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**Letter from the Executive Director
 Bob Bury**

Long-time friends and supporters of the Detroit Historical Society know that our staff and volunteers are second to none. From our outstanding exhibits, programs, tours and special events to our expert curatorial and collections work — not to mention our always-busy back office operations — no group is more focused and committed.

Our team achieved something remarkable in the fiscal year just ended. I am pleased to share with you that due to hard work, dedication and sacrifice, the Detroit Historical Society team finished the year in a very solid financial position — with a small operating surplus!

Operating a successful non-profit requires focus and discipline even in the best of times. During the past 12 very challenging months, everyone on the team — staff and volunteers — was called upon to do even more, often with less... and the numbers show that we succeeded. We controlled costs, operated efficiently, remained focused — and most importantly, we continued to earn your continued support.

On behalf of the entire team, thank you for helping us succeed during one of the most challenging periods that our community and organization have faced.

While I take great pride in looking back to last year, I am just as excited to welcome the upcoming season. It is once again full of exciting new exhibits, programs and events. I hope that you will find time to visit us and experience new offerings that include a celebration of some of Detroit’s favorite snack foods as well as a fast-paced look at Detroit’s “need for speed.”

Make sure that visiting our museums or participating in one of our tours or programs is on your “must-do” list this fall. This issue of *Making History* includes all of the details.

Again, we appreciate your continued support and encouragement. There is much planned for the coming year, including exciting news about our vision for the future.

Thank you for being a part of it. We could not do it without you!

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bury
 Executive Director & CEO
 Detroit Historical Society

ON THE COVER:

An ad for “Detroit’s Drink,” Vernor’s, circa 1955. Vernor’s, among other fantastic products, will be featured in the upcoming Fabulous 5 exhibit, highlighting some of Detroit’s ever-popular snack foods.

Detroit Historical Society Ball

Annual event to feature *Dancing With Detroit's Stars*

Building upon the success of last year's crowd-pleasing event, we invite all of our friends to join us at the Detroit Historical Society's *Dancing With Detroit's Stars* 2009 Ball scheduled for Friday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m.

This year, we begin what we hope will be a decade-long exploration of some of the most historic cities in our region when we journey to Dearborn and the historic Dearborn Inn for an evening of fine food, company and, of course, exciting entertainment.

Once again, we'll be hosting the *Dancing With Detroit's Stars* competition during the event. This year, news anchors from three local TV stations will be participating, as well as prominent couples from our community — all of whom will take to the floor and help raise funds for the Society.

Co-chairs for the 2009 Ball are Beverly Hall Burns, Vivian Carpenter Barfield, Nancy A. Smith and Lois Warden.

As of our print deadline sponsors for this year's ball include Wolverine Packing – Auction Sponsor; Comerica Bank – Print Sponsor; and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan – Hors d'oeuvres Sponsor.

To purchase your tickets, please visit our website at www.detroithistorical.org or call (313) 833-7938.



2009 Detroit Historical Society Ball Co-chairs left to right: Beverly Hall Burns; Vivian Carpenter Barfield; Lois Warden and Nancy A. Smith.

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Book launch to highlight annual meeting

On Thursday, November 5, the Detroit Historical Society will host its Annual Meeting beginning at 7 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum. Admission is free and is open to donors, members and other supporters of the Society.

The evening will feature the exciting launch of a new scholarly publication, "Revolutionary Detroit," which tells the remarkable story of Detroit's role in the Revolutionary War. Editors Denver Brunzman, Professor of History at Wayne State University, and Joel Stone, Detroit Historical Society Curator, will be on hand to discuss this new publication.

The evening also features the annual election of officers as well as the chance to tour the museum.

To reserve your spot, please call (313) 833-7938 by October 30.

Free admission kicks off opening weekend at the Detroit Historical Museum

To celebrate the re-opening of the Museum following the installation of our exciting new exhibits, the Detroit Historical Society is offering free admission on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27.

That means that not only do you get to bring the entire family down to experience the Museum's newest exhibitions highlighted on page 5, but you'll save a few dollars doing so — dollars that, in turn, you'll have available to spend in our Museum Store (hint... hint!).

The weekend will also feature a special screening of the film "Lily's Detroit" by Kevin Leeser. Winner of the Audience Choice Award for Best Short Detroit Docs at the 2004 International Film Festival, it chronicles the early life of Lily Tomlin, the famous actress, writer, comedian and producer who grew up in Detroit and shares her stories about the auto industry, people, and neighborhoods that made the city unique during her childhood.

Make your plans now!

Special thanks!



PVS Chemicals

The Society wants to extend a big thank you to PVS Chemicals, the sponsor of our *Summer Spectacular* in July!

Attendance during the free month of museum admission more than tripled, with revenues from museum store sales, parking and donations at the door nearly doubling.

It truly was a spectacular month for the Society! Thanks again to PVS Chemicals for its continuing support.



Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership

Now Open • Booth-Wilkinson Gallery

Come see one of our most talked about exhibits, *Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership!*

At a time when the qualities and characteristics that define leadership are at the forefront both in our community and nationwide, this exhibit focuses on the lives of a wide range of community leaders who provoked passionate opinions throughout our history.

Seen through the eyes of their neighbors, media and peers, these individuals made their mark in metro Detroit



This exhibit is made possible by a generous contribution from the General Motors Foundation and Bank of America.



and this exhibit shows you both sides of their story so you can come to your own conclusions.

The individuals featured are: Antoine Cadillac, Lewis Cass, Ty Cobb, Fr. Charles Coughlin, Henry Ford, Ernest Goodman, Martha Griffiths, Jimmy Hoffa, Orville Hubbard, Nancy Ann Martin, Irene McCabe, Chief Pontiac, Walter Reuther, Ossian Sweet, Augustus Woodward and Coleman Young.



The Cougar II

Opens September 26
Automotive Showplace



Even Woodward Dream Cruise enthusiasts will be impressed by the upcoming feature in the Automotive Showplace — a Cougar II! The fastback two-door red coupe is the only car of its kind and was built in 1963 as a prototype by Ford Motor Company.

Designed by Eugene Bordinat, it's powered by a V-8 engine and equipped with a 4-speed manual transmission, and was designed to compete with the popular Chevrolet Corvette.

Could you imagine taking this car for a cruise? Be sure to check it out beginning this fall.



"Hannah Montana" and "Harry Potter" expected at Museum

What do Hannah Montana, GI Joe and Harry Potter all have in common? They'll probably be among the most popular costumes worn at the 8th annual "Treats in the Streets" slated for Sunday, October 25, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Detroit Historical Museum's most popular exhibit, *The Streets of Old Detroit*, will be the setting for this fun annual event.

Come as your favorite historic figure, cartoon personality — or any character — during this trick-or-treat party for families. Crafts, Richard Paul's "Ha Ha Halloween Show" and candy make this a truly can't-miss event.

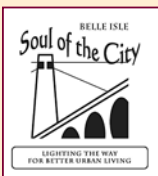
Remember — admission is FREE for children under 12 in costume and all Society members.



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Belle Isle: Soul of the City, Lighting the Way for Better Urban Living

Presented by: The Friends of Belle Isle
Open through October 11

The 19th century movement that, among other things, gave to the people of the City of Detroit its Belle Isle Park, focused on better urban living through a healthier citizenry.

This exhibit demonstrates that when it comes to individual and family enrichment, conservation of natural resources, and local community development today, Belle Isle can once again be a catalyst for a brighter future in Detroit.



Bath City USA

Opens October 23



The University of Detroit Mercy and the Macomb County Historical Society & Crocker House Museum are proud to present the fascinating history of the Mount Clemens bath era.

Mount Clemens was known as the great health and pleasure resort of Michigan. People from all over the world came to Mount Clemens for the healing powers of its mineral baths. Numerous visitors were reported to arrive in Bath City on crutches or in wheel chairs and, after a typical bath and massage regiment of 21 days, they left dancing!

The mineral bath industry spurred more growth in the community that gave way to other forms of commercial enterprise. Come learn about the fascinating history of Bath City USA.



VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed

Opens September 26
Stark Hall

Community Partner



On your mark... get set... go — that is, make sure you go and see the newest exhibit opening at the Detroit Historical Museum, *VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed*.

This exhibit is 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.

Need proof? The American Power Boat Association Challenge (APBA Gold) Cup, first run in 1904, is the oldest trophy in motor sport racing. Annually, the *Detroit Free Press* Marathon offers thousands of runners our nation's only international venue, and the world's only course with an "underwater mile." Last year, the Red Bull Air Races brought high-flying competition back to Detroit, the type of national spectacle that began here in 1922.

But this exhibit will be more than just a history lesson! After all, racing is about thrills — for contestants and fans alike. Exciting graphics, videos, stories, and interactive displays will allow visitors to explore the nature of various sports. Historical artifacts, modern machines and the nature of competitive-racing advertising will enhance the exhibit's appeal. It's guaranteed to feed your appetite for speed!



Detroit Trivia

Opens September 26
Second Floor Corridor Gallery

For those that think they know Detroit history — and those that don't — this exhibit will be an enjoyable challenge. With more than 300 years of fun facts to choose from, *Detroit Trivia* is a great opportunity for visitors to interact with our collective past at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Questions will be divided into four categories based on their degree of difficulty. Historic images and unique artifacts will accompany the questions, enhancing the exhibit for audiences of all ages.

For example, do you know what the name "Detroit" means in French? Or what popular brand of soft drink the Feigenson Brothers of Detroit first produced in 1907? Or even who was the first woman elected to the Detroit City Council — and in what year?

While you're here, be sure to stop by the Museum Store and purchase the "Play Detroit Trivia" card game. Not only does it feature answers to the questions above, but hundreds more as well!



Come experience these exciting new exhibits for free! Details on page 3!

Fabulous 5

Fabulous 5: Detroit's Snack Food Superstars

Opens September 26 • Kresge Gallery



**Germack
Pistachio
Company**

Do yourself a favor when you visit this one — don't come hungry!

Fabulous 5: Detroit's Snack Food Superstars takes a tasteful look at the local companies that make some of Detroit's most beloved treats. Each has become a household name, and their culinary concoctions have created delectable memories for many generations. The superstars to be featured are: Better Made Snack Food Company, Germack Pistachio Company, Sanders Confectionery, Stroh's Products and Vernor's Ginger Ale.

Want to vote for your favorite? You can by becoming a "Superstar Supporter."

Let us know which brand is your favorite while supporting this new exhibit at the same time. While we appreciate any level of support, with a minimum vote of \$25, your name will be recognized as a sponsor in the exhibit.

We invite you to join us and see your name in "lights." Gifts must be received by October 15, 2009 to be recognized in the exhibit as a sponsor by November 1, 2009. All donations are tax-deductible.

Please use the clip-and-mail ballot, to the right, for your convenience. Or simply call Sandy Schuster at (313) 833-5527 to "cast your vote!"

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FALL 2009

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Advanced reservations required. Tour registrants receive directions to the tour location, a map and additional information 1-2 weeks after payment is received. No refunds or tour credits will be given. You may choose from three options to sign-up:

- ① Fill out and send the form on page 11 ② Register online at www.detroithistorical.org ③ Call (313) 833-1801 to register by phone

Fisher Mansion

October 3 • 11 a.m.

More than 200 European craftsmen came to work on Lawrence Fisher's (founder of Fisher Body and Cadillac) mansion on the Detroit River in 1927. The Spanish Mission-style exterior (with Moorish touches) joins an interior bursting with Italian marble fireplaces and Hollywood-inspired gold and silver leaf highlights. As if the stunning architecture isn't impressive enough, the building also features an astonishing collection of art, including works from Asia and India.



Westin Book Cadillac Hotel

October 10 • 11 a.m.

\$35 members

\$45 non-members

Lunch included!

Come discover the rich history of this downtown landmark and get more than a glimpse of the extensive renovations that brought this architectural treasure back to life. After the tour, enjoy lunch in one of the upscale restaurants.



Detroit Yacht Club

October 17 • 11 a.m.

\$30 members

\$40 non-members

Lunch included!

The historic Detroit Yacht Club, founded in 1868, is one of the oldest and most prestigious private clubs in North America. The current clubhouse was completed in 1922 by George Mason, who also designed the Gem Theater, Masonic Temple and the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. After learning about the history and architecture of this beautiful building, you will enjoy lunch in one of the many leisure rooms.

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

October 22 • 7 p.m.

Special Thursday evening tour!

\$30 members / \$40 non-members

Includes hors d'oeuvres!

Back by popular demand! Visit one of the least-known buildings in Detroit! Our Federal Reserve branch destroys old money, sends out new bills to banks, inspects notes for counterfeit bills, and conducts extensive economic analyses. Come explore this hidden treasure!



Stahl's Automotive Museum

October 31
11 a.m.

Stahl's Automotive Foundation in St. Clair Shores exists to preserve select vintage cars and educate the public about vehicles that were not merely about moving people and goods, but made a statement about the period as well. The museum houses some incredibly rare cars that have been restored to running condition. Most cars on display are historically significant models from the Depression and Art Deco eras.



The Parade Company

November 7 • Noon

Take the *Behind the Scenes Studio Tour* and see the handmade floats and famous paper mache heads that will make their way down Woodward Avenue for America's Thanksgiving

Parade®. Around this time, Parade Company staff and volunteers will be putting the finishing touches on some of your favorite floats.



Players Playhouse

November 13 • 6 p.m.

Special Friday evening tour!

\$75 members / \$85 non-members

Tour, dinner and theatre experience included!

If you have been looking for a reason to "dress to the nines," this evening is for you! You will embark on a tour of the historic Players Playhouse that few get to see. In this private club, you will enjoy a dinner before the Players' performance. As in the Shakespearean tradition, all the roles are played by men.



Argonaut Building

November 21 • 11 a.m.

The Argonaut Building, recently renamed the A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education, was designed by Albert Kahn and was a former laboratory for General Motors. After extensive renovations, the building will reopen in September 2009. Most of the space will be occupied by the new College for Creative Studies campus and the School for Creative Studies, a new charter school created through the Henry Ford Learning Institute.

**November 28 • NO TOUR —
Thanksgiving Weekend**

December 5 • NO TOUR



Morley Candy Factory

December 12 • 1 p.m.

