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## **CHECK OUT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S AUGUST TOURS**

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Join the Detroit Historical Society as the Behind the Scenes Saturdays series continues with the following guided tours of some of metro Detroit's best historic sites.

Woodmere Cemetery – August 4 at 11 a.m.

Gail Hershenzon, author of "Detroit's Woodmere Cemetery," guides a tour of one of the city's oldest cemeteries. Woodmere has been the final resting place for Detroiters since 1869, including casualties of the 1932 Ford Hunger March and Eddie Slovik, the only U.S. serviceman executed for desertion during World War II.

The Inn on Ferry Street – August 11 at 11 a.m.

In the late 19th century, the Ferry Seed Company sold its land to developers who transformed it into a new upper class neighborhood on the edge of Detroit. Many of Detroit's Jewish residents lived in the neighborhood until the 1930s, when it became home to Detroit's African American upper class. Steve Vidakovich, director of marketing for the Inn on Ferry Street, guides this tour through six historic buildings that date back to the neighborhood's early years. This tour also includes lunch.

Collections Resource Center – August 18 at 11 a.m.

The Collections Resource Center at Historic Fort Wayne is home to more than 200,000 historic artifacts that belong to the people of Detroit. Marianne Weldon, the Detroit Historical Society's curator of collections, will explain how collections experts preserve these antiquities as she guides you through a maze of treasures. This tour also includes lunch.

The cost for each event is \$20 for Society members and \$25 for guests. Reservations are limited and advance registration is highly recommended. Payment must accompany your reservation. Telephone reservations can be accepted with a VISA, Mastercard or Discover Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No tickets will be sold on the day of the tour.

For more information or to reserve your spot for the Detroit Historical Society's Behind the Scenes Saturdays or other 2007 events, call (313) 833-7935, or go to [www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo](http://www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo)