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Letter from the Executive Director Bob Bury

Once again, this edition of *Making History* is chock full of news about great exhibits, programs and other activities at the Detroit Historical Museum, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and across the community. Summer is a great time to visit!

Over the past several months, our staff — including our newest member, David Janssen, Vice President of Collections and Interpretation (see page 3 for more about David) — has been hard at work to keep you,

our members and friends, informed and engaged. Let me know how we are doing!

Concurrently, many of us on the team have also been working diligently on our *Past>Forward* Campaign and I'm eager to share some highlights of our progress to date.

As we announced nearly a year ago, through the *Past>Forward* Campaign, the Society plans to raise \$21.6 million in earned and contributed revenue over five years. We set our first-year goal at just over \$3 million and I'm pleased to report that as of this writing, we've already reached our goal. We are especially appreciative of the many generous supporters, both large and small, who have helped us reach this important milestone. We're off to a strong start and look to continue the momentum in the coming year.

But the numbers only tell part of the story. An equally dedicated group of volunteers has also begun meeting to plan the exciting new exhibits that are part of the *Past>Forward* Campaign. Though in its early stages, our exhibit planning teams are making great progress toward developing some truly extraordinary exhibitions at both of our museums. Stay tuned for more updates.

Participating in the campaign — financially or on an exhibit team — helps ensure the future of our organization. Your participation also provides important guidance and direction that is critical as we develop the exhibits, program and outreach efforts that are key to understanding our past... and our future.

To learn more about our campaign and how you can get involved as a donor, as an exhibit committee volunteer — or just to share an idea — please contact me.

I welcome you to be part of a great team that is committed to ensuring that the Detroit Historical Society is a dynamic resource in our community both today and in the future.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bury
Executive Director & CEO
Detroit Historical Society

ON THE COVER:

The Detroit Historical Society collection features a wide range of historic and unique images, including this one of a bridal party that posed for this photograph in 1925.



Metro Detroit's official 309th birthday party to feature FREE admission

Join the Detroit Historical Society for a family celebration like no other — the City of Detroit's 309th birthday party on Sunday, July 18, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum!

New this year will be the chance to see the "Belles and Bachelors of Fort Detroit" as they present Judge Augustus Woodward and Detroit's role in the War of 1812, courtesy of the Dance Thru History Company. The event will also feature special guests who will help you start your family tree at our genealogy table.

What would a birthday party be without cake? There will be plenty for you to enjoy. You can also enter the Society's Old Fashioned Cake Walk and try to win one of the many Detroit-themed birthday cakes.

Kidz Art Zone will host Candy Art, Spin Art and Sandy Art activities that children are sure to enjoy.

Best of all, admission to the Museum that day — as well as to the event — is FREE. Make your plans now to attend.

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



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Annual meeting to feature "Arsenal of Democracy" presentation

Detroit's role as the "Arsenal of Democracy" during World War II will be the topic of discussion at the Detroit Historical Society's Annual Meeting scheduled for the evening of Thursday, October 14. Admission is free and is open to members, donors and other supporters of the Society.

All members will receive a formal invitation in the mail, but please mark your calendars so you don't miss this annual event that will include a special presentation on the impact Detroit had on the war effort — as well as how the mobilization impacted the lives of virtually everyone in the region.

The evening will also feature an update on the *Past>Forward* Campaign, the annual election of officers and the chance to tour the museum. A select number of artifacts from the Society's military collection will be on display as well.

Our gift to you!

In celebration of Detroit's 309th birthday, the Detroit Historical Museum will feature FREE admission for everyone as well as extended hours! From Monday, July 17th through Sunday, July 25th, the Museum will be open every day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Make your plans now and bring the entire family to experience the Museum — for free!

Society welcomes new staff member



David Janssen

The Detroit Historical Society is pleased to announce that David A. Janssen has joined its senior leadership team as Vice President of Collections & Interpretation. Reporting to Executive Director and CEO Bob Bury, Janssen is responsible for the overall management of the Society's exhibits, public programs and educational outreach efforts for the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum, as well as the management of more than 200,000 artifacts housed at the Collections Resource Center on the grounds of Historic Fort Wayne.

Janssen held a similar position for nearly nine years at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Prior to that he spent eight years in his native Iowa as Assistant Director of Brucemore, a National Trust Historic Site in Cedar Rapids.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree in history from Dartmouth College, a masters in history from Duquesne University, and a masters in business administration from the University of Iowa. Janssen resides in Grosse Pointe Woods with his wife Kristin and their three sons.

