

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Items to Note:

- ◆ Upcoming Special Programs/ Behind The Scenes (BTS)
- ◆ Temporary Exhibits now on display: DHM-1963 Chrysler Turbine, Detroit 67 Prospectives Exhibit, SEMCOG (Comm. Gallery)
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- ◆ Dossin- How Does That Work & Ship Model Showcase
- ◆ COMING SOON: TBD

Curator's Corner

January & February 2018

Wrapping up 1817 and looking ahead...

So many things happened in 1817 that I thought it would be nice to mention a few, to give some perspective to our growing town. The population is about 900—not much bigger than the 770 in 1810—but beginning to grow rapidly; by 1820 it would be 1,400. The book *Detroit in its World Setting* lists the following events:

In July the *Detroit Gazette* became the first regularly circulated newspaper. About ten percent of the town subscribed.

Detroit was dressed in bunting and flags in August when President James Monroe paid a visit—the first sitting president to do so. His visit is recalled by Kaitlin Cooper in *Border Crossings* (a book every Detroiter should own!).

September was a big month, with the founding of the Catholepistemiad (later University of Michigan), the First Evangelical Society's inaugural protestant services, incorporation of the Detroit City Library,

and authorization of the Bank of Michigan.

The year closes strong with formation of the Detroit Musical Society, and the first charitable organization, the Moral and Humane Society, promoting healthy living and education.

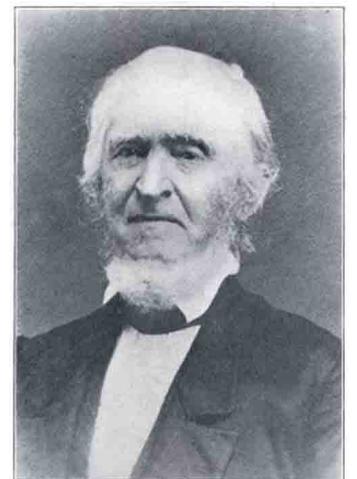
It was also during 1817 that a city market was built on Woodward south of Jefferson, and Barnabas Campau bought Belle Isle from the Macomb family for \$5,000—about \$93,000 today.

Next year...even bigger things! Land speculation takes off as public properties are auctioned off. With the beginning of scheduled steamboat travel between Black Rock, New York (near Buffalo) and Detroit in August, the city's growth is assured.

See you in the museums,
Joel Stone
Senior Curator

Image Captions:

- Bank of Michigan notes: 1833 and 1836
- Rev. John Montieith First president of the Catholepistemiad, first librarian at the Detroit City Library and first protestant preacher in Detroit.



January

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year 2018! 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 6:00 Black Historic Sites Committee Meeting	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr Day Program 10:00am-4:00pm DHM open	16	17	18 6:00 D67 Third Thursday Speaker Series	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Glancy Trains Show at Ole Toy & Train Show Volunteers needed (see BTS insert)	29	30	31 5:00 D67 Detroit Equity Action Lab "Get Your People" program (please call for more details!)			

- Volunteers, if you have any questions about the information posted in this calendar, please do not hesitate to contact either your direct supervisor or Arletha! We will put you in contact with the appropriate staff who will take care of your inquiries!!
- If you are interested in attending an event that requires registration, please contact staff for further information as most registrations are completed online and we are aware that not all volunteers have consistent access to the internet.
- We take pride in advertising not only our volunteer needs, but also Society programs and events that we believe you may have interest in! **IF YOU DO NOT SEE** "Volunteers needed", then we are simply advertising an opportunity for you and your family to come and enjoy yourselves!
- The public restrooms at the DGLM are being renovated! Renovations are currently scheduled to be complete by the end of February! If you have any questions regarding accommodations don't hesitate to reach out to your supervisor or Arletha.

February

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4:30 Docent Training	2	3
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18	19 10:00 Volun- teer Enrich- ment Detroit's Prismatic Club	20	21	22 6:00 Black Historic Sites Committee Jazz in the Streets \$15 advance RSVP	23	24 African American History Day 10:00am-4:00pm Volunteer positions filled
25	26	27	28 Name A Motor City Paint Color ends today!			

- **Glancy Trains Volunteers can still use your help!** If you are interested in volunteering at an off-site train show, please contact Vic Bodek at victor.bodek@gmail.com for more info! You can also find event logistics on the BTS insert!
- **Volunteer Enrichments are back for the spring!!** Please contact Bree at 313.833.1419 or breeb@detroithistorical.org for more information or to reserve your space TODAY!!
- **On your next visit to DHM, be sure to stop in Wrigley to "Name a Motor City Paint Color"!!** Motor City Paint has created a new line of historic paint and has asked the Society to help them name their colors! Vote lines are open through Feb 28th, so be sure to leave your mark on paint history!

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Coordinator's Corner

Happy 2018, Volunteers!

We have a very light calendar this time of year ; but don't fret! I have been working with departments to re-envision some of our volunteer roles, as well as create new ones, and the spring programs season will soon be upon us! In the meantime, there are some great updates to note.

I am excited to announce that Brenda Tindal is our new Director of Education! Brenda comes to us from the Levine Museum of the New South in Charlotte, NC. Brenda's education has focused on History, Africana Studies and American Studies, and she is a

PhD candidate at Emory University in Atlanta. Brenda will be working directly with our Education and Programs teams, as well as our Docent program. The next time you're visiting the museum, be sure to stop by Brenda's office (formerly Tobi's) and say hello; I'm sure we'll have plenty opportunities this spring to formerly welcome Brenda to the team!

Be sure to mark your calendars for some major upcoming events regarding the volunteer program: this year, National Volunteer Week is April 14-22nd! DHS will again participate in the reciprocal program as well as host our

inaugural Volunteer Annual Meeting on the Monday (April 16th) of Volunteer Week. This meeting will be mandatory for all active volunteers and will immediately follow a volunteer enrichment with a catered lunch! Lastly, this year's Volunteer Appreciation Day is on Thursday, June 7th and I can't wait for another opportunity to celebrate each of YOU!

Until we see each other again, be sure to take care of yourselves, stay warm and hug loved ones!

I'll see you around the museums!

Arletha