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**JOIN GREG MOSS AND UTZ SCHMIDT FOR A DISCUSSION
OF HOW DETROIT CHANGED GROCERY SHOPPING
TUESDAY, MAY 4 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

DETROIT – The **Detroit Historical Society** continues its **Scholar Series** with **Greg Moss** and **Utz Schmidt** as they discuss how “**Detroit Changed Grocery Shopping**” on **Tuesday, May 4** at **6 p.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**.

Over the last 120 years, the grocery trade has evolved from the local shop to the supercenter, with Detroit playing a leading role. In the late 1800s, inventors, entrepreneurs and financiers discovered new ways to solve the daily problems of grocers and their customers using cutting-edge food equipment. Meijer started the supercenter concept with its first “Thrifty Acres” store in 1962. Moss and Schmidt will discuss the challenges local grocers face to increase speed and improve accuracy, as well as major advances made in the scale industry like the automatic price computing scale. Guests will also learn about people such as Stimpson, Barnes, Caille, Osborn and their products – even the “Crusade for Honest Weight” and its impact on legislation across the country.

Moss and Schmidt are members of the International Society of Antique Scale Collectors. Schmidt was one of its founding members in 1976. He discovered his love for scales and balances more than 35 years ago while living in Germany. Moss currently works in corporate human resource development.

The cost of the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. Advance registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register for the event, please call **(313) 833-1801** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public, but is available for group tours by calling **(313) 833-7979**. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and

youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*; *Frontiers to Factories*; *The Motor City*; and *The Glancy Trains*.

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