

# MAKING HISTORY

A QUARTERLY GUIDE TO EXHIBITIONS, EVENTS, TOURS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES



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## Letter from the Executive Director Bob Bury

### When history makes history

*December 15, 1921: The Detroit Historical Society is founded.*

*November 19, 1928: The Detroit Historical Museum opens on the 23rd floor of the Barlum Tower in downtown Detroit.*

*July 24, 1951: The Detroit Historical Museum opens on Woodward Avenue as part of the City of Detroit's 250th birthday celebration.*

*July 24, 1960: The Dossin Great Lakes Museum is dedicated on Belle Isle.*

*July 24, 2001: The Detroit Historical Society partners with the greater community to celebrate the city's 300th birthday.*

*July 20, 2011...*

Every so often, as stewards of our region's history, we make some of our own history.

Next month, the Detroit Historical Society will make history when we officially announce our *Past>Forward* Campaign at a special event on July 20.

The official announcement kicks off a weeklong celebration that includes a wide range of fun, entertaining and interactive activities at both the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum — as well as area malls throughout the region. (Please see page 3 of this newsletter for complete details.)

As we mark this important milestone, I want to take a moment to thank all of you who have played a part in our success to date.

Thanks to the hundreds of generous donors who have already pledged over \$8 million in financial support toward the campaign. Thanks also to the many friends, supporters, volunteers, staff and committee members who have helped us develop our plans for new exhibits, programs and other aspects of the campaign. We have much to celebrate.

While it's a time to express appreciation, I also want to invite every one in the region to be part of this important project. From July 20 to July 31, there will be multiple opportunities to learn more about our community's investment in expanding our programs, upgrading our facilities and improving our ability to tell the stories that are important to our region. We will be inviting you to share your story as well.

Come join us. Be part of this history-making occasion and part of the future of the Detroit Historical Society.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bury

Executive Director & CEO  
 Detroit Historical Society

#### ON THE COVER:

Girls enjoy the beach at Belle Isle, which was purchased as a public park on April 8, 1879.

## Society's Past>Forward Campaign public launch is set!

### Exciting activities planned featuring free admission at Detroit Historical Museum

Nearly two years after its initial launch, the Detroit Historical Society's *Past>Forward* Campaign is ready to kick off its most exciting phase — the public portion of the drive to raise \$21.6 million over a five-year period.

"So far, our efforts have focused primarily on corporate and foundation support, as well as reaching out to current and longtime contributors," explained Campaign Director Michelle Wooddell. "We've had great success. But we've yet to invite the community to participate in our effort and are looking forward to doing so through a series of exciting events in July."

The first event will be the campaign kickoff on Wednesday, July 20, at the Detroit Historical Museum, beginning at 11 a.m. At that time, Detroit Mayor Dave Bing will be among the many dignitaries on hand to help announce the public phase of the campaign, with Paul W. Smith from News/Talk 760 WJR serving as emcee.

"This event will bring community and civic leaders together with the Society's donors and friends to celebrate the success of the campaign," Wooddell said. "It will also kick off 10 days of activities that will help the public better understand the Campaign's goals and achievements."

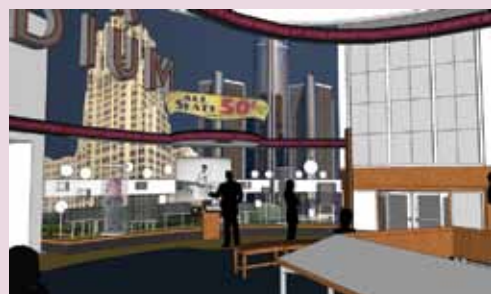
That first weekend (July 23–24), activities at both the Museum and several area malls throughout the region — including Somerset, Northland, Fairlane and Westland — will help highlight the campaign while at the same time, commemorate the City of Detroit's 310th birthday.

### 310th birthday celebration at Detroit Historical Museum

Then, on Sunday, July 24 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., everyone is invited to the Museum to help celebrate Detroit's 310th birthday with activities featuring Kidz Art Zone crafts as well as the Pettibone Native American tribe and the French Canadian Heritage Society.

Visitors can learn how to trace their family's genealogical history with Al Trudeau. In addition, they'll have a chance to speak with documentary filmmaker and producer Carrie Lezotte following the 1 p.m. screening of her production of "Regional Roots."

Naturally, our birthday celebration would not be complete without birthday cake! As in the past, admission to the museum on this day will be FREE!



