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**THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFERS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO
MEET ITS NEW VICE PRESIDENT AND ENJOY FREE ADMISSION
SATURDAY, JUNE 12 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

DETROIT – Have you wanted to learn how museums preserve our history? Ever wonder what goes into creating a new exhibit? Or wished you could tell someone what kinds of exhibits or programs YOU would like to see at the Detroit Historical Museum?

The Detroit Historical Society is offering that unique opportunity to its members and the public on **Saturday, June 12th** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**. You can meet **David Janssen**, the Society’s new Vice President of Collections and Interpretation, and enjoy **free admission all day**. Janssen will meet members of the Detroit Historical Society between 10 and 11 a.m., followed by a “Taste of Detroit” reception for interested Museum visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first 200 visitors taking part in the reception will also receive a complimentary bag of Better MadeTM potato chips and a bottle of FaygoTM pop.

Janssen joined the Society in April. Reporting to Society Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer **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.

Prior to coming to the Society, Janssen held a similar position for nearly nine years at **Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores**. At the Ford House, he led and managed all aspects of the collections and interpretation of the historic site, including the supervision of over 60 employees involved in the preservation, security and maintenance of the buildings, grounds, artifacts and art collections, as well as the staff responsible for tours, exhibits and public programs.

Janssen joined Edsel & Eleanor Ford House after eight years in his native Iowa as Assistant Director of **Brucemore**, a National Trust Historic Site in Cedar Rapids. Prior to that, he served as Curator of the **Smith McDowell House Museum** in Asheville, North Carolina.

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 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 available for group tours by calling **(313) 833-7979**. Regular adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 normally 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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