Enjoy this rare chance to go onto the production floor and see a Detroit

favorite being made just in time for the holidays! You'll get something special to take back with you and have the chance to pick up some Morley and Sanders treats in the tempting Candy Shop after the tour.

Wayne County Courthouse

December 19 • 11 a.m.

The Courthouse served as the center of Wayne County government for the first half of the 20th century, holding most of its offices, court sessions, and public hearings. It was here in 1906 that then Roads Commissioner Henry Ford reported to work; 20 years later, Clarence Darrow used one of its courtrooms to defend a group charged with obscenity.

All tours require advance registration with payment in full. No refunds or tour credits will be given. You may choose from three options to sign up:

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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.

Cost is \$30 for Detroit Historical Society members; \$40 for guests.

All tours run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (*unless otherwise noted*) and both depart from and return to the Detroit Historical Museum.

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.

Monday, October 5

Islamic Center of America
 First United Methodist
 Christ Church
 Sacred Heart
 St. Alphonsus

Monday, November 2

Zion Lutheran
 St. John the Baptist
 Ukrainian Catholic
 Most Holy Trinity
 Holy Redeemer Roman
 Catholic
 St. Anne Roman Catholic

Monday, December 7

Annunciation Greek
 Orthodox Cathedral
 Mariners' Independent
 Anglican
 St. John-St. Luke UCC
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 Catholic
 Cathedral Church of St. Paul
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~ NEW PROGRAM ~

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Collections Resource Center Tours

Cost is \$20 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$30 for guests.

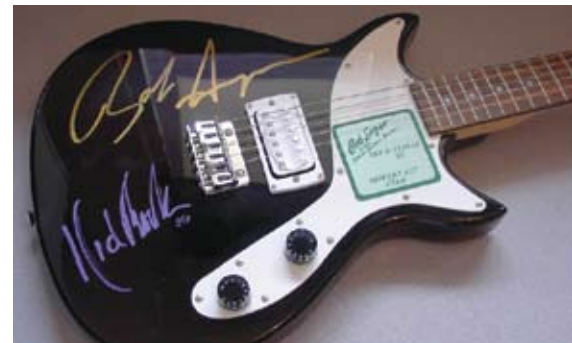
Hiding in the midst of the city is a treasure trove featuring centuries of Detroit's history!

Get a glimpse of the hundreds of thousands of artifacts in the Society-held collections and learn how we preserve them for future generations in these special tours!

Our collections range from small children's toys of the 1880s to retail items from Hudson's to our incredible automobile collection.

Each tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. Participants will be walking or standing most of the tour, so be sure to wear comfortable shoes! Group or individual reservations will not be held without payment in full.

Date	Time
Tuesday, October 6	6 p.m.
Saturday, October 24	11 a.m.
Saturday, November 14	11 a.m.
Thursday, November 19	6 p.m.



Some events require registration. Unless otherwise noted, you may choose from three options to sign up:

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- 3 Call (313) 833-1801 to register by phone

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 monthly in partnership with Arcadia Books.

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

Wed., Oct. 14 • 6 p.m.

Featured co-author — Paul Vachon,
Forgotten Detroit
(Detroit Historical Museum)

Detroit's meteoric rise during the 20th century established the city as an influential leader in commerce, culture, and religion. This growth spawned the development of numerous businesses, organizations, and institutions — many now forgotten. Join the author as he shares some of these fascinating, lesser-known stories.

Wed., Dec. 9 • 6 p.m.

Featured co-author — Victoria Jennings Ross, *Detroit's Historic Drinking Establishments*
(Detroit Historical Museum)

Taverns, saloons, and restaurants have always played an important role in the development of large American cities. Join the author as she traces the evolution of these places from the city's roots as a fur-trapping settlement to Detroit's dominance as a manufacturing giant.

Scholar Series

The Detroit Historical Society Scholar Series is an academic approach to Detroit's history. Offered bi-monthly, 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. Advance registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Thur., Oct. 29 • 6 p.m.

Featured scholar — Charles K. Hyde,
The Northern Lights: Lighthouses of the Upper Great Lakes
(Dossin Great Lakes Museum)

In *The Northern Lights*, Charles Hyde describes the histories of more than 160

individual lighthouses that still exist in Lakes Erie, Huron, Michigan, and Superior, and the straits of Mackinac. Join Mr. Hyde for an evening of exploration into the history and beauty of these beacons.

Tues., Nov. 3 • 6 p.m.

Featured scholar — Evelyn Aschenbrenner,
A History of Wayne State University in Photographs
(Detroit Historical Museum)

Wayne State University traces its earliest roots to the Civil War era and Detroit's Harper Hospital, where its Medical College was founded in 1868.

In *A History of Wayne State University in Photographs*, Evelyn Aschenbrenner traces the evolution of the university from those early schools into a modern research university with an extensive urban campus.