*Through a relocation of the store at the Detroit Historical Museum, we will recapture the currently under-used space of Round Hall on the Museum's main level. This area will serve as the Gallery of Culture dedicated to the region's rich social history — from*

*Motown's greatest hit makers to Detroit's sports heroes. Iconic artifacts from our collections and an extensive use of audio-visual displays will come together to capture the sights and sounds of the unique culture of our region.*

### Seven Days, Seven Stories

Finally, beginning Monday, July 25, a weeklong series of events will be held at the Detroit Historical Museum, with each day themed after one of the new or enhanced exhibitions that will result from the campaign.

"The Society's role is really that of serving as the region's storyteller," explained Wooddell. "This week will be dedicated to telling seven stories — one each day — that are a part of our shared history while at the same time, connecting what will be the new or refreshed galleries to these stories."

Admission to the Detroit Historical Museum will be FREE as well from July 25 through July 31, enabling everyone to participate in the festivities that will include a classic car show and costume contest. Each day will feature fun and interactive things to do for both adults and children. Several days will feature guest speakers and presenters addressing topics related to the daily theme.

The schedule is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Highlighted exhibition</i>
Monday, July 25	Gallery of Innovation
Tuesday, July 26	Doorway to Freedom – Detroit and the Underground Railroad
Wednesday, July 27	The Motor City
Thursday, July 28	Streets of Old Detroit
Friday, July 29	Arsenal of Democracy
Saturday, July 30	Gallery of Culture
Sunday, July 31	Dossin Great Lakes Museum*

(\*On Sunday, July 31, the featured activities will take place at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will highlight the planned enhancements. The Detroit Historical Museum will still feature free admission on this day.)

A complete list of activities will be featured on the Detroit Historical Society web site beginning July 1.



*Celebrating the entrepreneurial spirit of the men and women whose creations changed our world, the Gallery of Innovation will invite visitors to explore the lives and livelihoods of these tremendous individuals through the use of interactive technology and the latest experiential exhibit techniques.*

*All patrons will gain an understanding of the challenges Detroit's innovators faced and the ultimate triumphs that they realized in a special exhibit section, while encouraging younger visitors to explore their own potential ideas.*



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## Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings

Now open • 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.

This 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 are 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!



## LAST CHANCE TO SEE THESE EXHIBITS!



## VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed

Closes Sunday, Sept. 4 • 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 of a race 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.

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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!**

## Jerome Biederman Exhibition

Closes Sunday, Sept. 4 • Second floor corridor

The Detroit Historical Society proudly dedicates a space at the Detroit Historical Museum to display some of the most treasured artistic creations in its collection. As such, this 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 tempura 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

Closes Sunday, Sept. 4  
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.

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.



## Exclusive Member Preview!

Attention Detroit Historical Society members! Watch your mail for your invitation to an exclusive Member Preview Reception at the Detroit Historical Museum on Thursday, September 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This exclusive, members-only event will showcase the newest exhibits at the Detroit Historical Museum. Be among the first to see *Detroit Toy Stories* and *Fabulous 5: Detroit Destinations*.

If you're a member and would like to attend — or if you'd like to become a member so that you can attend — please call Elizabeth Mazur at (313) 833-7938 or email [elizabethm@detroithistorical.org](mailto:elizabethm@detroithistorical.org).

## Fabulous 5: Detroit Destinations

Opens Sept. 23 • Kresge Gallery

The Fabulous 5 exhibits highlight outstanding things about metro Detroit. Occasionally, these wonderful elements of local culture are places. *Detroit Destinations* is a salute to five such places. Some are historic sites with a long history of visitors while others are more recent and have more of a "cult" following.

The first location is Belle Isle. While most of us have been there, few know that it's the largest city-owned island in the nation, boasting 982 acres and five miles of shoreline. Its cultural attractions, historic monuments, sports facilities and outdoor recreation have drawn visitors there for decades.

After the Great Fire of 1805, rebuilding began in Campus Martius Park, another of the destinations featured. Designated "point of origin" for the city, Campus Martius — specifically Woodward Ave. and Monroe — marks the origin for which the new street grid was developed. Redevelopment of this park began in 1999 with the goal of making it the best public space in the world.

Historic Eastern Market, the 43-acre, open-air bazaar was established in 1891. Historic Eastern Market is known for its luscious farm fresh fruits and vegetables as well as meat products, herbs and spices, nuts, candies and a variety of condiments.



The Heidelberg Project on Detroit's east side was created by Tyree Guyton who used discarded (found) objects to create a two-block area full of color. This project was started 25 years ago as a stand to save forgotten neighborhoods and is now recognized nationally.

Originally opened in 1837 as a mill for local grain, the Franklin Cider Mill transitioned to apple milling in 1914. The water wheel is one of the largest in the country and was installed in the early 1900s. The structure has remained almost unchanged and the apple press is the same press that was installed in 1914. It's been operated by the same family since the 1930s.

Make sure to make these *Destinations* your destination this fall at the Detroit Historical Museum!

