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**Letter from the Executive Director**

Bob Bury

The importance of studying history is often the subject of debate — just ask my ninth grade daughter how she feels about studying ancient civilizations or consider Henry Ford’s famous declaration that “History is more or less bunk.”

Whatever one’s opinion, there is little denying that what’s happening across our community today bears striking similarity to days gone by. While all of our lives have been impacted by the economic downturn, imagine — or perhaps some of you can recall — the stark contrasts that Detroiters witnessed in the late 1920s and into the 1930s.

In his book All Our Yesterdays, Arthur Woodford — author, historian and member of the Detroit Historical Society’s History Advisory Council — describes how Detroit in 1930, with its heavy reliance on the auto industry, was one of the first cities to feel the fallout from Wall Street. Vehicle production dropped drastically. Auto-related layoffs were extensive and lead to widespread economic hardship across the region. Money and credit dried up and the public stopped spending. Home foreclosures and the demand for public assistance soared to unprecedented levels.

While it’s obvious that people, companies, governmental units and organizations are challenged today, we learn from history that we’ve been there before — and to an even more severe extent.

Perhaps more importantly, we learn that our future — and our destiny — is up to us.

As we face these difficult times, the need for our community to come together, to support each other and those things that make it strong has never been more important. During these tough times, preserving our region’s proud past, sharing it with the current generation and making sure it will be available to those who follow us must remain one of our priorities.

Despite our own financial challenges, the exhibits, programs and events described in this newsletter demonstrate our commitment to our mission and to moving forward. Please know, however, that there has never been a time when your continued generous support has been more important.

Thank you for your past generosity. With your continued interest and support, we will make it through these difficult times and emerge even stronger as we face our future.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bury  
Executive Director & CEO  
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Every gift that the Society receives helps support our mission to preserve and present the region’s history. The Society greatly appreciates the ongoing financial support of all of our friends. You can support the Annual Fund through a tax-deductible gift.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a response envelope for your convenience to make a gift to the Society and show your support of its valuable programs and services. All gifts are completely tax-deductible.

If you’ve already made a gift, we want to thank you. Please consider making an additional gift to help us continue our important work of preserving our history through exciting exhibits and programs.

The Detroit Historical Society would like to thank Binson’s Home Health Care Centers for donating four wheelchairs to be used at both Museums, making visits accessible to everyone!

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DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Results Are In!

Thanks to all of you who responded to our recent member survey. More than 40% of our members responded — an astronomical number according to our survey consultants. This tremendous response also helped us qualify for the $5,000 donation, so thanks again!

So, who are our members? It was no surprise to us to learn that they’re well-educated (more than 50% have either a graduate degree or a doctorate) and more than half said that their membership was directly tied to their desire to support our mission.

Some other interesting facts include:

- More than 80% of our members live in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.
- The average household income of our members is much higher than the average across southeast Michigan.
- Members indicated a greater interest in all aspects of Detroit’s 300-year history, as opposed to events that occurred more recently.
- Younger members are 10 times more likely to use web sites as their primary outlet for news and information.

Egg-stravaganza: A Celebration of Spring!

Come welcome spring with our inaugural Egg-stravaganza! Scheduled for Sat., April 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, this family-friendly event will include a “Hop into History Hunt” geared to children ages 5-12 and the chance to decorate egg “baskets.” Entertainment will include “Richard Paul’s Variety Show,” a fun-filled ventriloquist show that appeals to audiences of all ages.

In addition, candy and trinkets will be passed out at various stations throughout the Streets of Old Detroit. Refreshments will also be available.

Admission is FREE for both Society members and all youth ages 12 and under. All other adults pay regular admission.

Set Sail for a Great Night!

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum Gala is set for Friday, May 1, and you’re invited! This annual event, hosted by the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, is an exceptional evening of fun, food and great entertainment.

Join us as we transform the Museum into a Riverboat gambling paradise — complete with Blackjack, Roulette and Hold ‘em Poker. Guests with the winning touch can win great prizes!

Prices are $200 for the “High Roller” tickets and $150 for the “Shark” tickets. Our friends ages 35 and under are invited to join us at the “Snapper” rate of $100/ticket.

To purchase your tickets, visit us at www.detroithistorical.org or call Bill Bryan at (313) 833-7938.

