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HISTORIAN KEITH STEFFKE REVEALS THE MARITIME CONTRIBUTIONS OF SIX MYSTERY MEN AT THE ANNUAL FAIR WINDS FALL GATHERING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

Join the Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group at the annual Fair Winds Fall Gathering on **Sunday, October 21st** starting at **1:30 p.m.** Guests will enjoy a luncheon buffet with beer and wine at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, silent auction, raffle and a presentation entitled "Legacy on the Great Lakes: Six Men Who Made a Lasting Difference on the Great Lakes" by maritime historian and master model-maker **Keith Steffke**.

Tickets for the event are \$25 for Society/Dossin Maritime Group members and \$30 for guests. For more information or to reserve your spot for this event, call **(313) 833-1801**, or go to www.detroithistorical.org and click on "Things To Do - Events Calendar." Your RSVP by October 12th is appreciated.

Who was the first industrialist to achieve "vertical integration?" What man was the first to purposefully misplace the propeller on a ship? Who became the first millionaire making cars, and then invested the proceeds in passenger boats? Why did a wealthy retired man wait until he was nearly 80 to look for "gold" under the Detroit River? Who used ships to make automobiles, and then automobiles to make ships? And why did it take until 1927 to start building the Ambassador Bridge? Steffke will answer these and many other interesting (and often humorous) questions about six Michigan men as the presentation to highlight this year's Fair Winds Fall Gathering.

Steffke will reveal how the lives of six unrelated men provided lasting achievements on the Great Lakes while they pursued their individual dreams and goals. Using rare photographic and archival materials from his Steffke Memorial Maritime Collection, he will discuss the character and skills of men who were giants in their day, but are now forgotten, to others that are still "household" names. The winner of the raffle will receive a framed and signed limited edition

print by local artist Paul Adams featuring the Bob-Lo steamer *Columbia* and the *Edmund Fitzgerald* on the Detroit River. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event only.

The Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group (DMG) is dedicated to preserving our region's rich maritime history. In addition to all the regular benefits of Society membership, members of the DMG have access to special events and programs at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and receive a quarterly maritime history publication called *Telescope*. To become a member of the Detroit Historical Society and the Dossin Maritime Group, call **(313) 833-0158** or click on "Membership" from our homepage

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday, December 2 Admission is free at the Museum, however, donations are welcome. Permanent exhibits include the *Miss Pepsi* 1950s championship hydroplane, a bow anchor from the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter *S.S. William Clay Ford*, and the one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. For more information, call **(313) 833-5538** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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