## COMMUNITY GALLERY AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

### Detroit Economic Club: 75 Years of Remarkable Speakers and Compelling Conversations

Closes July 3



The Detroit Economic Club (DEC) was established in 1934 amidst the Great Depression by a determined, optimistic and forward-thinking business leader, Allen Crow.

When Crow, a prominent Detroit businessman known for his tireless devotion to the community, brought together 47 of Detroit's business and industrial leaders for forum meetings, the Detroit Economic Club was born. Today, with 3,000 members and over 100 sponsors, the DEC continues to be a coveted podium for prominent CEOs, thought leaders and government officials to let their voices be heard.

This exhibit will take you on a journey through the history of the DEC — and the history of Detroit itself — with photographs, artifacts, audio and video featuring an array of fascinating speakers and captivating speeches covering the last 75 years.

### Lorenzo Cultural Center Exhibit – 1950s: Affluence and Anxiety in the Atomic Age

Opens July 16



The Lorenzo Cultural Center explores the influences and experiences that shape our community's heritage, examining topics from a

variety of perspectives and creating interactive opportunities for learning, celebration and entertainment. Since opening in Fall 2006, the cultural center has attracted more than 50,000 visitors and has been recognized with awards from the Historical Society of Michigan and the Michigan Museums Association.

This exhibit invites you to discover the many often contradictory facets of post-WWII American society by examining the decade's pervasive affluence and drive for societal conformity, the emphasis on the nuclear family, and the rise of suburbia — as well as the chilling Cold War fears and atomic anxiety that dominated the last half century.

SUMMER 2011

# 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 11 ② Register online at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org) ③ Call (313) 833-1801 to register by phone

July 2 • NO TOUR – Holiday weekend

## Dearborn Country Club

July 9 – 10 a.m.

**\$35 members/\$45 guests***Includes brunch!*

Henry Ford founded and built the Dearborn Country Club in 1925 as a “country club for his friends and employees.”

Come explore this fantastic English Tudor-style clubhouse, designed by Albert Kahn, and learn more about the 18-hole championship golf course designed by respected golf course architect Donald Ross.



## Penobscot Building

July 16 – 10 a.m.

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

In October 1928, the 47-story Penobscot Building joined the Buhl and Ford Buildings — as well as the Guardian Building — to form what is now affectionately

referred to as “Detroit’s Wall Street” of skyscrapers.

This is your chance to explore the amazing architecture and see some of Carrado Parducci’s work within what was the fourth tallest building in the United States when it was completed.



## Hecker-Smiley Mansion

July 23 – 10 a.m.

**\$20 members/  
\$30 guests***Back by popular demand!*

Get ready to be awed by this historic home dating back to 1889. Come experience its beautiful restoration and hear about its past as a residence, boarding house, and headquarters of Smiley Brothers Music Company before its current use as the law firm of Charfoos & Christensen.

This tour continues to amaze attendees. You do not want to miss it!

## Birmingham Unitarian Church

July 30 – 10 a.m.

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

Designed by the famous architect Minoru Yamasaki and built in 1958, this unique church complex incorporates some of his later design elements.

The tour will be led by an architect who once worked closely with the renowned Yamasaki and can shed light on the original design and subsequent updates to the buildings.



## Elmwood Cemetery

### Walking Tour

August 6 – 10 a.m.

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

This extensive walking tour will introduce you to the oldest non-denominational cemetery in Michigan. It contains the memorials of many famous men and women who have served their country faithfully in times of war and peace.

A special lot is designated for those who fought in the Civil War and is one of the few places in the United States where the flag is flown continuously as a memorial to these patriots.



## New Center Walking Tour

August 13 – 10 a.m.

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

New Center is home to a wonderful collection of Albert Kahn buildings, including the landmark Fisher

Building, Cadillac Place (formerly General Motors Building), and the Albert Kahn Building (formerly New Center Building).

Enjoy a walk through these iconic buildings and some of the surrounding neighborhood as you learn about the Fisher brothers’ concept to create a “new center” north of Detroit’s downtown in the 1920s.

## Collections Resource Center

August 18 – 10 a.m.

**Special Thursday Tour!****\$20 members/\$30 guests**

Explore the Detroit Historical Society’s collections of over 200,000 artifacts that represent more than 300 years of our region’s unique history.

Our curatorial staff will introduce you to a portion of our images, paintings, and artifacts related to architecture, fashion, industry, Great Lakes history, and sports. Don’t miss this chance to step into our automotive storage area and see the many items encased in protective bubbles!

## Bayview Yacht Club

August 27 – 10 a.m.

**\$30 members/\$40 guests**  
*Includes lunch!*

Bonded by their love of the sea, Floyd Nixon and Perc Williamson began this sailing club in a three-story tin boathouse on Motor Boat Lane in 1915.