One Night Only — Discover Detroit’s Hidden Treasures

On Sat., May 30, we’re opening the doors of the Collections Resource Center (CRC) and inviting visitors to explore Metro Detroit’s most historic treasures in a special benefit event for the Detroit Historical Society.

Located on the grounds of Historic Fort Wayne, the CRC houses an estimated 100,000 artifacts celebrating more than 300 years of Detroit history. This facility is not normally open to the public, but for one night only — it will be yours to explore!

Come stroll through our transportation storage facility and marvel at the 50+ automobiles preserved in our collection. Guided tours will escort guests through the rest of the facility, with a peek into our renowned costume collection and a special look at our military, Native American and sports collections. Also included is a special glimpse inside our archives.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for Benefactors and 6 p.m. for Patrons. Ticket levels are $75 for Benefactors and $50 for Patrons. Society members save $10 off their ticket!

Dress is casual and guests will enjoy light refreshments from some of metro Detroit’s most recognizable companies. To purchase your tickets, please use the form on page 9. You may also order online at www.detroithistorical.org or by calling Bill Bryan at (313) 833-7938.

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Committed to the Deep: Exploring Underwater Treasures
Opens April 25
Great Lakes Gallery

Shipwrecks have always been a part of Great Lakes history. LaSalle’s Gryphon, the first large vessel on the Lakes, sank on her maiden voyage. Since then thousands of ships and tens of thousands of sailors and passengers have met their fate on the freshwater seas.

Their legacy has become an underwater treasure trove for historians, archaeologists and divers. Committed to the Deep explores both the artifacts and the mysteries found beneath the waves.

Recent changes in the environment of the Great Lakes, enhanced by new and powerful technologies have increased the exploration capabilities for a growing number of researchers. New shipwrecks are being discovered nearly every week, and vast databases make it easier to identify them. A sense of stewardship has emerged, nurtured by the scientific and scholastic community, promoting the preservation and understanding of these significant resources.

While this is a serious subject, the exhibit is designed to be fun, informative and intriguing. A look at diving will compare the “old school” hard hat suits with the high tech and agile equipment available today. Relics from the Alvin Clark will be displayed, explaining a disaster that resulted in the development of federal and state maritime preserves and protection laws. An educational element will address the process of analyzing and documenting a shipwreck, as well as aspects of conservation and preservation.

Join us in the quiet, underwater world where history is discovered by people who are Committed to the Deep!

L is for Lighthouse
Opens April 25
DeRoy Hall

To both sailors and landsmen, there are few sights so reassuring or romantic as a lighthouse. For centuries, these sentinels have warned navigators of dangerous shoals, guided valuable commerce to waiting markets, and welcomed mariners and passengers to safe harbor. Their importance made them laboratories for new technologies and engineering techniques. Additionally, the bravery and dedication of lighthouse keepers is the grist of legend and lore.

With almost 10,000 miles of shoreline, the Great Lakes are home to a concentration of navigational lights of all types. Some sit majestically on high bluffs. Others stand bravely on artificial islands miles from land. In days gone by, they perched on ships that stood stationary where permanent structures were not possible.

With the advent of global positioning systems (GPS), most are no longer vital to lake commerce and are being decommissioned. In many cases, local historians and preservationists are assuming control of these monuments, restoring them and making them available to lighthouse fans from around the world.

This exhibit pays tribute to these wonderful maritime landmarks!

Last chance to see these exhibits!

Smugglers on the Straits
Open through April 11
Great Lakes Gallery

The Great Lakes may not have had blood-thirsty pirates, but the Detroit River has been a Smuggler’s Paradise for centuries! Since the founding of Detroit in 1701, French, English and American administrators have attempted to stem the steady tide of contraband smuggled across the river coming from or going to Canada. This popular exhibit tells the stories of these controversial and illegal endeavors!

Fun, Fast and Fancy: Great Lakes Yachts
Open through April 11
DeRoy Hall

Metro Detroit has been a national leader in the boating world for many decades with hundreds of firms and thousands of individuals involved in some aspect of Detroit’s yacht-building industry. This unique exhibit is the story of the companies, builders and the individuals who made waterborne entertainment great!

Bob-Lo: Entertainment Island
Now open

From 1898 to 1993, metro Detroiters made millions of memories at Bob-Lo, an island amusement park on the Canadian side of the Detroit River. Every summer for 95 years, the steamships Columbia and Ste. Claire carried the young and young-at-heart for a day of romance and thrills at Bob-Lo. View the artifacts and stories in this exhibition that bring back the magic of summers past.
SPRING 2009 PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITIONS

Join us for a sneak preview!

