paul Adams prints will be sold at 20% off.

Make your plans now and take advantage of the savings!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Grow Detroit!

Join the Detroit Historical Society for a spring celebration of all things "green" on Saturday, May 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum — and save a little "green" at the same time!

This family-friendly program will feature local experts offering information on how you and your children can start your own garden — and the health benefits of eating locally grown produce!

The day will include information about Detroit's early ribbon farms as well as current urban farming efforts. You will also find plenty of activities for children with plenty of vendors on hand offering fresh produce and plants.

In addition, the documentary "Grown in Detroit" will be shown at 1 p.m.

Best of all, admission to the museum — and the program — is FREE!

Make your plans now and learn how you can do your part to help Grow Detroit!

Museum hosts film premiere

America is founded on the basis of freedom of worship. The historic churches in Detroit express that freedom as the immigrants who built them took inspiration from the architecture in their homeland and incorporated that into their new houses of worship. Artistic expression, celebration of heritage and dedication to the community around them are how these people built on faith and affected the fabric of the city itself. They are kept alive today by those that cherish this past.

Come experience this story as told in a special documentary "Building on Faith: The Historic Churches of Detroit" premiering at the Detroit Historical Museum on Friday, April 1. Lynda Charow, who produced, wrote and narrated the film, will open the evening at 6:30 p.m. with remarks on the film project. The premiere screening will then follow.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Please call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org to register for this event. Advance registration is requested.

Be one of the first in the country to see this special documentary!

SIGN ME UP TO VOLUNTEER

The Detroit Historical Society is always looking for dedicated volunteers to help with tours, special events and programs as well as administrative support.

If you are enthusiastic about Detroit's history, then we just might be the place for you. Simply fill out and send in the information below and we'll be in touch.

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Behind the Scenes Tours

\$20 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • \$30 GUESTS (UNLESS NOTED)

						# OF TICKETS	SUBTOTAL
Sat., April 2	10 a.m.	The Guardian Building	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests			
Sat., April 9	10 a.m.	Dime and Ford Buildings	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests			
Sat., April 16	2 p.m.	Masonic Temple	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests			
Sat., April 30	9 a.m.	Historic Detroit Motorcoach Tour	\$60 Members	\$70 Guests			
Sat., May 7	10 a.m.	Solanus Casey Center	\$30 Members	\$40 Guests			
Fri., May 13	6:30 p.m.	The Players Club of Detroit	\$75 Members	\$85 Guests			
Sat., May 21	10 a.m.	Charles T. Fisher Mansion	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests			
Sat., June 4	10 a.m.	RiverWalk bus/walking tour	\$30 Members	\$40 Guests			
Sat., June 11	10 a.m.	Woodmere Cemetery	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests			
Sat., June 18	10 a.m.	Historic Fort Wayne	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests			
Sat., June 25	10 a.m.	Boston Edison Walking Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests			

Historic Houses of Worship

\$30 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • \$40 GUESTS

Mon., April 4	10 a.m.		SOLD OUT				
Mon., May 2	10 a.m.		\$30 Members	\$40 Guests			
Mon., June 6	10 a.m.		\$30 Members	\$40 Guests			

Author Series/Curator Chats/Scholar Series Registration

Wed., April 13	6 p.m.	Scholar Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests			
Wed., May 11	6 p.m.	Author Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests			
Thurs., May 19	5 p.m.	Curator Chat	FREE Members	\$20 Guests			
Wed., June 8	6 p.m.	Scholar Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests			

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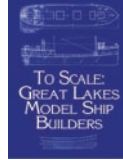


Bells and Whistles, Flags and Flashes: Lost Languages of the Lakes *Opens April 9 • DeRoy Hall*

Come learn a language unlike any other at this latest exhibit that explores the various methods used by mariners to communicate with other sailors, vessels and people on the shores.

Over the centuries, sailors have used various tools and codes to communicate. These have included flags, flares, bells, whistles, drums and speaking trumpets. The advent of electronic communication brought telegraphy, lights, radios and cell phones. Special "languages" were encoded to allow these various tools to be employed and understood by other ships and shore-based observers.

Adults and kids of all ages will enjoy learning about communication on the Great Lakes through this interactive display of ship horns, whistles and other unique — often clever — devices.



To Scale: Great Lakes Model Ship Builders *Opens April 9 • Great Lakes Gallery*

Model shipbuilding is an endangered folk art and is an important part of our Great Lakes maritime culture. As such, we invite you to explore the art of model shipbuilding in a highly interactive way in the newest exhibition at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum!