Now with more than 1,000 members, many world-renowned racers, and leaders in the USYRU, the 5,000 square foot Clubhouse on the Detroit River is home to “the Shrine of Nautical Culture” known as Bayview Yacht Club.

September 3 • NO TOUR—Holiday weekend



## Hamtramck Walking Tour

September 10 – 10 a.m.

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

Dating to 1796 when Colonel Jean Francois Hamtramck took possession of

Detroit after British troops evacuated, Hamtramck was originally settled by German farmers. Polish immigrants flooded into the area when the Dodge Brothers plant opened in 1914.

This walking tour will introduce you to the history of the area and some of the prominent influences there today.

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## Corktown Walking Tour

September 17 – 10 a.m.

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

Corktown, Detroit's oldest neighborhood, is located just west of Downtown. This historic neighborhood was first settled in 1834 by Irish immigrants from County Cork.

Stretching from First Street west to Sixteenth Street, Grand River Avenue south to the Detroit River, Corktown was a neighborhood of working class immigrants. While many factors have

changed the footprint of this community, it continues to be one of the city's most vibrant neighborhoods.

## Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center

September 23 – 10 a.m.

**Special Friday tour!****\$20 members/\$30 guests**

Built in 1895 by The Harmonie Musical Society, the Harmonie Club hosted four distinct floors: the first was for fine dining, the second for a ballroom, the third for theatre performances. The basement housed a rathskeller and bowling alley.

Since June 2009, it has housed the Arts League of Michigan and a wide range of its shows, workshops and exhibits. This tour is your chance to explore this 115-year-old building and its current programming.

## 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.

**Cost is \$40 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$50 for guests.**

Your tour fee includes transportation with docent commentary, historical presentations at each tour stop, lunch, and donations back to each location.

Tours now feature comfortable motor coaches, providing you with a relaxing view of our architecturally unique city!

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 is recommended that you make reservations well in advance. No group or individual reservations will be held without payment in full.**



### September 12

**Windsor tour; departs Detroit Historical Museum at 9:30 a.m.**

Assumption Church  
All Saints' Church  
Bedford United Church  
St. John's Anglican Church & Cemetery

If you register for the Monday, September 12 tour, please note that we will be driving



to Windsor, Ontario. You must have a current passport or enhanced driver's license and a clean criminal record in order to travel into Canada with the Detroit Historical Society.

No tobacco products or alcohol are allowed on the bus. Failure to abide by these requirements will result in delays for all. If you have questions, please call (313) 833-1801 before registering for this tour.

### October 3

Pilgrim Church/I Am My Brother's Keeper  
Holy Cross Hungarian  
Holy Redeemer  
Bread of Life Lutheran Church  
(formerly Bethlehem Lutheran)  
St. Cunegunda Church

## History now!

### Online educational game set to launch in fall

Imagine that it's 1760. You are one of the many French *habitants* to settle in this region. Your survival depends on what crops you choose to grow, what prices you will seek for them and where you'll offer them for sale. Moreover, your success — or failure — will impact you, your family and in turn, the growth of the city. What choices would *you* make?

Come this fall, students from across the region will have a chance to make these decisions and experience firsthand what the early settlers experienced, as early success with the *Past-Forward* Campaign is enabling the Detroit Historical Society to develop new programs and resources for school-age audiences.

“One of our first educational projects, made possible through a grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan, is an interactive web site that features a role-playing game rooted in educational learning standards, an interactive timeline, and classroom resources and activities,” explained Tobi Voigt, Society Director of Education.

“This web-based project aims to engage elementary school students with the first 200 years of Detroit’s history using the Detroit Historical Museum’s exhibit, *Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work, 1701–1901* as a guide. Through an economics-based role-play game, students will investigate the city’s cultural, social and economic development. They’ll act as Detroiters from five significant time periods — 1760, 1790, 1825, 1860 and 1890 — and make work and lifestyle choices that directly impact their livelihood and the development of the city.”

As they proceed through time, subsequent generations will discover new career opportunities, including merchants, laborers, and eventually, industrialists. Their economic successes and failures determine, to an extent, what career choices are available to them, and how they are best able to impact the ever-growing region.

“The website will include an interactive timeline that will orient students to key milestones in the city’s development and address significant social and cultural advances,” Voigt said. “In addition, teachers will be able download supplemental curriculum materials and activities that reinforce key social studies education standards.”



*Students discover the many paths that early settlers followed in the Detroit Historical Museum’s Frontiers to Factories exhibit. The gallery will serve as a guide to a new online educational game set to launch in October.*

“This project will help the Society meet a key strategic goal, which involves developing educational programs and activities that highlight relevant events and stories, creating a shared sense of community pride and providing high-quality educational experiences,” added David Janssen, Society Vice President of Collections and Interpretations. “Specifically, the web project will increase the Society’s visibility in the region, provide collections and exhibition access to a broader range of people, and increase the Society’s reputation as a resource for standards-based education materials on local and regional history.”