In his new role, Janssen will be chiefly responsible for overseeing the programmatic, educational and exhibit-related aspects of the *Past>Forward* Campaign.

Museum open through Labor Day weekend!

With more families looking for fun things to do close to home, we're pleased to announce that the Detroit Historical Museum will remain OPEN through Labor Day Weekend! This offers everyone the chance to spend a fun afternoon at an affordable price.

The Museum will then close to the public for three weeks to install the new exhibitions highlighted on page 5 in time for the Fall 2010 season. The recess begins on Labor Day — Monday Sept. 6 — and ends with the Museum's public re-opening on Friday, Sept. 24.

This means that Sunday, Sept. 5, will be your last chance to experience many popular exhibits, including *Detroit's Beloved Sports Coaches*. Make your plans now!



VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed

Now open • Stark Hall

Our current exhibit, *VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed*, is devoted to our appetite for fast competitions, whether it be race cars, boats or planes. More than just a history lesson, it helps capture the thrills experienced by contestants and fans alike.



Exciting graphics, videos, stories, and interactive displays allow visitors to explore the nature of various sports. Historical

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artifacts, modern machines and the nature of competitive racing advertising enhance the exhibit's appeal.

It's guaranteed to feed your need for speed!

LAST CHANCE TO SEE THESE EXHIBITS!



Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership

Closes Sept. 5 • Booth-Wilkinson Gallery

What makes a leader? Are there certain qualities or characteristics that define leadership? Are leaders a product of their times or would they have risen to such status regardless of when they lived? Moreover, why do some think of a particular leader as "hero" and another as "villain"?

Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership explores these questions by focusing on the lives of a wide range of community leaders who provoked passionate opinions in metro Detroit. Seen through the eyes of their neighbors, media and peers, these



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

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individuals made their mark in metro Detroit and this exhibit shows you both sides of their stories 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.

Come see this thought provoking exhibit before it closes!

Fabulous 5 Fabulous 5: Detroit's Beloved Sports Coaches

Closes Sept. 5 • Kresge Gallery

If you're among those who love our hometown sports teams, then you won't want to miss our exhibit, *Fabulous 5: Detroit's Beloved Sports Coaches*.

The first individual featured is George "Sparky" Anderson who managed the Detroit Tigers for 16 seasons, winning the World Series in 1984. Next is William "Scotty" Bowman, the most successful coach in National Hockey League history, who led the Detroit Red Wings to three Stanley Cup Championships.

From the pro basketball ranks, the exhibit includes Chuck Daly, who spent 14 seasons with

the Detroit Pistons, guiding them to back-to-back National Basketball Association championships. Local legend Will Robinson, an icon in Detroit Public School League basketball who led his team to a state title in 1967 and later became the first black coach at a NCAA Division I school, is also featured. Rounding out the "Fab 5" is Dick Vitale, who in 1973 became the head coach of the University of Detroit basketball team, reaching the NCAA Tournament that same year. He later coached the Pistons and today, is much revered for his flamboyant style as a TV announcer.

To be certain, each individual highlighted is truly a larger-than-life personality. During their respective careers, they drew praise as well as criticism. But regardless of how the teams they led fared each season, their skills as coaches, teachers and community leaders guaranteed them a place in our hearts.

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Exclusive Detroit Historical Society Fall Member Preview

Attention Detroit Historical Society Members! Mark your calendars for an exclusive member preview reception on Thursday, September 23, 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 *Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings* and *Fabulous 5: Detroit's Historic Retailers*. (See below for details on these exciting new exhibits!)

All members will receive an invitation to the event this summer. If you're not a member and would like to attend, please contact Amanda Saoud at (313) 833-1980 or at amandas@detroithistorical.org.



Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings

Opens September 25
Booth Wilkinson Gallery

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"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.

The coming exhibition, *Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings*, will highlight 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 will be highlighted in this exhibit. This Society has also established partnerships with a host of ethnic and community groups from throughout the region to provide a broad 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!



Fabulous 5: Detroit's Historic Retailers

Opens September 25
Kresge Gallery

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We take simple things for granted today when we shop, such as: having prices clearly marked on merchandise; using store-issued credit cards for payment; a bridal registry; the installation of motor stairs for ease of shopping; and even air-cooled comfort. But did you know that each of these innovations was born here in Detroit?