A special “Members Only” sneak preview of the two exciting new exhibits at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum will be offered on Friday, April 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This is your chance to be among the first to see Committed to the Deep: Exploring Underwater Treasures and L is for Lighthouse. Check out page 4 for details on these great new exhibitions!

To RSVP, simply call Ebani Lowrey at (313) 833-1980 or email her at ebanil@detroithistorical.org.

See you there!

2nd Annual Dossin Regatta

On Sunday, April 26, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum will feature a dual meet regatta between the Detroit Boat Club and the Grosse Ile High School Varsity rowing teams.

Scheduled from noon to 3 p.m., great viewing will be available in DeRoy Hall within the Museum. Following the competition, visitors can meet with the rowers from both teams as they enjoy the many exhibits.

This program is FREE. Contact Rebecca McDonald for more information at (313) 833-1801 or at rebeccam@detroithistorical.org.

Two great programs in one day!

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum will be the place to be on Sat., June 6, as Tony Gramer, PADI Divemaster and president of Silent World Information Masters, Inc. presents two great programs! Gramer has been diving since 1977. His images have earned awards at photography shows throughout North America. Each year he adds some 90 dives to his log book of over 1,700 shipwreck explorations.

At 1 p.m., he will present “Straits of Mackinac Shipwrecks.” Known as the gateway of the Great Lakes, its narrow passage and unpredictable weather can be tricky to navigate. As a result, the Straits is the final resting place of approximately 100 ships, including the shipwrecks of the Maitland, Sandusky and Stalker.

Then at 2 p.m., he’ll present “Thirty-Six Hours Adrift on Lake Huron: The Loss of the Schooner Corsair.” The 133-foot schooner sailed into a heavy September gale off Thunder Bay lighthouse in Lake Huron. Heavily laded with iron ore, the Corsair foundered off Sturgeon Point in 1872. Two survivors of the crew of seven were left to tell the story. Capt. Ed Ellison located the ill-fated schooner in the summer of 2001. In 2002, Tony Gramer and crew joined in the filming and documentation.

These programs are FREE to Society Members! Others can participate for $5 per lecture or $8 for both. Please contact Rebecca McDonald at (313) 833-1801 for reservations or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

Museum Store features great deals

Looking for some great gifts? Then check out these great deals on tap at the Detroit Historical Museum Store.

In celebration of Opening Day, ALL Tiger Stadium memorabilia will be sold at 25% off from April 8–11. If you’ve been putting off acquiring that special keepsake from Tiger Stadium — including authentic seat backs — now is the time!

In May, we’re offering a special pre-Mother’s Day sale the weekend of May 1-3. Get Mom her favorite Detroit flavor or snack — such as Faygo soda and Sanders candy — and save 25% off the regular price.

You can do all of your Father’s Day shopping with us as well! The weekend of June 12–14, all of the popular Arcadia book titles will be sold at 25% off their normal price. No coupon redemption is necessary.

Finally, our popular Arcadia Book of the Month Sale will continue, offering you the chance to buy the title featured as part of the Society’s Author Series that month at a 15% discount off the cover price. (See page 6 for details on our presenters.)

In April, the book The Detroit Police Department will be on sale, followed by 20th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit in May, and The Jewish Community of Metro Detroit: 1945–2005 in June.

Sale prices are available both in-store and online. Take advantage of the savings each and every month!
SOME EVENTS REQUIRE REGISTRATION. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, YOU MAY CHOOSE ONE OF THREE OPTIONS TO SIGN UP:

1. Fill out and send the form on page 9 with your payment
2. Register online at www.detroithistorical.org
3. Call (313) 833-1801 to register by phone

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 monthly in partnership with Arcadia Books.

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

Wed., April 15 • 6 p.m.
Featured co-author — Lt. Steven W. White, Detroit Police Department
(Detroit Historical Museum)
Since its inception in 1865, the Detroit Police Department has been a pioneer in adopting revolutionary advances in law enforcement that are essential to policing today. It was among the first to put its officers on bicycles and in 1909, was the first to use the patrol car. Join the author as he recalls the Detroit Police Department’s rich history, resplendent with groundbreaking advancements in the field of law enforcement.