The Society is working with Eduweb, an industry leader in developing educational web sites for museums. Their client list includes Colonial Williamsburg, the Guggenheim Museum, and the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum. They have received numerous national awards for their work.

Society staff is conducting the historical research, developing the timeline and writing the curriculum materials in concert with Eduweb, who is creating the game and developing the website. The project is scheduled to debut in October 2011.



*Law enforcement officials developed a fleet of patrol boats to combat bootlegging on the Detroit River.*

## Detroit and Windsor: A Bootlegging Tour

Enterprising Detroiters made our city a hub of activity during the Prohibition years, and on Wednesday, September 21, a unique tour will, once again, give you a chance to explore this chapter in our history first-hand by sailing past some of the bootleggers’ favorite locations along the Detroit River!

Guests will enjoy dinner on board one of the Diamond Jack boats and listen as guides share their knowledge of the infamous activity that shaped our city in the 1920s and 1930s.

Back by popular demand, this tour — brought to you by Preservation Wayne and the Detroit Historical Society — will depart Stroh River Place at 5:30 p.m. and return by 8 p.m. The cost is \$55 for Detroit Historical Society and Preservation Wayne members and \$60 for guests.

Please call Rebecca McDonald at (313) 833-1801 for more information and to reserve your spot today!

## Now showing...

This summer, come and enjoy some of our favorite films from the past every weekend at the Detroit Historical Museum!

Films will screen every weekend of every month at 1 p.m. so that you have time to explore the city on a *Behind the Scenes* tour before coming to the museum for a film.

What's more, either the film's director or producer will be on hand during several screenings, giving you the chance to both meet these creative individuals as well as ask questions regarding their productions. (See those marked with an \* at right.)

Admission to films is FREE with regular Museum admission.

## ABOUT THE FILMS



### The Hudson's Building

Running time: 42 min.

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. Like no other structure, it sat at the center of all plans concerning downtown development. Part nostalgia, part public affairs, "The Hudson's Building" documentary from producer Gary Glaser illustrates the depth of feelings Metro Detroiters had — and continue to have — for the 106-year-old building.



*Jimmy Hoffa addresses union members at a Teamster rally.*

### Detroit Mob Confidential

Running time: 85 min.

Detroit's La Cosa Nostra faction is the most successful crime family in American history. "Detroit Mob Confidential" covers an entire century of mafia activity, from bootlegging to illegal gambling to the infamous disappearance of Teamster union leader Jimmy Hoffa.

The film features interviews with current and former FBI agents, federal prosecutors — and reputed mob associates. It also boasts hundreds of never before seen photos straight from the FBI files and the private family collection of Don Joe Zerilli.

A popular choice of visitors from this past year, this film will astound you!



### Regional Roots: The Birth and Evolution of Detroit and Its People

Running time: 26 min.

Covering 300 years of history, "Regional Roots" 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. Come discover this fascinating story.



### Dom Polski: Dance Hall Days of Detroit's Polonia – Producer's Cut

Running time: 90 min.

"Dom Polski: Dance Hall Days of Detroit's Polonia" is a non-profit documentary film that preserves the history of the early twentieth-century Polish-American immigrants and their cultural traditions — in particular, their musical traditions. It's a celebration of Polish immigrant life and culture in Detroit's east and west side communities.

The unique Polish-American musical culture was developed exclusively by Polish-American musicians during an unprecedented era of creativity and was performed in dance halls, clubs, and Polish-American social halls (Dom Polskis, or "Polish homes") throughout America.

In addition, the producer will be on-hand to sell copies of the DVD after each screening.

July 9/10	The Hudson's Building
July 16/17	Detroit Mob Confidential
July 23/24	Regional Roots *Director Carrie Lezotte will be here for Q & A on July 24
July 30/31	Producer's Cut of Dom Polski: Dance Hall Days of Detroit's Polonia *Producer Laurie A. Gomulka Palazzolo producer will be here both days for Q & A
August 6/7	The Hudson's Building
August 13/14	Regional Roots
August 20/21	Detroit Mob Confidential
August 27/28	Producer's Cut of Dom Polski: Dance Hall Days of Detroit's Polonia *Producer Laurie A. Gomulka Palazzolo producer will be here both days for Q & A
September 3/4	Regional Roots

DON'T JUST MAKE PLANS  
*Make History!*

LET US HELP HOST YOUR EVENT



## Attention members!

Book your next event with the Detroit Historical Society and receive a 20% discount!