Five iconic retail stores that defined the way we shop will be featured in the next installment of our Fabulous 5 series: Crowley Milner & Co.; Ernst Kern Co.; Fyfe's Shoe Store; J.L. Hudson Co.; and S.S. Kresge Co.

Come revisit the days when "window shopping" was more than just the click of a mouse.

COMMUNITY GALLERY

Michigan Senior Olympics

Now open

The Michigan Senior Olympics (MSO) was founded in 1979 as a member of the National Senior Games Association. The MSO initially channeled their efforts into the annual Summer Olympic Games with the first games hosted by the City of Pontiac at the Pontiac Silverdome. Later, the games traveled to various locations throughout metro Detroit and beyond.

Participation in the games has grown to over 1,200 athletes and is expected to reach 1,500 this year! This exhibit explores the history of the MSO and highlights the inspirational stories of the individuals who take part in this treasured Michigan tradition.



WWJ Newsradio 950:

90 Years of Innovation

Opens September 25

On August 20, 1920, the Detroit News launched a radio station called 8MK with a short broadcast — the first commercial radio broadcast in American history! In the 90 years since, WWJ (the call letters

of the station since 1922) has told the city's story and brought metro Detroiters many firsts and innovations.

This exhibit will share the station's rich history through a variety of unique artifacts, photographs and, of course, audio and video.

SUMMER 2010

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

\$20 Detroit Historical Society members • \$30 Guests (unless otherwise noted)

Sponsored by  DTE Energy

Advanced 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:

① Fill out and send the form on page 10 ② Register online at www.detroithistorical.org ③ Call (313) 833-1801 to register by phone

July 3 No Tour (Independence Day Weekend)

Greenmead

July 9 – 10 a.m.

Special Friday Tour!

\$20 members/\$30 guests

This farm complex features an 1841 Greek Revival farmhouse and its outbuildings, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, the farm maintains its unique architectural character and is significant in that nine of its 11 original outbuildings are still intact.

Built in 1829, the North Barn was the first barn built in Livonia Township. Together, the buildings tell the story of farm life in rural Michigan.



Masonic Temple

July 10 – Noon

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

If you missed the spring tour, this is your chance to explore the history and marvelous architecture of the largest and most complete building of its kind in the world!

This tour is known to be extensive, so be sure to wear your walking shoes!



Hecker Smiley Mansion

July 17 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

Back by popular demand! Be prepared to be awed by this historic home dating back to 1889.

Come experience its beautiful restoration and hear about its storied past as a residence, boarding house, and headquarters of Smiley Brothers Music Company before its current use as the law firm of Charfoos & Christensen, P.C.



Sacred Heart Seminary

July 24 – 11 a.m.

\$30 members/\$40 guests

Includes Lunch!

Come explore this historic landmark!

Founded in 1919 as a minor seminary, the current building was constructed over an 18 month period between February 1923 and October 1924. Because of its solid construction — it was built at one time and not in sections — the seminary would have to be completely dismantled to be torn down.

It was the first seminary of its size to be built during a single construction period. The architect “guaranteed” that the building would stand for 300 years.



Governor Warner Mansion & Museum

July 31 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

Former home of Michigan governor

Fred Warner (1905–1911), the Governor Warner Museum is a Victorian Italianate structure built in 1867 by P. D. Warner, the governor's father. It is furnished in late-Victorian style and is filled with historic artifacts and memorabilia from 1850 through 1920.

Sitting on almost three acres in Farmington Hills, the house is surrounded by gardens lovingly tended by the Museum Garden Auxiliary. Enjoy this chance to learn about the home and Governor's family before heading into the beautiful gardens.



Inside Eastern Market Tour

August 7 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

On this two hour tour of Eastern Market, we will

take you behind the scenes of the largest historic public market in the country. We'll talk about the history, culture and new development as we step inside lofts, shops, restaurants and more — all the while hearing from the Insiders that help the market thrive. The tour is offered in partnership with Inside Detroit.



Elmwood Cemetery

August 14 – 10 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

Steeped in history, Elmwood is

the oldest non-denominational cemetery in Michigan. It contains the memorials of many famous men and women who have served their country faithfully in times of peace and war.

A special lot is designated for those who fought in the Civil War and is one of the few places in the United States where the flag is flown continuously as a memorial to those patriots.



Indian Village Walking Tour

August 21 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

Indian Village is over 100 years old and includes over

350 homes. Although there are features on many homes that fall into a distinct architectural style, Indian Village can best be described as eclectic.