Wed., May 13
5 p.m. - Photograph sale and book signing
6 p.m. - Discussion
Featured co-author — Michael Hauser, 20th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit
(Detroit Historical Museum)
If you missed the book launch in last November, don’t let this opportunity pass you by! Rare and historic photographs by Diane Edgecomb will once again be on sale, and you will have the chance to talk with co-author Michael Hauser before and after his discussion on the growth and development of Woodward Avenue into one of America’s preferred retail destinations. Make sure to view the enlarged photographs of Hudson’s famous showcases that will be on display for this night only!

Wed., June 17 • 6 p.m.
Featured author — Barry Stiefel, The Jewish Community of Metro Detroit: 1945–2005
(Detroit Historical Museum)
After World War II, the nation underwent a mass migration from urban centers to newly created suburbs. Join the author as he recounts the Detroit Jewish community’s transition, including how issues of social justice, homeland and religion have both divided and brought people together.

Scholar Series
The Detroit Historical Society Scholar Series is an academic approach to Detroit’s history. Offered bi-monthly, 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.

Tues., May 5 • 6 p.m.
Featured scholar — Patrick Livingston, Eight Steamboats Sailing Through the Sixties (Dossin Great Lakes Museum)
Eight Steamboats chronicles Patrick Livingston’s adventures on eight shipping vessels — only one of which survives — during the 1960s. Told from the perspective of a writer who sails rather than a sailor who writes, the tales are filled with connections between shore and sea. While the City of Detroit burned in 1967, Livingston served milkshakes to passengers on the South American of the Georgian Bay Lines. Later, he sailed with the notorious George “Bughouse” Schultz on the ill-starred tanker Mercury. Both maritime and Great Lakes enthusiasts will enjoy this voyage back in time!

Curator Chat
The Detroit Historical Society Curator Chat Series 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. Curator presentations are offered quarterly.

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

Thur., June 11 • 6 p.m.
(Detroit Historical Museum)
Judy Levin Cantor is a fourth-generation Detroiter, whose work as a writer, historian, curator and archivist has been a major contribution to the community. Join her as she discusses the essence of the traveling exhibit, From Haven to Home: Jewish Life in America, presented by the Michigan Jewish Historical Society and the American Jewish Historical Society.

Created in 2005 by the American Jewish Historical Society-Boston and modeled after an exhibition by the same title mounted by the Library of Congress the year before, it traces the American Jewish journey from persecution to participation, from the original 23 refugees who landed in 1654 to today’s extraordinary and diverse Jewish community.

Learn how it all came together and how the Detroit Historical Museum became the only Midwest location to host it.

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.

April 11
The Motor City and You
Running time: 50 min.
View footage from within the Detroit Historical Museum and interviews with Mike Smith, Curator of The Motor City exhibit, and explore the importance of the automobile industry on the growth of the city and the region.

May 9 & 10
Who Killed Vincent Chin?
Running time: 87 min.
Shown in conjunction with the Detroit’s Chinatown exhibition, this Academy-Award nominated film is a powerful statement about racism in working class America involving the bludgeoning to death of Chin, a 27-year-old Chinese-American. In the ensuing trial, his attacker received only a suspended sentence and a small fine. Outrage by the Asian-American community successfully led to a nationwide crusade for a retrial. This film captures that story.

June 13 & 14
Architects We Knew: Albert Kahn’s Legacy
Running time: 81 min.
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(Detroit Historical Museum)
This film features several scholars who discuss Albert Kahn’s beginnings, his architectural interests and diversity, and his impact on the city of Detroit. Blueprints and drawings of some of his most famous contributions are highlighted. Experience an in-depth look at the mind of one of the most influential and legendary architects and the legacies he created.

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PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

The Detroit Historical Society has extended its partnership programs to include day and evening events offered by other non-profit and community-based organizations. Please use the contact information given for more details.

**Historic Houses of Worship Tours**

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

Cost is $30 for members and $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.

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

**Michigan in Perspective: The 51st Annual Conference on Local History**

**Friday and Saturday, April 17 & 18**

McGregor Conference Center - Wayne State University

Presented by the Historical Society of Michigan, in conjunction with the Detroit Historical Society and the Detroit Public Library, this popular conference features premier offerings on topics in Michigan and regional history.

