

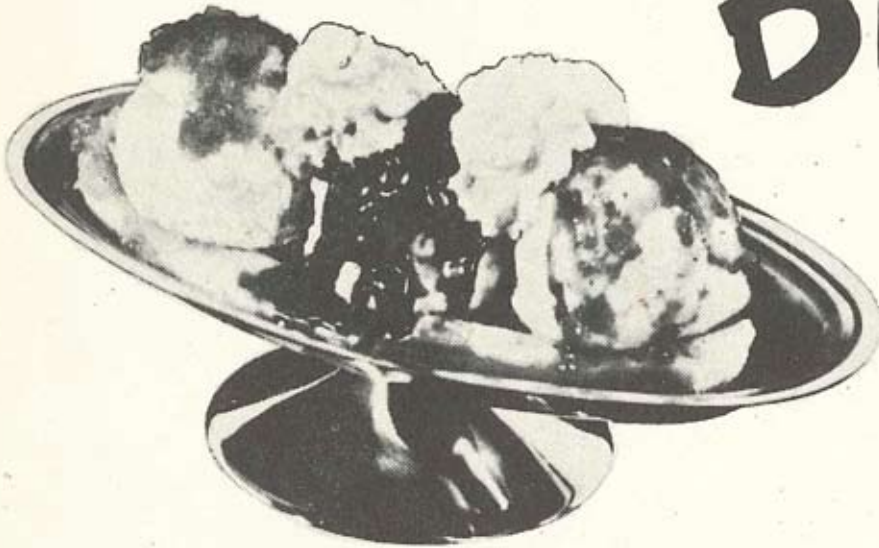
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Letter from the Executive Director Bob Bury

For the past several months, I've spent much of my time doing what I enjoy most, talking about the Detroit Historical Society — about what we've accomplished — and sharing my vision of what lies ahead.

Thanks to the ongoing support and dedication of people like you, the past year at the Society has been nothing short of extraordinary. During this past fiscal year, we increased attendance at the Detroit Historical Museum by nearly 21 percent, recruited over 400 new members and presented 17 new exhibits and displays. Members and friends like you enjoyed weekly *Behind the Scenes* tours, and our loyal and growing base of volunteers contributed over 10,000 hours in support of our cause.

Despite the challenging times, we maintained our important relationships with area schools and found a way to welcome as many children for tours as possible, including providing free or subsidized admission to a record number. The launch of the year-long celebration of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum 50th Anniversary was another highlight that continues to attract more visitors than ever to our Belle Isle location.

We also made excellent progress on our *Past>Forward* Campaign. We exceeded our first year revenue goal, organized key committees and gained the generous commitments of many long-time and new friends to support our work going forward.

Most importantly, we have established great momentum on many fronts that continues to serve us well.

I'm pleased to report that for the eighth consecutive year, the Society ended the fiscal year with a balanced budget. Thank you for all you did to help and please join me in thanking the Society's dedicated staff and loyal volunteers, without whom this success would not be possible.

Looking ahead, we remain focused and committed to our mission of preserving and presenting the important stories of our region. I hope you enjoy our newest major exhibit, *Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings*, a thoughtful look at the myriad of wedding customs and traditions that have taken place in and around Detroit over the years. Also, don't miss our tribute to Detroit's retailing traditions, *Fabulous 5: Detroit's Historic Retailers*. Both make their debut this fall.

Please let us know what you think and, as always, thank you for the opportunity to share the great stories of our region.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bury

Executive Director & CEO
 Detroit Historical Society

ON THE COVER:

A promotional 1960s ad from Kresge's in-house efforts enticing shoppers to treat themselves to an afternoon special!

2010 Society Ball to feature Dancing With Detroit's Stars

Join us for an evening of fine food, company and, of course, exciting entertainment, at the Detroit Historical Society's Ball scheduled for the evening of Friday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Once again, we'll be hosting the "Dancing with Detroit's Stars" competition during the event, featuring prominent couples from our community — all of whom will take to the floor and help raise funds for the Society!

In keeping with the Society's tradition of visiting historic sites, this year's Ball will be held at the Argonaut Building in Detroit's New Center area. Last year, the Argonaut underwent an extensive renovation that completely transformed the interior of the building to prepare for its new role as the A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education in Detroit as a part of the College for Creative Studies.

This beautifully restored landmark was designed by Albert Kahn in 1928 and served as the longtime design headquarters of General Motors Corporation.

Co-chairs for the 2010 Ball are Kathy Brennan, Tiffany Douglas, Kristin Nicholson and Sue Nine.

To purchase your tickets, please visit our website at www.detroithistorical.org or call (313) 833-1980.



2010 Detroit Historical Society Ball Co-chairs left to right: Tiffany Douglas, Kristin Nicholson, Sue Nine and Kathy Brennan.

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During World War II, Detroit and its automobile assembly plants transformed to manufacture the machinery of war, earning it praise from President Franklin D. Roosevelt as "the great arsenal of democracy." Through the re-imagining of an existing space in the Detroit Historical Museum, a new exhibit will explore how this revolutionary time period transformed both Detroit and the world. The annual meeting will feature a discussion on this.