As is so typical of American independence, owners chose elements from different architectural styles when building their homes. Detroit's most distinguished architects, such as Albert Kahn, Louis Kamper, Marcus Burrowes and Smith Hinchman & Grylls, designed many of these historic Indian Village residences. Be sure to join us for this memorable tour!

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Corktown Walking Tour
August 28 – 11 a.m.
\$20 members/
\$30 guests
Detroit's oldest neighborhood, located just west

of Downtown Detroit, Corktown was first settled in 1834 by Irish immigrants from County Cork.

Stretching from First Street west to 16th Street, and Grand River Avenue south to the Detroit River, Corktown was a neighborhood of working class immigrants.

Indeed while many factors have changed the footprint of this community, it continues to be a vibrant neighborhood and to celebrate its rich, proud history.

September 4 No Tour (Labor Day Weekend)



Mt. Elliott Cemetery
September 11 – 2 p.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

In 1841, Mt. Elliott Cemetery was established on 12 acres of farmland on Detroit's east side. The first burial occurred just 12 days later when Robert Elliott, a local architect and founding member of the committee that created the cemetery, was laid to rest. The cemetery was then named Mt. Elliott in his honor.

Today, visitors will find many prominent early Detroiters among those memorialized at Mt. Elliott Cemetery.



Hamtramck Walking Tour
Sept. 18 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

Dating to 1796 when Colonel Jean Francois Hamtramck

took possession of Detroit after British troops evacuated the area, Hamtramck was originally settled by German farmers. Polish immigrants flooded into the area when the Dodge Brothers plant opened in 1914. Poles still make up a large percentage of the population.

This walking tour will introduce you to the history of the area and some of the prominent influences there today.

Mill Race Village

September 25 – 10 a.m.

\$30 members/\$40 guests

Includes lunch at Rocky's!

Mill Race Village preserves architectural styles common to the Northville area prior to 1900. Once the site of Northville's first grist mill, the Village consists of a church, bell pier, gazebo, school, blacksmith shop, Interurban Station and more. Join us for a walking tour of the Village before enjoying lunch at a local favorite, Rocky's.

Been some place interesting in metro Detroit? Let us know...

In the past 12 months, the team at the Detroit Historical Society has expanded its offerings thanks in part to suggestions it has received from members and tour participants.

If you've participated in an historic tour in metro Detroit that you think others might find exciting, we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact Rebecca McDonald, Manager of Programs, at (313) 833-1801 or at rebeccam@detroithistorical.org

SIGN ME UP TO VOLUNTEER

The Detroit Historical Society is always looking for dedicated volunteers to assist with tours such as those on these pages, as well as with special events, administrative support and programs.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

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I AM INTERESTED IN:

- Guiding tours at a museum
 Administrative support
 Working at special events

- Assisting museum visitors
 Guiding tours around metro Detroit
 Building and grounds maintenance

- Facilitating *Behind the Scenes* Tours
 Other: _____

MAIL TO: Attn: Volunteers, Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI, 48202

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

- 1 Fill out and send the form on page 10 with your payment
- 2 Register online at www.detroithistorical.org
- 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.



Wednesday, August 25 • 6 p.m.

Featured author – George Eichorn,
Detroit Sports Broadcasters: On the Air
(Detroit Historical Museum)

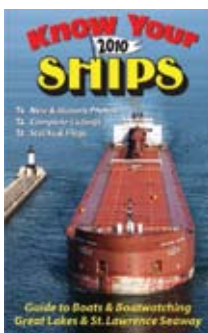
“Detroit Sports Broadcasters: On the Air” takes the reader behind the scenes, tracing nearly 80 years of electronic reporting from broadcast pioneer Ty Tyson to the talk show hosts and anchors of today. Recall Detroit's great sports moments through the eyes and words of the legendary Ernie Harwell, Van Patrick, Budd Lynch, Bruce Martyn, Bob Reynolds, Dave Diles, Al Ackerman, Ray Lane, Paul Carey, Frank Beckmann and George Blaha.

Author George B. Eichorn is the executive director of the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, and is a longtime beat writer and on-the-air personality who has covered Detroit's sports scene since the late 1970s.

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.

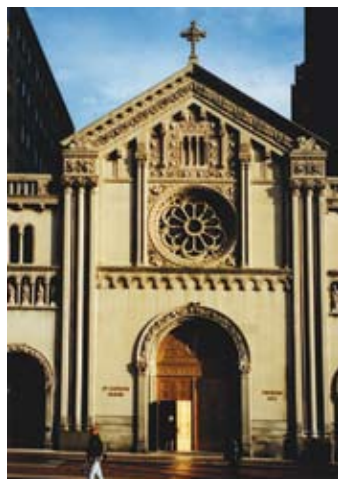


Thursday, September 16 • 6 p.m.