Visitors will be engaged on a variety of levels and experience the largest collection of model Great Lakes vessels in Michigan. Learn about the history of model-making in the region and hear stories about specific vessels themselves. Model-making tools will be showcased. A model builder will be on site as well during select museum hours. Come watch the building and repairing of models and interact with these expert craftsmen.

Make your plans now to visit this fun and unique testament to our maritime heritage.

Community Sponsors



This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

LAST CHANCE TO SEE THESE EXHIBITS!

Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Celebrating 50 Years! *Closes March 20 • DeRoy Hall*

Opened to the public on July 24, 1960, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum was the first building dedicated to telling the many stories of the Great Lakes Maritime. Since then it has focused on that mission, and has successfully moved into the 21st century as one of the premier maritime museums on the Great Lakes.

This exhibit focuses on the early years of the Dossin, when it opened in 1949 as the *J.T. Wing*, the last working schooner on the Great Lakes. It features the stories of those that made this museum possible as well as the more memorable projects, such as the recovery of the anchor from the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald* and the installation of the pilot house from the *S.S. William Clay Ford*.

It also details current projects that are under way that will engage visitors in a deeper exploration of our region's unique maritime history.



Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors *Closes March 20 Great Lakes Gallery*

Ever thought of running away to sea? This exhibit at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, *Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors* might help satisfy that yearning — or help you decide against it!

This exhibit transports visitors inside a typical lake boat for a look into the lives of individuals who make their living on the Great Lakes. You will view a bridge deck and discover all that is involved in being the captain of the ship as well as how that job has changed over the years. Similarly, you'll learn about wheelmen, mates, porters, engineers, lookouts, oilers and deck hands — virtually every position on board.

Come see what life is really like for the men and women who have sailed on the Great Lakes — perhaps less romantic than expected... and definitely a lot of hard work!





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Join us for a sneak preview!

A special "Members Only" sneak preview of the two exciting new exhibits at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum will be offered on Friday, April 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This special event — just for our members — will showcase the newest exhibits at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. Be among the first to see *"To Scale: Great Lakes Model Ship Builders at Work"* and *"Bells and Whistles, Flags and Flashes: Lost Languages of the Lakes."* Check out page 12 for details on these great new exhibitions!

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

If you're a member and would like to RSVP, or if you'd like to become a member so you can attend, please contact Elizabeth Mazur at (313) 833-7938 or at elizabethm@detroithistorical.org.

5th Annual Dossin Great Lakes Museum Regatta

Another year of racing brings new competition for the Detroit Boat Club Crew. Be there on Sunday, April 10, as they compete for the trophy against rowing teams from Toledo St. John's Jesuit and St. Ursula (also from Toledo).

The races begin at 12:15 p.m. with prime viewing available from DeRoy Hall. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Come early and participate in the indoor rowing demonstrations offered from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. While you're there be sure to allow time to enjoy the newest exhibits on display

This program is free with museum admission. Contact Rebecca McDonald for more information at (313) 833-1801 or at rebeccam@detroithistorical.org.

Dive into Great Lakes history at Dossin Maritime Symposium

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum will be the place to be on Saturday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. as we present an exciting day of educational presentations by maritime historians and shipwreck researchers!

The symposium features keynote speaker Frederick Stonehouse, author of more than 30 books on maritime history. His book entitled "Wreck Ashore: The U.S. Life-Saving Service on the Great Lakes," won a national publishing award and is considered to be the pre-eminent work on the subject. His presentation — "Forgotten Heroes: The U.S. Life-Saving Service on Michigan Waters" — will focus on the exploits of the 31 U.S. Coast Guard crews based in Michigan, their remarkable successes and heart-rending tragedies.

From 1871 until 1915 when it became the U.S. Coast Guard, the members of this organization displayed incredible courage in the face of overwhelming danger while rescuing over 250,000 people from shipwreck — including about 54,000 on the Great Lakes. The small Life-Saving Service stations were once common features along our coastlines. Today, they are nearly all gone. Despite personal danger, these life-savers invariably accomplished the rescue. It's a story you won't want to miss!

Additional speakers include Tony Gramer, who has been diving since 1977 and is a certified PADI Divemaster as well as the president of Silent World Information Masters, Inc. (SWIM). Join Tony and his crew as they explore the remains of the *Philadelphia* in the thumb area of Lake Huron.



The S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald prior to its launch.

