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VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Curator's Corner

A volunteer at the Collections Resource Center recently sparked a History Mystery.

Tara Mondro was cataloging some beautiful old coin purses when she ran across an "odd artifact" in the same drawer. She showed it to Adam Lovell, Curator of Collections, who was working with volunteers from the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition (HFWC) at the time. One of the HFWC folks immediately suggested, "That's a Confederate bullet."

Using the catalog number on the bullet's plastic enclosure, Adam was able to confirm the statement. The bullet hit Sgt. Thomas P. Jones in the leg at the siege of Knoxville during the autumn of 1863. Jim Conway, Fort Wayne Project Manager (and former DHS Chief Curator) and David Jamroz, a military historian, found records that Jones belonged to Company C, 2nd Michigan Infantry, trained at Fort Wayne and was present during the Knoxville Campaign. They tentatively identified the slug as from an Enfield rifle, common among Confederate troops.

The bonus came when Adam dug a bit deeper, and discovered that the DHS collection also includes a canteen owned by Sgt. Jones that was donated six years later. When located, it was clear that a bullet had passed through the canteen and the red cover that enclosed it. Ninety nine years after a bad moment, the bullet and the canteen that likely saved Jones' life were reunited under better circumstances.

Tom Jones, a member of the Battle Creek Battery, recovered and was discharged in 1864. Ever after, he kept that fateful bullet in a small – you guessed it – coin purse.

See you at the museums,

Joel Stone

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Upcoming Events
- HP & MT Tour Schedule
- Programs/ BTS

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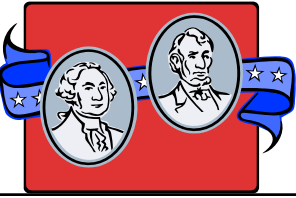
Training for the new Dossin Great Lakes Museum program "Great Lakes Transportation"

Monday, February 6, from 10am -12 noon at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum

Training will include:

- Reviewing content for the tour portion of the program
- Playing transportation games and activities to learn the rules and best ways to facilitate it with school groups
- Information on effectively leading students engaged in an activity
- Other program basics – intros, conclusions, locations, crowd flow, capacity, etc.
- Lunch!

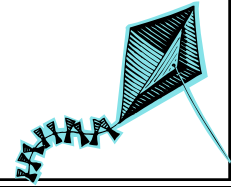
Please call or email: 313.833.1419 or rjamieson@detroithistorical.org to RSVP



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 10:30-4:00 African American History Day 2 Docents and 3 Volunteers needed
5	6 10:00 –12:00 noon Dossin Great Lakes Museum Docent training for “Great Lakes Transportation”	7	8	9 10:00 HP Tour Bentley Elementary 80 3rd graders/ 23 adults 12:30 Trading Posts & Animal Pelts St. Genevieve/23 3rd graders/9 ad	10 10:00 HP Tour Pontiac Academy for Excellence 100 3rd graders 14 adults	11 9:30 BTS: Fisher Building Detroit Boat Show to 2-19 Volunteers needed
12 Detroit Boat Show Volunteers Needed All week See insert	13	14	15 10:00 HP Tour Hill Elem/58 4th gr/18 adults 10:00 HP Tour Michigan Math & Science Acad/ 45 8th gr/6 adults 4:30 –8:00 pm Scholar Series: Grace Lee Boggs	16 10:00 HP Tour Duke Ellington Elem/45 3rd & 4th graders/12 adults 10:00 HP Tour Lottie Schmidt Elementary/60 3rd graders/12 adults	17 10:00 HP Tour St. Charles Borromeo School 42 3rd graders/ 10 adults	18 9:30 BTS: Traffic Jam & Snug 11:30 HP Tour Hispanic Latino Law Society/ 15 adults 1 Docent needed
19 Free Family Sundays 2 Docents Needed Underground Railroad Family Day 3 Volunteers needed	20 10:00 Café Volunteer Enrichment Please call to RSVP	21	22 10:00 MT Tour DGLM Tyler Elementary/50 3rd graders/ 6 adults 12:30 MT Tour DGLM Tyler Elementary/50 3rd graders/7 ad	23 10:00 MT Tour DGLM Oak Ridge Elementary/28 3rd graders/7 adults	24	25 9:30 BTS: Detroit Athletic Club
26	27	28 12:30 HP Tour Angell Elem/ 100 3rd graders/24 adults	29 10:00 HP Tour Oak Ridge Elem/ 25 3rd graders/ 7 adults 10:00 Trading Posts & Animal Pelts Immaculate Conception/11 5th graders/6 ad			