### Looking for a great place to hold your next event?

Don't settle for four blank walls! Let us help you plan and organize your event today.

As a special thanks for being a Detroit Historical Society member, we're offering you 20 percent off the cost of your next rental at either the Detroit Historical Museum or Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

**Simply book your event by September 30, 2011 to qualify for this offer.**

Whether you're planning a meeting for 50 clients, an annual holiday dinner, a birthday or retirement party — or that once-in-a-lifetime event — we can help make it special.

#### Every event includes:

- Consultation with our Event Planner
- Free admission to the Museum for you and your guests
- Assistance with the setup and breakdown of event space
- Free parking for up to 55 vehicles (Detroit Historical Museum)

### We have special packages to meet every need.

The following options are available to enhance your event (additional charges may apply):

- Tour guides to lead your guests through the Museum
- Theme décor and entertainment
- Valet parking
- Audio-visual capabilities

Please call us at (313) 833-7979 to schedule a free consultation with our events planning expert. Or visit us at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org) for more info.

**Call us now, mention your member discount and reserve your space today!**



## Check out these "HOT" deals

Now that summer has arrived and you have some extra time on your hands, catch up on your local history! Beginning Fri., July 1, all Arcadia books will be an additional 20 percent off. This offer is only available in our online store.

This July, we're also celebrating Detroit's 310th birthday! Spend \$31.00 or more in our Museum Stores — or online — and you'll receive \$3.10 off your entire purchase. Sale ends Sunday, July 31!

Then beginning Wed., August 3, you can save 20 percent off on all logo merchandise including tote bags and café mugs. Get ready to go back to school in style!

## TOURS &amp; SERIES REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State &amp; Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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*Make checks payable to: Detroit Historical Society**NOTE: If paying by check, please call (313) 833-1801 to confirm availability before mailing.**If paying by: [ ] VISA [ ] MasterCard [ ] American Express*

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: Attn: Tours, Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI, 48202

**Behind the Scenes Tours****\$20 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • \$30 GUESTS (UNLESS NOTED)**

					# OF TICKETS	SUBTOTAL
Sat., July 9	10 a.m.	Dearborn Country Club	<b>\$35 Members</b>	<b>\$45 Guests</b>		
Sat., July 16	10 a.m.	Penobscot Building	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., July 23	10 a.m.	Hecker-Smiley Mansion	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., July 30	10 a.m.	Birmingham Unitarian Church	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Aug. 6	10 a.m.	Elmwood Cemetery Walking Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Aug. 13	10 a.m.	New Center Walking Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Thurs., Aug. 18	10 a.m.	Collections Resource Center	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Aug. 27	10 a.m.	Bayview Yacht Club	<b>\$30 Members</b>	<b>\$40 Guests</b>		
Sat., Sept. 10	10 a.m.	Hamtramck Walking Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Sept. 17	10 a.m.	Corktown Walking Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Fri., Sept. 23	10 a.m.	Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
<b>Historic Houses of Worship</b>						
<b>\$40 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • \$50 GUESTS</b>						
Mon., Sept. 12	9:30 a.m.		\$40 Members	\$50 Guests		
Mon., Oct. 3	10 a.m.		\$40 Members	\$50 Guests		

GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_



SUMMER 2011

# PROGRAMS & EXHIBITIONS

For more information call (313) 833-5538 or visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org)

Presenting Sponsor



## **Bells and Whistles, Flags and Flashes: Lost Languages of the Lakes** *Now open • DeRoy Hall*

Come learn a language unlike any other at this latest exhibit that explores the various methods used by mariners to communicate with other sailors, vessels and people on the shores.

Over the centuries, sailors have used various tools and codes to communicate. These have included flags, flares, bells, whistles, drums and speaking trumpets. The advent of electronic communication brought telegraphy, lights, radios and cell phones. Special "languages" were encoded to allow these various tools to be employed and understood by other ships and shore-based observers.

Adults and kids of all ages will enjoy learning about communication on the Great Lakes through this interactive display of ship horns, whistles and other unique — often clever — devices.



## **To Scale: Great Lakes Model Ship Builders** *Now open • Great Lakes Gallery*

Model shipbuilding is an endangered folk art and is an important part of our Great Lakes maritime culture. As such, we invite you to explore the art of model shipbuilding in a highly interactive way in the newest exhibition at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum!

Visitors will be engaged on a variety of levels and experience the largest collection of model Great Lakes vessels in Michigan. Learn about the history of model-making in the region and hear stories about specific vessels themselves. Model-making tools will be showcased. A model builder will be on site as well during select museum hours. Come watch the building and repairing of models and interact with these expert craftsmen.

Make your plans now to visit this fun and unique testament to our maritime heritage.