Featured scholar – Roger LeLievre, editor and publisher, *Know Your Ships*
(Dossin Great Lakes Museum)

“Know Your Ships” has covered the waterfront for more than five decades, and this year's edition looks into the past with more images from its archives, some of the Great Lakes' most popular lighthouses, and exploration of the St. Lawrence Seaway on the passenger ship Canadian Empress.

“Know Your Ships” is meant not only for those with a casual interest in the parade of nautical commerce that passes our shores, but also for more serious-minded individuals who have a passion for all the details about the ships that ply the inland seas.



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.

For the first time, we will be offering these tours from the comfort of motorcoaches!

Join us as we embark on a new era of these historic tours. Your participation this fall (see the next newsletter for details on coming tours) will expand your knowledge of some of

our longest-lasting institutions and provide you with a comfortable 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.

Monday, September 13

St. Augusta & St. Monica
Bethel AME
First Congregational Church
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
Metropolitan United Methodist

Collection Resource Center Tours

The Detroit Historical Society is pleased to offer members and their guests exclusive tours of its Collections Resource Center (CRC) located on the grounds of Historic Fort Wayne. The CRC houses more than 200,000 historic artifacts that represent more than 300 years of our region's unique history.

Guests will get an exclusive look at some of most popular and historically interesting collections in the nation. Expert tour guides will escort guests through the CRC to view our Political Campaign Material Collection, Historic Toy Collection, classic car models from throughout the 20th Century, fashion accessories, “Made in Detroit” artifacts and more!

This facility is not normally open to the public but, for you and your group, it can be yours to explore! Reservations must be made at least four weeks in advance of your desired date. The charge is \$10 per person, with a minimum fee of \$150 required to reserve one of our tours. Each tour lasts approximately one hour. Ample free secure parking is available for cars or a bus.

Please contact the Detroit Historical Society Client Sales Team at (313) 833-7979 for more information and to reserve your tour today!

Now showing...

This summer, come and enjoy some of our favorite films from the past every weekend at the Detroit Historical Museum! These popular films cover a range of Detroit subjects and provide members and visitors with a unique and entertaining perspective on our history.

Films will screen every weekend of every month at 1 p.m. Admission to films is FREE with regular Museum admission.

ABOUT THE FILMS



The Rouge

Running time: 46 min.

From its first years as a model of integration to Ford's use of force to combat the development and growth of organized labor, the Rouge indelibly shaped the history of Detroit and the manufacturing world. (Interestingly enough, cars were not the first product produced at the plant, but boats!) Early archival footage combined with photographs and interviews help tell this intriguing story of one of the most famous industrial workplaces ever.



Detroit: Remember When, Vol. 1 – Motor City Memories and Hometown Traditions

Running time: 44 min.

Motor City memories and hometown traditions are the essence of this wonderful film that unearths Detroit history, explores its musical legacy and examines its architecture, politics, sport legends and landmarks. Glimpse back at yesteryear to summer days at Belle Isle, Vernor's soda fountain, Jefferson Beach and Edgewater Park. From Briggs Stadium to Boblo, Black Bottom to the Boulevard, this made-in-Detroit documentary captures the true spirit of this remarkable city.



Detroit: Remember When, Vol. 2

Running time: 66 min.

This installment explores the American dream and the automobile through 100 years of Motor City memories. The film is a celebration of the city that put the world on wheels and the people whose lives were forever changed. From the vision of the assembly line to the roar of the V-8, see how Detroit's promise of a better life attracted thousands to "The City of Champions."



More Boblo Memories

Running time: 42 min.

Take a stroll down memory lane as you learn about the island's history prior to being an amusement park. Remember the glory of the steamers, hear about the island's survival through Prohibition and the Great Depression, and find out how plans for the island's success led to its enormous growth as a leisure destination. The second portion of this film will take you through advertisements from the island's later days.



Radio Priest

Running time: 24 min.

Highlighting the rise of Father Charles Coughlin and the nation's changing attitudes toward him throughout his career, this film explores several decades of his influence. You'll learn about the building of his powerful radio empire, the expansion of the Shrine of the Little Flower — as well as why there was a new post office in the city during the height of his career.