Wed., Nov. 18 • 6 p.m.

Featured scholar — John Sobczak,
A Motor City Year (book available Oct. 2009)
(Detroit Historical Museum)

In his book, award-winning photographer John Sobczak captures everyday life in Metro Detroit in 365 images. His photographs showcase the familiar — the Thanksgiving Day parade in Detroit, vendors at Eastern Market, the Woodward Dream Cruise — as well as the less familiar — cycling at the velodrome in Rochester and robots on the line at the Warren Truck Assembly Plant. Join Mr. Sobczak for a unique look at how these images demonstrate the full texture of life in Detroit, from the traditions we hold dear, to the places where we work and play, to the challenges that we face.

Curator Chats

Curator Chats invite visitors to take a behind-the-scenes look at popular exhibitions at both Museums. Curators explain to audiences why and how exhibitions come together.

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

Wed., Oct. 21 • 6 p.m.

VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed.
(Detroit Historical Museum)

Running, riding, boating, flying — how many ways can you name to race? Curator Joel Stone presents all the “behind the scenes” information related to the Detroit Historical Museum's newest *VeloCity* exhibit. Why racing? Where were artifacts found? This evening is your chance to find out all you want to know — and more!

Film Series

The Detroit Historical Society Film Series screens films that cover a range of Detroit history subjects.

Admission to films is FREE with regular admission to the Detroit Historical Museum.

Oct. 10 & 11 • 1 p.m.

Mount Clemens: The Bath City of America
Running time: 26 min.

Before antibiotics and pharmaceutical treatments, what did people do to maintain good health? Learn why people flocked to Mount Clemens from all over the world and made it a popular summer destination from the 1880s to the 1940s.

Nov. 14 & 15 • 1 p.m.

Michigan Voices of the War
Running time: 27 min.

Interviews, film clips, and historic photographs provide individual, first-hand experiences of among others, the Tuskegee Airman who became a POW, and a submarine crewman who helped save the life of future president George H.W. Bush.

Dec. 12 & 13 • 1 p.m.

A History of Hudson's
Running time: 30 min.

Opening to the public in 1881, Hudson's and its founder Joseph L. Hudson were quickly able to pay back all of their creditors with interest! The long history and memorable traditions of this store, which soon became a Detroit destination, are highlighted throughout the film.

As a service to the community, the Detroit Historical Society is pleased to promote area events that celebrate local history. Some events are in partnership with the Society; others are not. Please use the contact information given for more details.

Public Forum on Belle Isle Park Management scheduled

Join us on Thursday, October 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum, as presenters discuss the impact that Belle Isle has on the region's quality of life and why its preservation is critical. Topics to be addressed include: how individuals can help bring about needed improvements on Belle Isle; what local organizations are serving as models for managing public space;

and what other cities are doing or have successfully done to improve their respective "showcase" parks.

To RSVP or for more information call the Friends of Belle Isle directly at (313) 331-7760. Participation is free for Detroit Historical Society and Friends of Belle Isle members. Guests are asked to pay \$5 at the door.



Luncheon to focus on Belle Isle restoration

We have heard a lot about "change" this past year, and Belle Isle is a place where change for the better is happening now.

On Tuesday, October 13, the Belle Isle Women's Committee and the Bloomfield Hills chapter of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association will host a luncheon at the Detroit Yacht Club focusing on those changes. Proceeds raised will go towards furthering the renovation of Belle Isle and funding horticultural scholarships.

Featured guest speaker will be Lynden B. Miller, famous for the renovation of The Conservatory Garden in New York's Central Park, as well as most of the public parks in Manhattan. Lynden, who was undeterred by the decay of Central Park in the 1970s, believes passionately that restored public gardens change human behavior and has not only witnessed the phenomenon at work, but has written about it in her book, "Parks, Plants, and People: Beautifying the Urban Landscape." She will be signing her book at the luncheon.

The Belle Isle Women's Committee was founded five years ago to help restore Belle Isle to its former glory. To date, the organization has raised \$1.5 million, and is completing the restoration of Sunset Point, which overlooks the city.

Patron tickets are \$85. Benefactor tickets start at \$125. To purchase tickets – or for more information – please call (248) 433-3560.

Attention bargain hunters!

Antique and bargain hunters will find collectibles, contemporary treasures and a variety of arts and crafts at the 26th annual Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market, taking place Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11 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. In addition, re-enactors will create the World War I and World War II eras at the Fort.

Secured parking is \$5 per vehicle, admission is free for the flea market, and the tours are priced at \$3 per person.

Vendors can purchase tables for only \$30 each or three tables for \$75. For more information on the flea market or to purchase a table, call Mitzi at (586) 498-9298 or Natalie at (586) 771-1353.