(Image courtesy of SDG Design)

Arsenal of Democracy highlights 88th annual meeting

On Tuesday, October 19, the Detroit Historical Society will host its 88th Annual Meeting beginning at 7 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum. Admission is free and is open to donors, members and other supporters of the Society.

The evening will include a discussion on Detroit's role as the "Arsenal of Democracy" during World War II and feature guest speaker and historian Joseph Turrini, who will share his perspective on the war's impact on the region.

There will also be an update on the Society's plans to address this topic with a new, permanent exhibition set to open at the Museum in Fall 2012. The evening will include the annual election of officers as well as the chance to tour the Museum.

To reserve your spot, please contact Erika Davis at (313) 833-7938 or erikad@detroithistorical.org by Tuesday, October 12.

Join us for Treats in the Streets

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It's that time again! Come trick or treat in the *Streets of Old Detroit* during our 9th annual family-friendly Halloween event taking place on Sunday, Oct. 24, from

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Throughout the day, your superheroes, princesses, goblins and ghosts aged 12 and under can decorate pumpkins, enjoy donuts and cider, and participate in the "Get that Ghoul!" history hunt.

We will also host "The Magic of Nick" as Nick Paul presents an audience-involved blend of clean comedy, magic, live stunts, juggling, and mime.

Best of all, admission is FREE for children 12 and under in costume!

Masco Corporation Foundation sponsors free admission and tours at the Detroit Historical Museum

To celebrate the re-opening of the Museum following the installation of our exciting new exhibits, the Detroit Historical Society is offering FREE admission on Fri., Sept. 24, Sat., Sept. 25 and Sun., Sept. 26, courtesy of Masco Corporation Foundation.

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That means that not only do you get to bring the entire family down to experience the Museum's newest exhibitions highlighted on page 5, but you'll save a few dollars doing so.

In addition, Masco Corporation Foundation is pleased to present "Find Your Place in History" at the Museum. On the third Sunday of every month from Oct. 2010 through Aug. 2011, admission will be FREE. What's more, to help you "find your place in history," docent-led tours of our famous *Streets of Old Detroit* will take place on each of these dates from noon to 3 p.m.

Again, the 2010 dates are: Oct. 17th; Nov. 21st; and Dec. 19th. The 2011 dates are: Jan. 16th; Feb. 20th; Mar. 20th; Apr. 17th; May 15th; June 19th; July 17th; and Aug. 21st.



VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed

Re-opens September 24 • Stark Hall

Metro Detroiters have always been ready to say "I'll race you!" From early Native American foot races to French horse races — right up to the recent Red Bull Air Races — we've always found the thrill irresistible. No matter the century, no matter the season, the challenge has been met!

VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed is an exhibit devoted to our appetite for fast competitions. While other towns can claim to race cars or boats or planes, Detroit's unique geography has enabled us to have been involved in all of these at their inception.

Need proof? The American Power Boat Association Challenge (APBA Gold) Cup, first run in 1904, is the oldest trophy in motor



sport racing. Annually, the Detroit Free Press Marathon offers thousands of runners our nation's only international

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venue, and the world's only course with an "underwater mile." Recently, the annual Red Bull Air Races brought high-flying competition back to Detroit, the type of national spectacle that began here in 1922.

But this exhibit is more than just a history lesson. After all, racing is about thrills — for contestants and fans alike. Exciting graphics, videos and stories allow visitors to explore the nature of various sports and enhance the exhibit's appeal.

It's guaranteed to feed your need for speed!

Detroit Artist's Showcase

Opens September 24

Level Two

The Detroit Historical Society proudly dedicates a showcase at the Detroit Historical Museum to display some of the most treasured artistic creations in our collection. As such, the next installment features several pieces from renowned artist Jerome Biederman.

Biederman was a nationally recognized transportation illustrator. Whether his subject was an automobile, aircraft or train, his renderings were technically accurate and highly detailed. His medium of choice was tempera paint and illustration board.

He chose to specialize in transportation and built a reputation for colorful and lifelike paintings. For many years, his steadiest commissions came from calendar companies. He also did special projects and his work appeared regularly in *Automobile Quarterly* and *Horseless Carriage Gazette* magazines.

Following his death in 1996, friends gathered his original paintings and began donating them to organizations with historic ties to the various transportation modes pictured. The Society's Collection has received 28 of Biederman's automobile images, courtesy of Kenneth Cahn.



Scripps-Booth "DaVinci Pup" Cyclecar

Opens September 24

Automotive Showplace

The Scripps-Booth Cyclecar Company was founded in 1913 and occupied a factory less than a mile from the Detroit Historical Museum. A short-lived trend in the early days of "motoring," cycle cars were designed to be small, sporty and particularly fast. The company produced about 400 vehicles before the fad passed.

Reformed as the Scripps-Booth Company in 1914, the firm produced several high-quality, traditionally-styled models before being acquired by General Motors in 1917.