Also on hand will be Ric Mixter, who has appeared on PBS more than 30 times and has been featured on shipwreck shows for the History and Discovery Channels. For 20 years Ric has been highlighting our underwater resources in the Great Lakes. He was awarded for his dedication with the 2009 Historic Interpretation Award by the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History. His presentation will focus on Detroit's connection to the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, including its construction, various theories on her demise and interviews with those who have been to see the shipwreck.

Tickets for this great program are just \$10 for Society members and \$20 for guests. Lunch is included. Call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org by Friday, April 8, 2011 to register. But hurry — space is limited!

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What do you give someone who has everything?

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Each gift membership provides one year of free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum,

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Share your love of history with your loved ones.

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As a Detroit Historical Society member you already know about all of the great benefits of membership, including special exhibit previews and programs just for our members. But did you know that your membership also benefits our work to preserve Detroit's history? Each membership helps support the exhibits and programs that feature the unique stories of our region and preserve our city's glorious history for future generations. Wouldn't you like to share these benefits with your friends and

family? Refer a friend for membership today and receive an exclusive Detroit Historical Museum canvas bag!

We'll let your friend know that they were referred by you. Please note that you can refer your friends with confidence because the Detroit Historical Society does not sell its members' information.



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Support Detroit's history with a gift to the Annual Fund

Every year the Detroit Historical Society relies on the help of its supporters to continue telling Detroit's story. Through your past support, we've created new and innovative exhibits, expanded our educational department and continued to provide rare and unique community programs.

Please help us continue this by supporting the 2010–11 Annual Fund. The Annual Fund supports all of the activities that the Society offers to the metro Detroit community, making its success key to the success of the organization as a whole.

If you've already made a gift to the 2010–11 Annual Fund, we want to thank you. If you have not made a gift, please consider doing so today.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a response envelope to make a gift to the Society's Annual Fund.

Remember — all gifts are completely tax-deductible!

Adopt-an-Artifact today!

Help preserve Detroit's history by adopting an artifact from the Detroit Historical Society!

The Adopt-an-Artifact program provides Society members and Museum visitors with the opportunity to support the important work that goes into preserving rare and unique artifacts.

Artifacts currently available for adoption (and on display at the Detroit Historical Museum) include:

- A Ty Cobb autographed 1925 baseball
- A "United We Win" WWII propaganda poster
- Detroit Tiger Charlie Bennett's catcher's mitt
- The Marshall Fredericks Bronze Mouse from Eastland Shopping Center
- A store directory for the downtown J. L. Hudson's department store; and
- A Century Box filled with letters written in 1900.

Visit www.detroithistorical.org to adopt your artifact online or visit us at the Detroit Historical Museum to complete your adoption in person.

Supporters who adopt an artifact will receive a certificate of adoption, a picture of the artifact with a detailed description of the artifact's historical significance and name recognition on the Detroit Historical Society website.

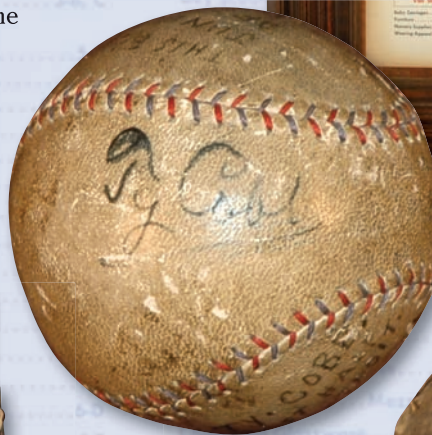
Remember, adoptions also make great gifts!

Thank you in advance for your support of the Detroit Historical Society.

Among the items you can adopt are those from the time capsule created as part of Detroit's bicentennial celebration in 1901. Thinking ahead to the tricentennial birthday in 2001, then Detroit Mayor Maybury ordered a time capsule be created to greet the future. Instructions were left that the box was to be opened on New Year's of the 300th birthday year — which it was, revealing these fascinating artifacts!



Hudson's store directory



Ty Cobb autographed baseball



Charlie Bennett's mitt

MISSION

To educate and inspire our community and visitors by preserving and portraying our region's shared history through dynamic exhibits and experiences.

VISION

To create a shared sense of community and pride by celebrating the history and the unique culture of our region.



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Wed. – Fri. • 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
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CLOSED: Sunday, April 24 for the Easter Holiday

EXTENDED HOURS: Open every day April 18–23 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission

Adults	\$6
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Call (313) 833-1733 to schedule a group tour.

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