### Community Sponsors



*This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.*



## Save the date!

The 2011 "Fair Winds Fall Gathering" will be held on Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. This annual event, sponsored by the Dossin Maritime Group, will feature author Art Woodford and the story of the Great Lakes steamer, the *Tashmoo*. The event also includes a raffle and auction.

Tickets are \$25 for Society/Dossin Maritime Group members and \$30 for guests. Call (313) 833-1801 for reservations or more information.



## Societies partner on motor coach tour of Belle Isle

Belle Isle enthusiasts won't want to miss this chance to both visit the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and tour the island by motor coach on Wed. Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This special tour will feature docent commentary on the history and significance of Belle Isle.

The cost is \$35 for Jewish Historical Society of Michigan or Detroit Historical Society members and \$40 for guests. Lunch is included!

Please call the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan at (248) 432-5517 to register or for more details.

## Black Historic Sites Committee anniversary celebration!

On Friday, Aug. 12, you're invited to come celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Detroit Historical Society's Black Historic Sites Committee! Enjoy a beautiful summer evening at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum while you hear from keynote speaker John M. Green, Founder and CEO of the Ralph J. Bunche Repository, Inc.

During the event, several honorees who were the first African Americans in their field will be recognized.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by a strolling dinner and program at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 for Detroit Historical Society/Black Historic Sites Committee members; \$40 guests. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (313) 833-1801 or visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org)

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY SUPPORTING THE ADOPT-A-CLASS PROGRAM!

Yesterday my class and me came to the Detroit Historical museum. Me and my class had a great time. My favorite part is in 1840s and the bumpy roads. There was a Statue that looked just like my teacher! I almost forgot to thank you for paying for our buses, that was very nice of you. Me and my class really appreciate what you have done.

Yesterday me and my classmates went to the Detroit Historical Museum. I had so much fun! Thank you for giving us the free buses for our field trip. My favorite part was the streets, stores and the automobiles that they showed us. I really learned a lot about the old automobiles, back in the 1840's, 1870's and early 1990, Antoine De la Mothe Cadillac, also all of the slaves and how Detroit burnt down. I really appreciate it and my mom and dad were really proud of me because of all the amazing docents to guide us and teach us about it! Tell your docents they did FABULOS! Without them we don't even know what we are looking at. Thank you again! Have a good day!

Sincerely,  
Nicole

As we all know, in these tough economic times most schools have been forced to eliminate or greatly reduce the money budgeted for school field trips. That's why the Society's *Adopt-a-Class* program needs your help now more than ever!

The *Adopt-a-Class* program has helped thousands of **underserved** school children in our community learn about the region's rich and exciting history through donor gifts that subsidize a docent-guided tour at the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. **But the need is growing and the Society is asking for your help!**

The cost of the program, including transportation, is \$400 per class with an average class size of 30 students. These funds support the cost of Museum admission, materials and transportation. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the schools that participate do not have to pay for this experience.

The response we receive from children participating in this program demonstrate its impact... but don't take our word for it — you can read some of their letters for yourself!

### Your gift can make a difference!

Below is a form you can use to contribute to the *Adopt-a-Class* program and give children in our community the opportunity to learn about Detroit's history in a unique and exciting way. If you would like more information, please call Amanda Saoud at (313) 833-1980.

All contributors will be recognized in the Detroit Historical Society's Annual Report.

Donor Name (As it should appear in official publications)

Address

City, State & Zip

Phone (H)

Phone (W)

E-mail

Please specify: Yes I want to support the *Adopt-a-Class* Program and make history come alive for the children in our community!

\$400 \_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Detroit Historical Society (enclosed)  
If paying by: [ ] VISA [ ] MasterCard [ ] American Express

Account #

Exp Date

Signature

Date

## SIGN ME UP TO BECOME A MEMBER

### Give the gift that keeps on giving all year long!

A Detroit Historical Society Membership is the perfect unique gift that gives that special individual a chance to explore history that can't be found anywhere else and supports the only organization dedicated to preserving the glorious history of our region for future generations.

Each gift membership provides one year of free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum,

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#### SELECT TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$40      | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation \$_____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Plus \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor \$300  | <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Dossin Maritime Group<br>(\$20 fee in addition to regular membership dues) |

invitations to special members-only events, a subscription to the *Making History* newsletter and more!

Share your love of history with your loved ones. Gift memberships are available by using the form below, visiting our website at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org) or calling (313) 833-7938.



*Gift Memberships*

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: call Elizabeth Mazur at (313) 833-7938,  
email [elizabethm@detroithistorical.org](mailto:elizabethm@detroithistorical.org) or visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

## INTRODUCE A FRIEND AND RECEIVE A FREE GIFT!

As a Detroit Historical Society member you already know about all of the great benefits of membership, including special exhibit previews and programs just for our members. But did you know that your membership also benefits our work to preserve Detroit's history? Each membership helps support the exhibits and programs that feature the unique stories of our region and preserve our city's glorious history for future generations. Wouldn't you like to share these benefits with your friends and

family? Refer a friend for membership today and receive an exclusive Detroit Historical Museum canvas bag!