Guild Hosting Fall Harvest Tea on Nov. 7

Join the Detroit Historical Society Guild Saturday, November 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum for a Fall Harvest Tea, featuring door prizes and, for the third year in a row, a special performance by the Petticoat Ladies who will share the amazing stories of "Women of the Old West," complete with period costumes.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include Museum admission. For more information or to make reservations, please call (586) 777-5898. Due to limited seating, no tickets will be sold on the day of the event.

The Glancy Trains Modular Railroad Club at the Festival of Trees...

For the second year in a row, you can see the Glancy Trains Modular Railroad Club's extensive Lionel Trains traveling exhibit on display at this year's annual Festival of Trees event. The exhibit travels to many events annually, promoting the popular *Glancy Trains* exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum and other Society programs.

The Festival of Trees, which benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan, is open to the public Sunday to Sunday, November 22–29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except for Thanksgiving Day) at the Allen Park Municipal Auditorium, 16850 Southfield Road. For more Festival information, call (248) 336-2331 or go to www.fot.org.

... and don't miss the Glancy Trains Show!

Also, mark your calendars for the Glancy Trains Show, coming Sunday, December 27 to the Detroit Historical Museum! Pick up what Santa didn't get for you, as you browse through model trains, accessories, structures, switches and track. Free repair advice and appraisals (for a fee of \$3) for that old train in your attic will also be available. For more information or to buy tables for this year's event, please call (313) 675-5484.



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This unique gift not only supports the Detroit Historical Society but gives that special individual one year of free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, along with many other benefits based on the membership level.

As an added incentive, each new member will receive either a distinctive Detroit Historical Society coffee mug or a fascinating 2010 *Days of Detroit* Calendar as our way of saying thanks. (But hurry, this offer expires November 30, 2009!)

Save on gas — skip the crowded malls and shop from home!

Gift Memberships are available online at www.detroithistorical.org, through the order form below or by calling at (313) 833-1980.



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Behind the Scenes Tours**\$20 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • \$30 GUESTS (UNLESS NOTED)**

					# OF TICKETS	SUBTOTAL
Sat., Oct. 3	11 a.m.	Fisher Mansion				
Sat., Oct. 10	11 a.m.	Westin Book Cadillac Hotel	\$35 Members	\$45 Guests		
Sat., Oct. 17	11 a.m.	Detroit Yacht Club	\$30 Members	\$40 Guests		
Thur., Oct. 22	7 p.m.	Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	\$30 Members	\$40 Guests		
Sat., Oct. 31	11 a.m.	Stahl's Automotive Museum				
Sat., Nov. 7	Noon	The Parade Company				
Fri., Nov. 13	6 p.m.	Players Playhouse	\$75 Members	\$85 Guests		
Sat., Nov. 21	11 a.m.	Argonaut Building				
Sat., Dec. 12	1 p.m.	Morley Candy Factory				
Sat., Dec. 19	11 a.m.	Wayne County Courthouse				

Historic Houses of Worship**\$30 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • \$40 GUESTS**

Mon., Oct. 5	10 a.m.						
Mon., Nov. 2	10 a.m.						
Mon., Dec. 7	10 a.m.	SOLD OUT! To be put on a waiting list, please call (313) 833-1801.					

Collections Resource Center Tours **NEW!****\$20 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • \$30 GUESTS**

Tues., Oct. 6	6 p.m.					
Sat., Oct. 24	11 a.m.					
Sat., Nov. 14	11 a.m.					
Thurs., Nov. 19	6 p.m.					

Author/Curator/Scholar Series Registration

Wed., Oct. 14	6 p.m.	Author Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		
Wed., Oct. 21	6 p.m.	Curator Chat	FREE Members	\$20 Guests		
Thur., Oct. 29	6 p.m.	Scholar Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		
Tues., Nov. 3	6 p.m.	Scholar Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		
Wed., Nov. 18	6 p.m.	Scholar Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		
Wed., Dec. 9	6 p.m.	Author Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____



Committed to the Deep: Exploring Underwater Treasures

Now Open
Great Lakes Gallery

Shipwrecks have always been a part of Great Lakes history. LaSalle's *Griffon*, the first large vessel on the Lakes, sank on her maiden voyage. Since then thousands of ships and tens of thousands of sailors and passengers have met their fate on the freshwater seas.

Their legacy has become an underwater treasure trove for historians, archaeologists and divers. *Committed to the Deep* explores both the artifacts and the mysteries found beneath the waves.

Two divers exploring the shipwreck of the Montana.
(Photo courtesy of Luke Clyburn, Nobel
Odyssey Foundation.)



Recent changes in the environment of the Great Lakes, enhanced by new and powerful technologies, have increased the exploration capabilities for a growing number of researchers. New shipwrecks are being discovered nearly every week, and vast databases make it easier to identify them. A sense of stewardship has emerged, nurtured by the scientific and scholastic community, promoting the preservation and understanding of these significant resources.