July 3	The Rouge
July 10/11	The Rouge
July 17/18	Detroit: Remember When 1
July 24/25	Detroit: Remember When 2
July 31/August 1	Radio Priest
August 7/8	The Rouge
August 14/15	More Boblo Memories
August 21/22	Detroit: Remember When 1
August 28/29	Detroit: Remember When 2
September 4/5	Radio Priest

TOURS & SERIES REGISTRATION

NOTE: If paying by check, please call (313) 833-1801 to confirm availability first before mailing.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Make checks payable to: Detroit Historical Society

If paying by: VISA MasterCard American Express

Account # _____ Exp Date _____

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Behind the Scenes Tours

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

					# OF TICKETS	SUBTOTAL
Fri., July 9	10 a.m.	Greenmead	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., July 10	Noon	Masonic Temple	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., July 17	11 a.m.	Hecker Smiley Mansion	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., July 24	11 a.m.	Sacred Heart Seminary	\$30 Members	\$40 Guests		
Sat., July 31	11 a.m.	Governor Warner Mansion & Museum	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., August 7	11 a.m.	Inside Eastern Market Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., August 14	10 a.m.	Elmwood Cemetery	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., August 21	11 a.m.	Indian Village Walking Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., August 28	11 a.m.	Corktown Walking Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Sept. 11	2 p.m.	Mt. Elliot Cemetery	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Sept. 18	11 a.m.	Hamtramck Walking Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Sept. 25	10 a.m.	Mill Race Village	\$30 Members	\$40 Guests		

Historic Houses of Worship

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

Mon., Sept. 13	10 a.m.		\$30 Members	\$40 Guests		
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Author Series/Curator Chats/Scholar Series Registration

Wed., Aug. 25	6 p.m.	Author Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		
Thurs., Sept. 16	6 p.m.	Scholar Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Contribute to Annual Appeal by June 30th to help us hit our goal!

Help us continue to preserve our rich, shared history for current and future generations with a generous gift to the 2009–2010 Annual Fund. Your support by June 30th is critical to the Society's year-end fundraising goal. If you've already made a gift to the Society's 2009–10 Annual Fund, we want to thank you. Please consider making an additional gift to help us continue our important work.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a response envelope for your convenience to make a gift to the Society and show your support. Remember — all gifts are completely tax-deductible.

Thank you in advance for your support!

INTRODUCE A FRIEND AND RECEIVE A FREE GIFT!

As a 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 to 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.



Your Name

Address

City, State & Zip

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E-mail

Referred Name

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City, State & Zip

Phone

E-mail

MAIL TO: Attn: Amanda Saoud, Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI, 48202

SIGN ME UP TO BECOME A MEMBER

Name

Address

City, State & Zip

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E-mail

Make checks payable to: Detroit Historical Society
If paying by: [] VISA [] MasterCard [] Discover [] AMEX

Account #

Exp Date

Signature

Date

SELECT TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$65 | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation | \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Plus | \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor | \$300 | <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Maritime Auxiliary Group | (\$20 fee in addition to regular membership dues) |

Gift Memberships

- Please send gift membership to me
 Please send gift membership to recipient below

Name

Address

City, State & Zip

Phone

E-mail

MAIL TO: Attn: Membership, Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: call Amanda Saoud at (313) 833-1980, email amandas@detroithistorical.org or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

Honor, memorialize a loved one with a gift to the Society

If you're looking for a unique gift you've come to the right place. This year, celebrate a special occasion such as a wedding, birthday, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, anniversary or graduation by making an Honorary Gift to the Detroit Historical Society in the name of a friend or family member.

Christmas, Hanukkah, Valentine's Day, and Mother's or Father's Day is also a great time to recognize a loved one's passion for history.

You may also wish to remember someone who appreciated history during his or her life by making a Memorial Gift to the Society. These thoughtful tributes are acknowledged with a letter to the family or friends you designate.

For more information, please call the Development Office at (313) 833-5527 or visit our web site at www.detroithistorical.org to make an Honorary or Memorial Gift online.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY SUPPORTING THE ADOPT-A-CLASS PROGRAM!

March 11, 2010

Our class went on a trip to your Museum. We are learning about Michigan and the Great Lakes. Our teacher is teaching us how Detroit was born. I would like to thank you and the Docents that told us so much the Museum. Thank you for all the free buses because our school doesn't have extra money. I learned so much more about La Salle, he is my favorite explorer. Thank you for our field trip.