This "DaVinci Pup" is one of four Scripps-Booth vehicles in the Detroit Historical Society Collection and is yet another one-of-a-kind example that we're proud to display. Constructed on a wood frame, the boat-tailed aluminum body weighs 1,250 pounds and is powered by an all-aluminum 16-valve, 4-cylinder engine. Two rubber belts turn the wheels, propelling this car at over 90 mph.

While its value is indeed priceless, consider this: it was *built* at a cost of \$30,000! Don't miss this unique piece of automotive history.

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WWJ Newsradio 950: 90 Years of Innovation

Opens September 24

On August 20, 1920, the *Detroit News* launched a radio station called 8MK with a short broadcast — the first commercial radio broadcast in American history! In the 90 years since, WWJ (the call letters of the station since 1922) has told the city's story and brought metro Detroiters many firsts and innovations.

This exhibit will share the station's rich history through a variety of unique artifacts, photographs and, of course, audio and video.



Don't miss the Fall Member Preview!

Attention Detroit Historical Society Members! Mark your calendars for an exclusive member preview reception on Thursday, September 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. This members-only event will showcase the newest exhibits at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Be among the first to see *Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings* and *Fabulous 5: Detroit's Historic*

Retailers. (See below for details on these exciting new exhibits!)

If you're a member and would like to RSVP — or if you'd like to become a member so you can attend — please contact Amanda Saoud at (313) 833-1980 or at amandas@detroithistorical.org.



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Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings

Opens September 24 • Booth Wilkinson Gallery

"I do." Brides and grooms have been uttering these words in one way or another — and in one language or another — for a long time in metro Detroit as part of the colorful pageantry that celebrates hopeful futures as well as the uniting of families, neighbors and communities. But weddings can be much more than that. They can be solemn ceremonies that reflect centuries of cultural and ethnic traditions, with rituals that span generations.

The new exhibition, *Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings*, highlights three centuries of these personal stories and community rituals as it examines the traditions surrounding marriage and weddings.

Portions of the Detroit Historical Society's collection of wedding gowns and accessories



will be highlighted in this exhibit. The Society has also established partnerships with a host of ethnic and community groups from throughout the region as a means of ensuring diverse representation of traditional costumes, ceremonial artifacts and stories.

Be sure to put this on your "must see" list and discover the rich, diverse ways metro Detroit has been saying "I do" for more than 300 years!

Fabulous 5

Fabulous 5: Detroit's Historic Retailers

Opens September 24 • Kresge Gallery

The *Fabulous 5* exhibit series focuses on the people, places, products and events that have shaped Detroit's history. The Detroit Historical Society changes this exhibit space regularly to highlight five examples of excellence within a range of topics. As such, the next installment of our *Fabulous 5* series focuses on many of the retailers that changed the way we shop.

Fyfe's Shoes, Crowley Milner and Company, Ernest Kern Company, J. L. Hudson Company and S. S. Kresge Company helped define the shopping experience for generations of Detroiters. Their familiar names evoke a nostalgic sense of quality and community.

Each created its identity within the robust culture of retail stores and chains that has served the region for over a century. What's more, they collectively created innovations that impacted

how people shop, including ideas such as having the prices clearly marked on merchandise, using store-issued credit cards for payment, a bridal registry, the installation of motor stairs for ease of shopping — even air-cooled comfort. Each of these innovations was born here in Detroit.

Come learn about these and more while revisiting the days when "window shopping" was more than just the click of mouse!

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BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

\$20 Detroit Historical Society members • \$30 Guests (unless otherwise noted)

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Advance reservations required. Tour registrants receive directions to the tour location, a map and additional information 1–2 weeks after payment is received. On average, tours last from 90 minutes to two hours. No refunds or tour credits will be given. You may choose from three options to sign-up:

① Fill out and send the form on page 10 ② Register online at www.detroithistorical.org ③ Call (313) 833-1801 to register by phone



Felician Sisters Provincial House

October 2 – 1 p.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

Originating in Poland, the Felician Sisters began their

ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1879 when they accepted teaching responsibilities at Detroit's St. Albertus School. By the late 1920s, the Felician Sisters' Detroit provincial house, which had been enlarged in 1884, 1899 and 1904, was again too small.

This amazingly self-sufficient complex in Livonia took its place in 1936. Be prepared to be astounded as you tour the chapels, library, heritage room and other spaces in a house so large it has its own nursing staff.



Detroit Golf Club

October 9 – 11 a.m.

\$40 members/

\$50 guests

Includes lunch!

Founded by William R. Farrand and

several friends in 1899, the Club started small but grew quickly and was formally opened in 1906. When additional property was bought in 1913, world famous golf course architect Donald Ross determined that two 18-hole layouts could be built on the land. Work began in 1914.

The current clubhouse, which was designed by Albert Kahn, was started in 1916. Wartime problems hampered construction, but the clubhouse was finally completed in May 1918.

FBI Detroit Field Office

October 14 and October 21 – 10 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

(Space on each tour is limited! Please call Rebecca McDonald directly at (313) 833-1801 to register.)

In 1924, when the office was opened as an investigative arm of the Department of Justice, it was known simply as the Bureau of Investigation. Since the late 1970s, the Detroit Division of the FBI has been located at its current site in the Patrick V. McNamara Federal Office Building.