While this is a serious subject, the exhibit is designed to be fun, informative and intriguing. A look at diving compares the "old school" hard hat suits with the high tech and agile equipment

available today. Relics from the *Alvin Clark* are displayed, explaining a disaster that resulted in the development of federal and state maritime preserves and protection laws. An educational element addresses the process of analyzing and documenting a shipwreck, as well as aspects of conservation and preservation.

Join us in the quiet, underwater world where history is discovered by people who are *Committed to the Deep!*



L is for Lighthouse

Now Open
DeRoy Hall

To both sailors and landmen, there are few sights so reassuring or romantic as a lighthouse. For centuries, these sentinels have warned navigators of dangerous shoals, guided valuable commerce to waiting markets, and welcomed mariners and passengers to safe harbor. Their importance made them laboratories for new technologies and engineering techniques. Additionally, the bravery and dedication of lighthouse keepers is the grist of legend and lore.

With almost 10,000 miles of shoreline, the Great Lakes are home to a concentration of navigational lights of all types. Some sit majestically on high bluffs. Others stand bravely on artificial islands miles from land. In days gone by, they perched on ships that stood stationary where permanent structures were not possible.

With the advent of global positioning systems (GPS), most are no longer vital to lake commerce and are being decommissioned. In many cases, local historians and preservationists are assuming control of these monuments, restoring them and making them available to lighthouse fans from around the world.

This exhibit pays tribute to these wonderful maritime landmarks!



Bob-Lo: Entertainment Island

Now Open

From 1898 to 1993, metro Detroiters made millions of memories at Bob-Lo, an island amusement park on the Canadian side of the Detroit River. Every summer for 95 years, the steamships *Columbia* and *Ste. Claire* carried the young and young-at-heart for a day of romance and thrills at Bob-Lo. View the artifacts and stories in this exhibition that bring back the magic of summers past.



Society can help you with your research

Need a little "history help" with your research? Know someone working on a college thesis, a book or even a documentary? Enjoy reviewing historical information from a certain period?

If you answered yes to any of these, then you should know that the Detroit Historical Society offers opportunities for college students, researchers for scholarly publications, and nonprofit agencies to research metropolitan Detroit and maritime-related materials — or have materials researched on their behalf at our Collections Resource Center or Archives at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

The Society's archives, artifacts, images — and even personal assistance — are available. Visit our web site at www.detroithistorical.org for more information or contact the Curator of Collections at (313) 297-8391 to find out about scheduling an appointment.

Historic images such as this one depicting the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald are available for use as part of the Detroit Historical Society's Collections and Research services.





FALL 2009 PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITIONS

For more information call (313) 833-5538 or visit www.detroithistorical.org

Dossin Maritime Group hosts "Fair Winds Fall Dinner"



Great Lakes enthusiasts of all ages are invited to join the Dossin Maritime Group (formerly the Maritime Auxiliary Group) for its "Fair Winds Fall Dinner" on Sunday, October 4, at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. The event gets under way at 2 p.m. with a Silent Auction, raffle and entertainment. Dinner will be served at 3 p.m.

The program will feature noted historian Bob McGreevy who will discuss famous historic vessels from the early years of navigation on the Great Lakes.

Tickets are \$30 for both Society and Dossin Maritime Group members, and \$40 for guests. To RSVP, please call (313) 833-1801 by September 25 to order by phone. You can also order tickets online at www.detroithistorical.org

Please note that tickets must be purchased in advance.

Come celebrate another year of "fair winds and faithful friends!"

Dossin Great Lakes Museum to celebrate 50th anniversary!

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

The Detroit Historical Society is planning a number of exciting events to commemorate the milestone, including a special birthday party on July 24, 2010 — 50 years to the day of the museum's dedication ceremony.

Be sure to check out the next issue of *Making History* for details on specific events.



Tribute honors those who perished on Great Lakes

The annual "Lost Mariners' Remembrance" event honoring all of those lost on the Great Lakes will be held on Tuesday, November 10, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

This special evening will begin with a lantern-lighting ceremony, with a special focus on those aboard the *Marquette & Bessemer No. 2*. The vessel disappeared with all hands in a winter gale on December 8, 1909. The wreck has never been found.

The evening's activities will also feature ballads performed by famed Great Lakes balladeer Lee Murdock, an honor guard escort of a memorial wreath to the Detroit River, and a special program led by Christopher Gillcrist, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Historical Society — operators of the Inland Seas Maritime Museum in Vermilion, Ohio. Reverend Richard W. Ingalls, Jr. will conclude the evening.

Admission is \$10 for Detroit Historical Society and Dossin Maritime Group members, and \$15 for guests.

In addition, a limited number of \$25 tickets featuring priority seating in the museum's Pilothouse and a special VIP Reception are available.