We'll let your friend know that they were referred by you. Please note that you can refer your friends with confidence because the Detroit Historical Society does not sell its members' information.



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL TO: Attn: Elizabeth Mazur, Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI, 48202

## Help Us Keep Detroit's History Alive

The Detroit Historical Society tells Detroit's story through interesting and innovative exhibits, dynamic programming and educational community events. Every year the Society welcomes more than 80,000 visitors to the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and provides nearly 12,000 schoolchildren with educational tours.

Crucial to these efforts is the support we receive for the Society's Annual Fund. The Annual Fund supports all of the activities that the Society provides to the metro Detroit community, making its success key to the success of the organization as a whole.

If you've already made a gift to the 2010-11 Annual Fund, we want to thank you. If you

have not made a gift, please consider doing so today. Your support will help the Society continue its important work.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a response envelope to make a gift to the Society's Annual Fund. Remember — all gifts are completely tax-deductible!

Thank you in advance for your support.

## Adopt-an-Artifact today!

Help preserve Detroit's history by adopting an artifact from the Detroit Historical Society!

The Adopt-an-Artifact program provides Society members and Museum visitors with the opportunity to support the important work that goes into preserving rare and unique artifacts.

Artifacts currently available for adoption (and on display at the Detroit Historical Museum) include:

- A Ty Cobb autographed 1925 baseball
- A "United We Win" WWII propaganda poster
- Detroit Tiger Charlie Bennett's catcher's mitt
- The Marshall Fredericks Bronze Mouse from Eastland Shopping Center
- A store directory for the downtown J. L. Hudson's department store; and
- A Century Box filled with letters written in 1901.

Visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org) to adopt your artifact online or visit us at the Detroit Historical Museum to complete your adoption in person.

Supporters who adopt an artifact will receive a certificate of adoption, a picture of the artifact with a detailed description of the artifact's historical significance and name recognition on the Detroit Historical Society website.

Remember, adoptions also make great gifts!

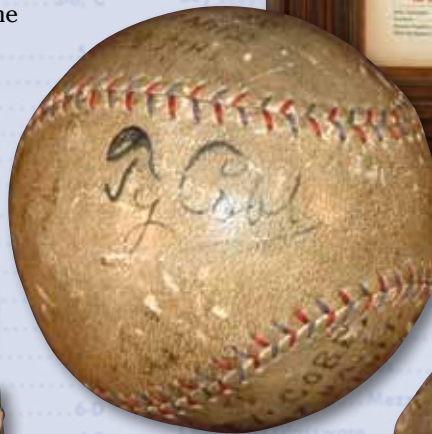
Thank you in advance for your support of the Detroit Historical Society.

*Among the items you can adopt are those from the time capsule created as part of Detroit's bicentennial celebration in 1901.*

*Thinking ahead to the tricentennial birthday in 2001, then Detroit Mayor Maybury ordered a time capsule be created to greet the future. Instructions were left that the box was to be opened on New Year's of the 300th birthday year — which it was, revealing these fascinating artifacts!*



*Hudson's store directory*



*Ty Cobb autographed baseball*



*Charlie Bennett's mitt*



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**MISSION**

To educate and inspire our community and visitors by preserving and portraying our region's shared history through dynamic exhibits and experiences.

**VISION**

To create a shared sense of community and pride by celebrating the history and the unique culture of our region.



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**Hours**

Wed. – Fri. • 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Saturday • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sunday • Noon – 5 p.m.

**EXTENDED HOURS: Open every day July 25-31 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**CLOSED: The Museum will be closed Sept. 5 – Sept. 22 (Installation of NEW exhibits!)**

**Admission**

Adults	\$6
Seniors (age 60 & above)	\$4
Youth (ages 5–17)	\$4
Children (age 4 & under)	FREE
Parking	\$4



**Groups**

Call (313) 833-1733 to schedule a group tour.

**Host an Event**

Call (313) 833-7979 to host an event at the Detroit Historical Museum.

**Volunteer**

Call (313) 833-1419 to volunteer at the Detroit Historical Museum



100 Strand Drive, Belle Isle  
Detroit, MI 48207  
(313) 833-5538

**Hours**

Saturday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Admission**

Admission is FREE thanks to the generous support of the Masco Corporation Foundation.

**Groups**

Call (313) 833-1733 to schedule a group outing.



**Host an Event**

Call (313) 833-7979 to host an event at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

**Volunteer**

Call (313) 833-1419 to volunteer at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