The office has undergone and been witness to many changes since its beginning, but the commitment of the people that work there and their desire to pursue violations of Federal laws in a fair and equitable fashion remains constant.



T-Plex

October 23 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

Before there was Highland Park or River Rouge, there was Henry Ford's

first Model T plant in Detroit's Milwaukee Junction district. Planning for construction of the factory began before the Model T celebrated its first anniversary, with plans being drawn by the Detroit firm Field, Hinchman & Smith.

Walk the factory floor where Ford experimented with the assembly line method of auto production and admire the workmanship of antique automobiles from the era.



Dime and Ford Buildings

October 30 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

This tour will take you into two of Daniel Burnham's Detroit skyscrapers.

Detroit's first skyscraper, the Ford Building, was built for Ford Glass, which eventually merged with its rival, the Libby Glass Company, to form Libby-Owens-Ford.



The Dime Building, built to house a banking floor and many levels for the business of Dime Bank, was designed with a window for ventilation and light in every office. We will explore both buildings with the help of Preservation Wayne.



THE PARADE COMPANY

The Parade Company

Nov. 6 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

Take a *Behind the Scenes* Studio Tour

and see the handmade floats and papier mache heads that will make their way down Woodward Avenue for America's Thanksgiving Parade®.

Michigan Metroplex

November 9 – 4 p.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

The Pontiac Metroplex has the ability to process 2 million letters an hour. It houses more than 60 letter sorting machines (each sorting 35,000 an hour), one long bundle sorting machine, several flat sorting machines and approximately 800 postal employees.

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Prop Art Studio

Nov. 12 – 10 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

This special tour will take you through the 101 year-old building that began as an electric car charging station.

It now houses Prop Art Studio, famous locally for creating the giant purple octopi at Joe Louis Arena. Prop Art Studio, based near Belle Isle, designs and creates larger-than-life props, custom signage, full body costumes and other exhibits.

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Clements Library, Ann Arbor

November 18 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

The Clements opened in 1923 on the campus of the University of Michigan. It is a unique resource for students, faculty and researchers. The library houses rare books, pamphlets, maps, prints, photographs and manuscripts that shed light on North American history from Columbus through the 19th century.

On almost any aspect of the early American experience — military history, politics and government, religion, gender and ethnicity, culinary history, the creative arts, travel and exploration — the holdings at Clements are among the best in the world.

November 27 No Tour
(Thanksgiving Weekend)



Guardian Building

Dec. 4 – 11 a.m.

**\$20 members/
\$30 guests**

Join us and gain an understanding of the craftsmanship, historical significance and amazing views from the Guardian Building!

Acclaimed Preservation Wayne guide Ellen Howell will share her vast knowledge of the building and

personal anecdotes in this great tour.

Detroit Media Partnership Printing Facility

December 11 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

The *Detroit Free Press* and the *Detroit News* remain the largest, most-read newspapers in the state and deliver coverage of news, sports, entertainment and business from area neighborhoods and around the world. Inside the Sterling Heights printing facility, you'll find huge rolls of newsprint, giant machines, and a staff dedicated to printing and distributing news constantly.



Old Wayne County Building

Dec. 17 – 11 a.m.

**\$20 members/
\$30 guests**

The Courthouse served as the center of Wayne County

government for the first half of the 20th century and held most of its offices, court sessions and public hearings. Dating back to 1897, the building is an architectural masterpiece with exceptional ornamentation and is steeped in Detroit's history.

Historic Houses of Worship Tours

Since 1972, the Historic Houses of Worship tours have acquainted metro Detroiters with the contributions religious institutions have made in the development of our community. These tours are co-sponsored by the Detroit Historical Society and the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Michigan.

For the first time, tours will feature the comfort of motorcoaches, providing you with a relaxing view of our architecturally unique city!

Cost is \$30 for Detroit Historical Society members; \$40 for guests. All tours run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and both depart from and return to the Detroit Historical Museum (unless otherwise noted).

NOTE: Due to the popularity of these tours, it's recommended that you make reservations well in advance. No group or individual reservations will be held without payment in full.

Monday, October 4

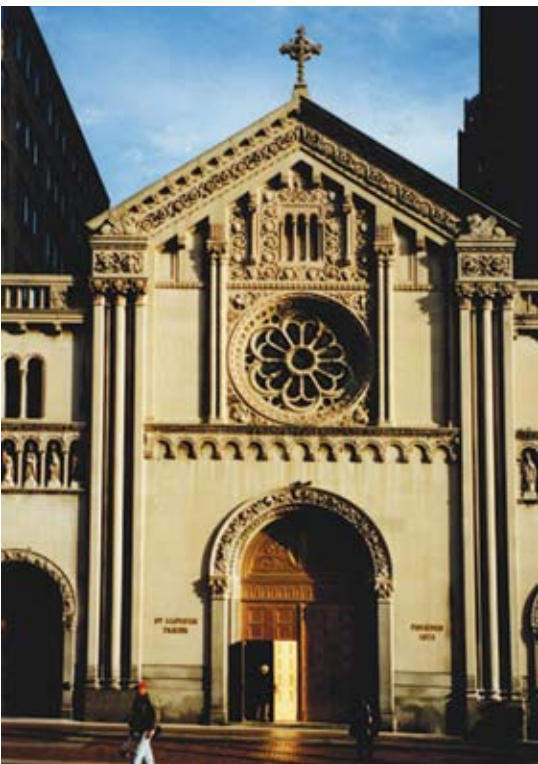
St. Mary's Seminary
St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral
Congregation Shaarey Zedek
Salvation Army Royal Oak