Sincerely
Cameron

As we all know, in these tough economic times most schools have been forced to eliminate or greatly reduce the money budgeted for school field trips. That's why the Society's Adopt-a-Class program needs your help now more than ever!

The Adopt-a-Class program has helped thousands of **underserved** school children in our community learn about the region's rich and exciting history through donor gifts that subsidize a docent-guided tour at the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. **But the need is growing and the Society is asking for your help!**

The cost of the program, including transportation is \$400 per class with an average class size of 30 students. These funds support the cost of Museum admission, materials and transportation. Thanks to the generosity of our donors,

the schools that participate do not have to pay for this experience.

The response we receive from children participating in this program demonstrate its impact... but don't take our word for it — you can read some of their letters for yourself!

Your gift can make a difference!

Below is a form you can use to contribute to the Adopt-a-Class program and give children in our community the opportunity to learn about Detroit's history in a unique and exciting way. If you would like more information, please call Sandy Schuster at (313) 833-5527.

All contributors will be recognized in the Detroit Historical Society's Annual Report.



Donor Name (As it should appear in official publications)

Address

City, State & Zip

Phone (H)

Phone (W)

E-mail

Please specify: Yes I want to support the Adopt-a-Class Program and make history come alive for the children in our community!

\$400 ___ \$200 ___ \$100 ___ \$75 ___ \$50 ___ \$25 ___ Other ___

Make checks payable to: Detroit Historical Society (enclosed)
If paying by: [] VISA [] MasterCard [] American Express

Account #

Exp Date

Signature

Date



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Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors

Now open
Great Lakes Gallery

Ever thought of running away to sea? The new 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 sail the Great Lakes, perhaps less romantic than expected... and definitely a lot of hard work!



Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Celebrating 50 Years!

Now open
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 community. 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.



Ship Spectacular dates set!

This is your chance to get close to some of the vessels that regularly travel the Great Lakes including the *Pride of Michigan*! Come visit with the crew and learn more about the boats themselves as they are docked adjacent to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on the following dates:

Sat.– Sun. • August 21, 22
Sat.– Sun. • August 28, 29

Later this summer, be sure to visit www.detroithistorical.org or call (313) 833-1801 to learn more about these ships and the specific times they plan to dock. The event is free but visitors are encouraged to make a contribution to help cover associated costs.

Save the date!

On Sunday, October 3, at 2 p.m., you are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our region's maritime museum gem at the annual Fair Winds Fall Gathering sponsored by the Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group.

Featured speaker and Society Trustee Doug Dossin will discuss his family's history in the food processing and soft drink bottling business, their accomplishments in hydroplane racing, and why they chose to create a lasting legacy through the wonderful Museum that bears their name.

Tickets are \$30 for Society and Maritime Group members and \$40 for guests. Call (313) 833-1801 for tickets or more information.

Join us for the
Dossin Great Lakes
Museum Birthday Party
Saturday, July 24 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy free cake and much more! The party will be held on the same date that the museum was dedicated exactly 50 years ago!

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.

It's A Vernor's Ad-Venture!



Those who lived in the era of "Detroit's Drink" will enjoy a day of Vernor's Ginger Ale history. It kicks off on Sat., Aug. 14th at 10:30 a.m. at Foran's Grand Trunk Pub, located at 612 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. There will be Vernor's floats, sales tables of memorabilia, a 1954 newsreel about Vernor's, photos by the huge Vernor's sign at Foran's and more.

At 11:30 a.m., participants will walk across the street to the Guardian

Building where the Pure Detroit store will feature the genuine gnome from the Vernor's Plant at 4501 Woodward. A tour of the first floor will be offered and the Vernor's Float Drinking Contest will take place at the Rowland Café.

After that, the destination is Hart Plaza, where the mighty Vernor's plant and soda fountain once stood. A walking tour of the area will commence, with photographs on display of what the plant looked like in 1940 when it was called the most modern bottling facility in the world. The event wraps up with an author signing of the book "Vernor's Ginger Ale."

The Vernor's Club, Pure Detroit, Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, and the Detroit Historical Society are jointly sponsoring this free event. You do not have to be a member of the Vernor's Club to attend. Registration is suggested by either emailing vernorsclub@yahoo.com or calling (586) 615-9152.

For more information please visit www.wowway.com/~vernors.

Detroit and Windsor: A Bootlegging Tour

Enterprising Detroiters made our city a hub of activity during the Prohibition years, and on Wed., Sept. 29, 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 Stroh River Place 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.

