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**JOIN AUTHOR PATRICK LIVINGSTON FOR A DISCUSSION OF BOB-LO ISLAND
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM**

DETROIT – The Detroit Historical Society continues its Scholar Series with **Patrick Livingston**, author of the new Wayne State University Press title “**Summer Dreams: The Story of Bob-lo Island,**” on **Tuesday, November 18** from **6 – 8 p.m.** at the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum.**

For nearly 100 years, Bob-lo Island was the ultimate playground for many Detroit and Windsor families. When the Detroit, Belle Isle, and Windsor Ferry Company purchased the island in 1898, it became known as a destination for Detroit’s growing middle class. It was the perfect place for Detroiters to dance, play and escape what was fast becoming an industrial city. Livingston will chronicle the island’s history from the well-known subjects of amusement rides and river cruises to the lesser known tales of racism and rowdy gangs. He will also discuss the park’s closure in 1993, the auctioning of its steamers and rides, and its redevelopment as a community of multimillion-dollar homes.

Livingston is also the author of “Eight Steamboats” (Wayne State University Press 2004). He has worked with the Michigan State University Extension and Michigan Sea Grant. He is currently involved with the Great Lakes Education Program on the Detroit River and a project linking teachers from Nepal and Michigan in water-quality analysis and information sharing.

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

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free at the Museum for the duration of 2008 through the generous support of the **DeRoy Testamentary Foundation**, however, donations are welcome. During the week, the Museum is open for group tours by advance reservation. Permanent exhibits include the *Miss Pepsi* championship hydroplane, the bow anchor from the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilot house from the Great Lakes freighter *S.S.*

William Clay Ford, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. New exhibits include *Smugglers on the Straits* and *Fun, Fast & Fancy: Great Lakes Yachts*. For more information, call **(313) 833-5538** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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