Monday, November 8

Trinity-St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Most Holy Trinity
Fort Street Presbyterian
St. Peter's Episcopal
St. Aloysius

Monday, December 6

Sweetest Heart of Mary
St. Albertus Historic Site
St. John's Episcopal
St. Ambrose
St. Hyacinth



Some events require registration. Unless otherwise noted, you may choose from three options to sign up:

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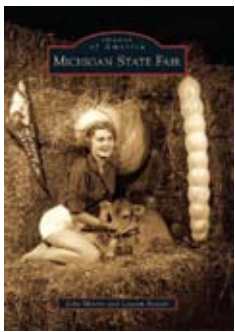
Author Series

The Detroit Historical Society Author Series offers an opportunity to meet with those who write the fascinating stories behind our city's history and is presented in partnership with Arcadia Books.

Admission is FREE for Society Members and \$10 for Guests. Advance registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Wednesday, October 6 • 6 p.m.

Featured author – co-author John Minnis, *Michigan State Fair* (Detroit Historical Museum)

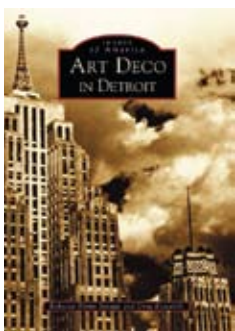


Is the Michigan State Fair the “oldest state fair”? John Minnis, co-author of the newly released “Michigan State Fair,” a new book by Arcadia Publishing, will address that as well as relate how two prominent Detroit businessmen

not only played a role in Michigan, but also influenced fairs throughout the country. The author will also reflect on the demise of the Michigan State Fair, which ended its 160-year history in 2009.

Wednesday, December 8 • 6 p.m.

Featured author – co-author Rebecca Binno Savage, *Art Deco in Detroit* (Detroit Historical Museum)



Rebecca Binno Savage, writer, preservationist and board member of the Detroit Area Art Deco Society surveys the wide-ranging examples of Art Deco in Detroit, from famous landmarks such as the Fisher

and Penobscot buildings to commercial buildings, theaters, homes and churches.

Scholar Series

The Detroit Historical Society Scholar Series is an academic approach to Detroit's history. Presenters cover the causes, meanings, outcomes and possibilities that surround events and places in our community's past, present and future.

Admission is FREE for Society Members and \$10 for Guests. RSVP is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Thursday, November 18 • 6 p.m.

John Gallagher, author of *Re-imagining Detroit: Opportunities for Redefining an American City* (Detroit Historical Museum)



Experts estimate that perhaps 40 square miles of Detroit are vacant — from a quarter to a third of the city — a level of emptiness that creates a landscape unlike any other big city.

Author John Gallagher, who has covered urban redevelopment for the *Detroit Free Press* for two decades, spent a year researching what is going on in Detroit precisely because of its open space and the dire economic times we face. He will discuss the innovative community-building work happening in the city and focus on what can be done to make Detroit leaner, greener and more economically self-sufficient.

Curator Chats

The Detroit Historical Society Curator Chats invites members and visitors to take a behind-the-scenes look at popular exhibitions at both the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum. Curators explain to audiences why and how exhibitions come together.

Admission is FREE for Society Members and \$20 for Guests. RSVP is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Thursday, October 28 • 6 p.m.

Fabulous 5: Detroit's Historic Retailers (Detroit Historical Museum)

Join author and guest curator Michael Hauser and experience this latest exhibit in a new way with a wealth of images and artifacts from the *Fabulous 5* retailers as well as many of Detroit's other great downtown retailers. Come remember the fashionable shops that shaped our city's history and learn about the many innovations that today's shoppers take for granted.

Film Series

The Detroit Historical Society Films Series screens films that cover a range of Detroit history subjects. Films will screen on the second weekend of every month at 1 p.m. Admission to films is FREE with regular admission to the Detroit Historical Museum.

September 24–26

A History of Hudson's
Running time: 30 minutes

After opening to the public in 1881, J.L. Hudson's was soon able to pay back all its creditors with interest. This indication of Mr. Hudson's honesty and integrity saved him in later times of trouble. The long history and memorable traditions of this store, which soon became a Detroit destination, are highlighted throughout the film.

October 9 & 10

Detroit Mob Confidential
Running time: 85 minutes

Detroit's La Cosa Nostra faction is the most successful crime family in American history. This film covers an entire century of mafia activity, from bootlegging and murder to gambling and Jimmy Hoffa. Featuring hundreds of never before seen photos straight from the FBI files and the private family collection of Don Joe Zerilli, this film will astound you.