March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 9:30 BTS: Meadow Brook Hall 10:00 HP Tour Kennedy Elem/ 100 2nd & 3rd graders/18 adults	3 9:30 BTS: Traffic Jam & Snug 10:00—3:00 Michigan History Day 4 Volunteers needed
4 10:00-4:00 pm Train Show at Gibraltar North 2 Volunteers needed	5	6	7 10:00 HP Tour Washington Academy/72 3rd graders/15 adults 5:30-9:00 pm Special Lecture “Don’t Give Up the Ship” 1 Volunteer needed	8 10:00 HP Tour Franklin Road Christian School/ 25 4th graders/7 adults	9 10:00 HP Tour Winchester Elem/ 74 3rd graders/25 adults 3:30-10:00 pm Discover Detroit 3 Volunteers needed	10 9:30 BTS: Detroit Boat Club
11	12 10:00 HP Tour Kennedy Elem/ 100 2nd & 3rd graders/13 adults 4 Docents Needed	13	14 10:00 HP Tour Maya School/ 30 3rd graders/ 6 adults	15 9:30 BTS: Theodore Levin U.S. District Courthouse 10:00 MT Tour DGLM Flat Rock Parks & Rec/ 29 adults	16 Spring Boating Expo at Suburban Collection in Novi Begins See insert	17
18 Free Family Sundays 2 Docents needed	19 10:00 Café Volunteer Enrichment Please call to RSVP	20 10:00 HP Tour Fox Elementary/ 60 3rd graders/ 14 adults	21 10:00 HP Tour Van Dyke Public Schools/ 100 5th-9th graders/ 10 adults 4:30-8:00 pm Scholar Series: 1 Volunteer needed	22 10: 00 HP Tour Nolan Public School/ 20 K-5th graders-Special Needs 10:00 HP Tour Fox Elementary/ 60 3rd graders/ 14 adults	23	24 11:30 BTS: Foran’s Grand Trunk Pub
25 12:30 MT DGLM Sailing Singles 20 adults	26	27 10:00 Trading Posts & Animal Pelts McDowell Elem/ 27 3rd graders/5 adults 12:30 Trading Posts & Animal Pelts McDowell Elem/ 27 3rd graders/4 adults	28	29 12:30 HP Tour Our Lady Star of the Sea School/ 26 3rd graders/ 10 adults	30 10:00 HP Tour Detroit School for the Arts/75 5th graders/11 adults	31 9:30 BTS: Detroit Media Partnership Fort Street Newsroom 1 Volunteer needed

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C O O R D I N A T O R ' S C O R N E R

Dear Volunteers,

Happy Winter! Happy February! I know we hope that winter will soon be behind us. Until then, I guess all we can do is "grin & bear it" because we do live in Michigan.

Thanks for all you do to further the mission and reputation of the Detroit Historical Society. We couldn't do it without you. We **thank you** if you work on our mailings, if you help with clerical duties, if you are a docent, an intern or volunteer for the many events and programs.

There is much happening at the Detroit Historical Society in the next few months. Please check the calendar to volunteer for something of interest to you. On Saturday, February 4, we are still in need of volunteers and docents for the annual African American History Day. We need volunteers to represent the Detroit Historical Society at the Detroit Boat Show beginning Saturday, February 11. Also, on Sunday, February 19, Underground Railroad Family Day could use volunteers to facilitate family activities. Please check the enclosed insert and your schedule to volunteer.

Our next Docent training for "Great Lakes Transportation" is on Monday, February 6 at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum at 10 am. We thank those of you who trained for the "Trading Posts and Animal Pelts" program. We have much interest from schools in both of the new educational programs and you can see that February 9 is the first one on our list. If you'd like to watch or learn, please let me know and I can arrange it.

Please remember to RSVP to attend our Volunteer Enrichment or to help with the BTS or other volunteer opportunities. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Rosanne Jamieson,
Volunteer & Education Coordinator