For tickets and details, please contact Rebecca McDonald, Manager of Programs, at (313) 833-1801. Or visit us online at www.detroithistorical.org



The Marquette & Bessemer No. 2 disappeared in Lake Erie on Dec. 8, 1909. The wreck was never found.

Nautical Gifts Galore at annual Marine Mart

If you enjoy shopping for Great Lakes and nautical-themed gifts, don't miss the 28th annual Marine Mart sponsored by the Dossin Maritime Group on Saturday, December 12 at the historic Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

This event features vendors offering such unique items as ship models, photos, artifacts, books and artwork — just in time for the holidays!

Early birds looking for that special gift can gain admission at 9 a.m. for \$10. Regular admission for \$7 begins at 10 a.m. The event runs until 3 p.m. All tickets will be sold at the door.

Space is available to rent at \$40 per table, with a maximum of two tables per vendor. Contact Ebani Lowrey, Development Specialist, at (313) 833-1980 for more information or to purchase a table.

Our Shared Past... Our Community... Our Future

Once a year we ask you, our friends and supporters, to contribute to the Detroit Historical Society Annual Fund. The Annual Fund supports all of the programs, exhibits and services that we provide to the community, helping us tell our stories and ensuring that these treasures are preserved for future generations of metro Detroiters.

You can support the Annual Fund with the envelope that is provided in this newsletter, or online at www.detroithistorical.org. An Annual Fund mailing will also be sent later this month.

Remember — all gifts are fully tax-deductible. We need your support now more than ever!

Senior Sundays this November

If you're 60-plus years of age — or know someone who is — then you're sure to be interested in the Detroit Historical Museum's special Senior Sundays this November.

On Sunday, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, all seniors will be admitted for free.

So, if you've been putting off your visit to the museum, be sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

2009 Noel Night tentative

Several members have asked us about whether or not the 37th Annual Noel Night will take place as scheduled on Saturday, December 6, from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Midtown Detroit's Cultural Center Area.

At this time, all we know is that tentative plans are being made, but that much like many other community events (such as the Festival of the Arts which was cancelled), funding challenges may have an impact on this traditional evening as well.

For years, more than 30 institutions — including the Detroit Historical Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Science Center, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the Detroit Public Library — have opened their doors to the public free of charge during this Cultural Center-wide holiday "open house" produced by the University Cultural Center Association. Activities included horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday shopping, family craft activities and performances by over 70 area music, theatre, and dance groups.

We ask that you visit our web site at www.detroithistorical.org later this fall for the most up-to-date information.



Fall into some savings at our Museum Store



Looking for some great gifts? Then check out these great deals on tap at our Museum Store.

From September 26 through October 4, we're holding our "Snack on This" promotion. In celebration of our Museum re-opening, ALL snack food items will be offered at **10% off**.

Sale items include all Germack snacks, Sanders candy, Faygo sodas, seasonings and Better Made

products. Great news for those taking in our *Fabulous 5: Detroit's Snack Food Superstars* exhibit before lunch!

In addition, all Arcadia book titles will be available at a **20% discount** off the cover price.

Following that, why not "Treat Yourself to a Piece of History"? This special sale will feature **20% off** select merchandise that includes souvenir coffee mugs (great for filling up with Halloween treats!), toys and tote bags. This promotion will run from October 5 – 31.

While you're here, don't forget to purchase authentic Tiger Stadium memorabilia. If you've been putting off acquiring that special keepsake from Tiger Stadium — including genuine seat backs — now is the time. By the time the holidays roll around, they may all be lo-o-o-ng gone!

Sale prices are available both in-store and online. Take advantage of the savings!



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Looking for that unique gift?
Enjoy learning about metro Detroit's history?
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You can do all of this when you purchase the Detroit Historical Society's 2010 *Days of Detroit* Calendar at a special "pre-sale" price of just \$10.95 each — \$9.95 for Detroit Historical Society members!

Each month features a seldom-seen photo from an historic event in our region's past, while each day highlights an interesting fact that occurred on that date.

Buying one is easy, too!

Simply use the order form on this page or call us at (313) 833-1262 to order by phone. You can also order online at our web site at www.detroithistorical.org

Buy yours now and save \$2 off the price (normally \$12.95).

But hurry — this special pre-sale is only good through October 31, 2009!



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

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



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Sunday • Noon – 5 p.m.

NOTE: Closed through Friday, Sept. 25 (see page 3!) Closed Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26)

EXTENDED HOURS:

The Museum will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, November 27.

Admission

Adults	\$6
Children (age 4 & under)	FREE
Seniors (age 60 & above)	\$4



Admission cont.

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Parking	\$4

Groups

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Hours

Saturday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

NOTE: On Sunday, October 4 the Museum will be closed for the Fair Winds Fall Dinner

On Sunday, October 18, the Museum will be closed during the annual Free Press Marathon.

Admission

Admission is FREE.



Groups

Call (313) 833-5538 ext. 3 to schedule a group outing.

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