November 13 & 14

Regional Roots: The Birth and Evolution of Detroit and Its People
Running time: 26 minutes

Covering 300 years of history, this film uses the immigrant experience as an introduction to the diverse landscape of Detroit. From the earliest French and German settlers to today's growing communities, immigrants continue to shape the region in pursuit of the American Dream.

December 11 & 12

The Hudson's Building
Running time: 42 minutes

Since its closing in 1983 and demolition in 1998, the Hudson's building has come to represent both Detroit's historic past and its potential future. Part nostalgia, part public affairs, the documentary illustrates the deep feelings Metro Detroiters have for the 106 year-old building.

As a service to the community, the Detroit Historical Society is pleased to promote area events that celebrate local history. Some events are in partnership with the Society; others are not. Please use the contact information given for more details.

Attention bargain hunters!

Detroit Historical Society Guild ✦ Antique and bargain hunters will find collectibles, contemporary treasures and a variety of arts and crafts at the 28th annual Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market, taking place Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Historic Fort Wayne, located at 6325 W. Jefferson (at the foot of Livernois).

Returning by popular demand, tours of the Historic Fort Wayne complex will be offered each day. The guided tours will include the Star Fort built in the 1840s, the Commanding Officer's House, the Spanish-American War Guard House and the National Museum of the Tuskegee Airmen. In addition, the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition is hosting a World War II-era re-enactment throughout the weekend.

Secured parking is \$5 per vehicle, admission is free for the flea market, and the tours are priced at \$3 per person. Refreshments and baked goods will also be for sale. Proceeds from the Flea Market and tours will benefit the work of the Detroit Historical Society Guild, while parking proceeds will be used to assist with future Historic Fort Wayne programs.

Vendors can purchase tables for only \$30 each or three tables for \$75.

For more information on the flea market or to purchase a table, call Mitzi at (586) 498-9298 or Natalie at (586) 771-1353.

Black Historic Sites Committee Veterans Day Commemoration

For the 26th consecutive year, a diverse group of veterans, historians, students and other citizens will gather on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Historic Elmwood Cemetery, 1200 Elmwood at East Lafayette in Detroit, to honor the members of the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry. The public is invited to attend this moving event.

The Detroit Historical Society's Black Historic Sites Committee, led by Beulah Ware Hamilton, conducts the ceremony. The ritual will be held in Section S of the cemetery, where 18 members of the 102nd Colored Infantry are buried.

The 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry Regiment was formed in the summer of 1863 as the volunteer First Michigan Colored Infantry and trained on the site of Detroit's Duffield School on Macomb Street. Some of these volunteers were escaped slaves from the Underground Railroad and many were fighting to free family members who were still enslaved. The regiment was renamed the 102nd after mustering into the Union Army in 1864. Members of the 102nd served with distinction in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Highlights of the program include: a fly-over by a U.S. Air Force fighter unit; a placement of the American flag on each Civil War gravesite; and a presentation of wreaths honoring the 102nd Colored Infantry, two Native Americans from Michigan who served in the Civil War, and all veterans —

Guild Hosting Victorian Christmas Tea on Nov. 6

The Detroit Historical Society Guild is pleased to host a Victorian Christmas Tea at the Detroit Historical Museum on Sat., Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adult guests will enjoy a tea party, door prizes and a special performance by the "Petticoat Ladies" who will share stories of "Charmers and Cranks" in 19th century costume.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include Museum admission. Parking is available in the Museum's lot for \$4. Proceeds benefit the Detroit Historical Society.

For information and reservations, please call (586) 777-5898. Sorry, no tickets will be sold on the day of the event due to limited seating.



Participants paying tribute at last year's Veterans Day event.

living and deceased — who have served our country.

There is no charge for the program.

The Black Historic Sites Committee of the Detroit Historical Society is a group of volunteers that promotes a greater understanding of the contributions of African Americans to the history of metro Detroit and the state of Michigan. For more information, call (313) 567-1785.

See Glancy Trains Modular Railroad Club at Festival of Trees

For the third year in a row, you can see the Glancy Trains Modular Railroad Club's extensive Lionel Trains traveling exhibit on display at this year's annual Festival of Trees event. The exhibit travels to many events annually, promoting the popular *Glancy Trains* exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum and other Society programs.

The Festival of Trees, which benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan, is open to the public Sunday to Sunday, November 21–28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except for Thanksgiving Day) at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

For more information, call (248) 336-2331 or go to www.fot.org.

Glancy Trains Show Returns

Also, mark your calendars for the Glancy Trains Show, coming Sunday, December 19 to the Detroit Historical Museum!

Enjoy free admission to the Museum and Show from noon to 5 p.m. Browse through model trains, accessories, structures, switches and track. Free repair advice and appraisals (for a fee of \$3) for that old train in your attic will also be available.

For more information or to buy tables for this year's event, please call (313) 675-5484.