Committee re-launches with event

The Detroit Historical Society's Black Historic Sites Committee is looking to grow its membership and expand its involvement in assisting the Society in the interpretation of African American history in the region through exhibits, programs, tours and other special events.

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. the committee is hosting a free special screening at the Detroit Historical Museum of excerpts from the film "Forgotten" by local filmmaker Jeffrey O'Den. This documentary tells the story of the black soldiers and sailors who made history during the Civil War, including the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry — which mustered and trained in Detroit. In addition, guests will learn about future committee plans. Seating is limited, so please call Janice Gates at (313) 833-1262 to reserve your space.

For more information, please call Committee Chairperson Kim Simmons at (313) 310-6270 or Society staff member Bob Sadler at (313) 833-7937.

Some hot summer deals at our Museum Store

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

Our limited edition Randall Higdon print of Campus Martius — ready for framing — will be on sale for just \$24.99 (normally \$45!). This offset lithograph reproduction of the original watercolor painting has been personally approved, hand-signed and numbered by the artist. It is limited to 500 edition-size prints and 50 artist's proofs, which are on sale at \$29.99 (normally \$50). Remember — the Detroit Historical Society Museum Store is the only place you can get these!



In July, we're celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and Detroit's 309th birthday by offering 20% off all logo merchandise — tote bags, café mugs, golf balls and more!

Then in August, take advantage of our Back-to-School Sale. All tote bags, Arcadia books and Wayne State University Press books will be an additional 10% off.

Sale prices are available in-store only. Make your plans now and take advantage of the savings! Be sure to visit our online store at www.detroithistorical.org for other great deals!

Society joins in appreciation to U.S. military



A partnership among Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts, and more than 600 museums across America
www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums

The Detroit Historical Society is pleased to join the hundreds of cultural

institutions around the nation that are participating in the National Endowment for the Arts "Blue Star Museums" program.

This national initiative enables active duty military personnel and their families to receive free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum from Memorial Day through Labor Day as a small way of showing our appreciation for all they do.

If you or someone you know is a member of our Armed Forces, please let them know on our behalf.

Don't Just Make Plans... MAKE HISTORY

LET US HELP HOST YOUR EVENT



Attention members!

Book your next event with the Detroit Historical Society and receive a 20% discount!

Looking for a great place to hold your next event?

Why settle for four blank walls! Let us help you plan and organize your event today.

As a special thanks for being a Detroit Historical Society member, we're offering you 20 percent off the cost of your next rental at either the Detroit Historical Museum or Dossin Great Lakes Museum. **Simply book your event by September 30, 2010 to qualify for this offer.**

Whether you're planning a meeting for 50 clients, an annual holiday dinner, a birthday or retirement party — or that once-in-a-lifetime event — we can help make it special.

Every event includes:

- Consultation with our Event Planner
- Free admission to the Museum for you and your guests.
- Assistance with the setup and breakdown of event space
- Free parking for up to 55 vehicles (Detroit Historical Museum)

We have special packages to meet every need.

The following options are available to enhance your event (additional charges may apply):

- Tour guides to lead your guests through the Museum
- Theme décor and entertainment
- Valet parking
- Audio-visual capabilities

Please call us at (313) 833-7979 to schedule a free consultation with our events planning expert. Or visit us at www.detroithistorical.org for more info.

Call us now, mention your member discount and reserve your space today!



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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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(313) 833-1805

Hours

Wed. – Fri. • 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday • Noon – 5 p.m.

CLOSED:

**Sun., July 4
(Independence Day)**

**Sept. 6 – Sept. 23
(Installation of NEW exhibits!)**

Admission

Adults	\$6
Seniors (age 60 & above)	\$4
Youth (ages 5–17)	\$4
Children (age 4 & under)	FREE
Parking	\$4



Groups

Call (313) 833-1733 to schedule a group tour.

Host an Event

Call (313) 833-7979 to host an event at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Volunteer

Call (313) 833-1419 to volunteer at the Detroit Historical Museum



100 Strand Drive, Belle Isle
Detroit, MI 48207
(313) 833-5538

Hours

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

CLOSED:

**Sun., July 4
(Independence Day)**

Admission

Admission is FREE thanks to the generous support of the Masco Corporation Foundation.

Groups

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



Host an Event

Call (313) 833-5538 ext. 4 to host an event at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

Volunteer

Call (313) 833-5538 ext. 2 to volunteer at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.



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