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Sat., Oct. 2	1 p.m.	Felician Sisters Provincial House	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Oct. 9	11 a.m.	Detroit Golf Club	\$40 Members	\$50 Guests		
Thurs., Oct. 14	10 a.m.	FBI Detroit Field Office Call (313) 833-1801 to register.	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Thurs., Oct. 21	10 a.m.	FBI Detroit Field Office Call (313) 833-1801 to register.	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Oct. 23	11 a.m.	T-Plex	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Oct. 30	11 a.m.	Dime and Ford Buildings	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Nov. 6	11 a.m.	Parade Company	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Tues., Nov. 9	4 p.m.	Michigan Metroplex	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Fri., Nov. 12	10 a.m.	Prop Art Studio	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Thurs., Nov. 18	11 a.m.	Clements Library, Ann Arbor	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Dec. 4	11 a.m.	Guardian Building	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Dec. 11	11 a.m.	Detroit Media Partnership Printing Facility	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Fri., Dec. 17	11 a.m.	Old Wayne County Building	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		

Historic Houses of Worship

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Mon., Oct. 4	10 a.m.		\$30 Members	\$40 Guests		
Mon., Nov. 8	10 a.m.		\$30 Members	\$40 Guests		
Mon., Dec. 6	10 a.m.		\$30 Members	\$40 Guests		

Author Series/Curator Chats/Scholar Series Registration

Wed., Oct. 6	6 p.m.	Author Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		
Thurs., Oct. 28	6 p.m.	Curator Chats	FREE Members	\$20 Guests		
Thurs., Nov. 18	6 p.m.	Scholar Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		
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Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors

Now open
Great Lakes Gallery

Ever thought of running away to sea? The exhibit at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, *Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors*, might help satisfy that yearning — or help you decide against it!

This exhibit transports visitors inside a typical lake boat for a look into the lives of individuals who make their living on the Great Lakes. You will view a bridge deck and discover all that is involved in being the captain of the ship as well as how that job has changed over the years. Similarly, you'll learn about wheelmen, mates, porters, engineers, lookouts, oilers and deck hands — virtually every position on board.

Come see what life is really like for the men and women who have sailed on the Great Lakes — perhaps less romantic than expected... and definitely a lot of hard work!



Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Celebrating 50 Years!

Now open • DeRoy Hall

Opened to the public on July 24, 1960, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum was the first building dedicated to telling the many stories of the Great Lakes Maritime. Since then it has focused on that mission and has successfully moved into the 21st century as one of the premier maritime museums on the Great Lakes.

This exhibit focuses on the early years of the Dossin, when it opened in 1949 as the *J.T. Wing*, the last working schooner on the Great Lakes. It features the stories of those that made this museum possible as well as the more memorable projects, such as the recovery of the anchor from the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald* and the installation of the pilot house from the *S.S. William Clay Ford*.

It also details current projects that are under way that will engage visitors in a deeper exploration of our region's unique maritime history.



Society can help you with your research

Need a little "history help" with your research? Know someone working on a college thesis, a book or even a documentary? Enjoy reviewing historical information from a certain period?

If you answered yes to any of these, then you should know that the Detroit Historical Society offers opportunities for college students, researchers for scholarly publications, and nonprofit agencies to research metropolitan Detroit and maritime-related materials — or have materials researched on their behalf at our Collections Resource Center or Archives at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

The Society's archives, artifacts, images — and even personal assistance — are available. Visit our web site at www.detroithistorical.org for more information. Or contact the Curator of Collections at (313) 297-8391 to find out about scheduling an appointment.

Historic images such as this one depicting the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald are available for use as part of the Detroit Historical Society's Collections and Research services.



Join us at the “Fair Winds Fall Gathering”



On Sunday, Oct. 3, come celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum at this annual event sponsored by the Dossin Maritime Group. Our featured speaker, Doug Dossin, will discuss the history of his family’s business, their success racing hydroplanes in the 1940s and 1950s and how they came to make the Dossin Museum a reality in 1960. The event starts at 2 p.m. with a reception and silent auction, followed by lunch catered by Sindbad’s and our speaker.

Tickets are \$30 for Society/Dossin Maritime Group members and \$40 for guests. Call (313) 833-1801 for reservations or more information.

Lost Mariners Weekend dates set

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Dossin Museum, the Detroit Historical Society’s Dossin Maritime Group is presenting a special, daylong symposium on Sat., Nov. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The symposium focuses on the sidewheel steamer *Lady Elgin*, which sunk after being rammed by the schooner *Augusta* on Lake Michigan in the early morning hours of Sept. 8, 1860. Resulting in the loss of over 300 lives, it was the worst maritime tragedy on the open waters of the Great Lakes.

Speakers will include maritime historian Pat Labadie; Brendon Baillod, historian and president of the Wisconsin Underwater Archaeological Association; and Sharon Cook, a descendant of both one survivor and two victims of the *Lady Elgin* sinking who has participated in dives down to the wreck site. Also participating will be Valerie van Heest introducing her recently published book on this tragedy, Robert McGreevey introducing his new paintings of the *Lady Elgin*, and performer Lee Murdock.

Admission is \$5 per person and is payable at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

On Sun., Nov. 7, members of the Livonia Amateur Radio Club will conduct their annual broadcast observing the 35th anniversary of the sinking of the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald* from the Dossin Museum from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission for this is FREE!



Annual Lost Mariners Remembrance tribute

This annual event takes place on Wed., Nov. 10, from 6 – 8 p.m. and honors the memory of all those lost on the Great Lakes. This year’s remembrance will focus on the *Lady Elgin*, which sunk after being rammed by a schooner on Lake Michigan in the early morning hours of Sept. 8, 1860. It was the worst maritime tragedy on the open waters of the Great Lakes.

The evening’s activities will include a lantern vigil at the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald* anchor, ballads with Lee Murdock, a color guard escort of the memorial wreath to the Detroit River for receipt by a flotilla of Great Lakes vessels, and a special program with award-winning author Valerie van Heest.

Admission is \$5 for Society/Dossin Maritime Group members and Marine Professionals in uniform, \$10 for guests and \$25 for a family of up to six people.



The bow anchor of the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald*.

Nautical gifts galore at Marine Mart

If you enjoy shopping for Great Lakes and nautical-themed gifts, don’t miss the 29th annual Marine Mart on Sat., Dec. 11 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, sponsored by the Dossin Maritime Group. This event features vendors offering such unique items as ship models, photos, artifacts, books and artwork — just in time for the holidays!

Early birds looking for that special gift can gain admission at 9:30 a.m. for \$10. Regular admission for \$7 begins at 10 a.m. The event runs until 2:30 p.m. All tickets will be sold at the door.

Space is available to rent at \$40 per table, with a maximum of two tables per vendor.

Contact Sandy Schuster, Development Officer, at (313) 833-5527 for more information or to purchase a table.

“Senior Saturdays” this November!

If you're 60-plus years of age — or know someone who is — then you're sure to be interested in the Detroit Historical Museum's special “Senior Saturdays” this November.

On Saturday, Nov. 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, all seniors will be admitted for free.

So, if you've been putting off your visit to the museum, be sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

Save the date for Noel Night!



Join the Detroit Historical Museum as we celebrate the holidays during the 38th annual Noel Night, sponsored by the University Cultural Center Association on Sat., Dec. 4, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For years, more than 30 institutions — including the Detroit Historical Museum — have opened their doors to the public free of charge during this Cultural Center-wide holiday “open house” produced by the University Cultural Center Association. Activities include horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday shopping, family craft activities and performances by over 70 area music, theatre, and dance groups.

The Museum will play host to a variety of musical entertainers throughout the permanent exhibits. Children will have a chance to create holiday memories in our “make and take” craft area.

In addition, our Museum Store will have great sales on holiday gift baskets, Pewabic Pottery, Wayne State Press books and more in case you are looking to complete your holiday shopping.

Mark your calendars now and join us for this true holiday tradition!

Society speakers bring history to you!

If your group is interested in learning more about the 300-year history of Detroit and the region, the Detroit Historical Society offers a Speakers Bureau, featuring a variety of local scholars and selected topics.

You can choose from the topics listed here. You may also suggest your own topic and we'll do our best to find a speaker to accommodate your request.

Presentations generally run 30–60 minutes in length, feature video, slides or PowerPoint, and leave time for questions and answers.

There is no fee; however, groups generally make a donation to the Detroit Historical Society in the amount of \$150 in lieu of a stipend.

To book a speaker for your group, you can fill out and submit our online speaker request form at <http://www.detroithistorical.org/main/speakers.aspx>.

You may also call Janice Gates at (313) 833-1262.

“Fall” into some great deals on books, made-in-Detroit merchandise and more at our Museum Stores

We're kicking off the fall with our Re-Opening Weekend Sale beginning Friday, Sept. 24. All Arcadia books and logo merchandise will be offered at 20% off. Hurry in as the sale ends Thur., Oct. 21.

From Fri., Oct. 22 through Wed., Nov. 24 you can receive a \$5 gift certificate when you make a purchase of \$30 or more. These certificates are redeemable at any of our retail outlets and are good towards merchandise purchases only. (Note: Not valid with other offers. Not redeemable for cash.)

Our Thanksgiving Weekend Sale runs from Fri., Nov. 26 – Sun., Nov. 28. Kick off the holiday season and get 20% off all merchandise in our Museum Stores.

Beginning Sat., Nov. 27 through Dec. 31, save 20% off all Pewabic Pottery merchandise and Wayne State University Press books during our special holiday sale. Our limited edition Campus Martius prints will be on sale for \$11.99. You can also pick up a holiday gift basket featuring made-in-Detroit goodies.

You can also shop online and save! When you spend \$45 or more in our online store from Nov. 29 through Dec. 31, you'll receive FREE shipping!

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The Detroit Historical Society Speakers Bureau features many exciting topics, including:

- Unique Street Names: The Man on the Street (and Women, too!)
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To educate and inspire our community and visitors by preserving and portraying our region's shared history through dynamic exhibits and experiences.

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(see page 3)

Closed Thanksgiving Day
(Nov. 25)

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Adults	\$6
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