On Friday, you can attend two different sessions featuring the Detroit Historical Museum's Hero or Villain? exhibit. Meet the three scholars who profiled Antoine Cadillac, Judge Augustus Woodward and lawyer/political activist Ernie Goodman at a morning session. In the afternoon, Society Director of Programs and Exhibits Tracy Irwin and Society Curator Joel Stone will discuss the making of the exhibit.

On Saturday morning, Tim Kiska, collaborator with the Society on the Detroit's Classic TV Personalities exhibit and author of the new book "A Newscast for the Masses" (Wayne State University Press), will talk about the evolution of television news in Detroit.

Keynote speakers and other sessions focus on areas of local interest including the history of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, ethnic communities and maritime history. Please call (800) 692-1828 or visit www.hsmichigan.org for more information or reservations.

**Etiquette Tea Party**

On Sunday, May 17, the Detroit Historical Society Guild is presenting an "Etiquette Tea Party" for children ages 7 to 14 and their adult companion, from noon to 3 p.m. in the Cadillac Café at the Detroit Historical Museum. Guests will enjoy desserts, tea or lemonade, followed by an interactive and fun etiquette lesson. Everyone will receive a free etiquette booklet as well. Admission is $12 per person.

Please call (586) 777-5898 for more information and reservations. Due to limited seating, no tickets will be sold on the day of the event.

**Annual Flea Market returns**

Antique and bargain hunters will find collectibles and a variety of arts and crafts at the 26th annual Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market, taking place Sat., April 4th and Sun., April 5th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Historic Fort Wayne, located at 6325 W. Jefferson (at the foot of Livernois). Guided tours of the Historic Fort Wayne complex will again be offered each day.

Secured parking is $5, 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. Vendors can purchase one table for $30 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.

**Monday, April 6**

Metropolitan United Methodist
Cass Community United Methodist
First Congregational
St. Hedwig
St. Aloysius Roman Catholic

**Monday, May 4**

Assumption Grotto
St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery
Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian
St. Paul’s on the Lake Roman Catholic

**Monday, June 1**

St. John UCC
First Congregational Wyandotte
St. Stephen’s Episcopal
First United Methodist Wyandotte
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Guardian Building
April 4 • 11 a.m.
Back by popular demand! Built during Detroit’s “building boom” of the 1920s, the Guardian Building has stood the test of time. Join us and gain an understanding of the craftsmanship and historical significance of this amazing venue. Acclaimed Preservation Wayne guide Ellen Howell will share her vast knowledge of the building and personal anecdotes during this great tour.

Detroit’s New Center
April 18 • 11 a.m.
Don’t miss this opportunity to explore with a guide the extraordinary Albert Kahn Building, New Center One, Cadillac Place, and the Fisher Building in this much-awaited tour. Be sure to wear your walking shoes on this one!

The Village Club
April 25 • 11 a.m.
Established in 1956 as a charitable and educational organization, the Club’s present site, the Winningham House, was purchased in 1961. The philanthropic and social principles upon which the Club was founded continue to be its main focus today. Classes are held, social events and trips are planned, and fine cuisine is served. This is a “must see” for Detroit history enthusiasts.

Detroit’s Famous Eastern Market
May 2 • 11 a.m.
Linda Yellin, with Feet On The Street Tours, will lead this popular walking and tasting tour, blending history, stories and updates about the market district. You’ll visit specialty shops and meet the vendors offering unique food items. Enjoy the old-time flavor and historical buildings that date back to the 1890s on a vibrant, fun-filled tour.

Maritime Exchange Museum
May 9 • 11 a.m.
If you are a maritime enthusiast, this tour is for you! This tour takes you outside the city and into a wonderland of Fresnel lens rebuilding and restoration. The museum, located in Howell (3800 Chilson Road), has its own lens shop and full-time staff that restore and preserve antique lighthouse Fresnel lenses, classic acetylene gas buoy lights, and related lighthouse and life-saving service artifacts.

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Detroit Branch
May 14 • 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
$30 members/$40 non-members
Includes wine and hors d’oeuvres
Come see one of the least-known buildings in Detroit! This bank branch destroys old money, sends out new bills to banks, inspects notes for counterfeit bills, and conducts extensive economic analyses. It is also home to an impressive collection of paintings by Michigan artists, a terraced garden, and one of the finest gun ranges in the state – regularly used by Detroit’s SWAT team and other law-enforcement officers.

Coast Guard Station on Belle Isle
May 16 • 11 a.m.
Includes lunch with the crew!
Meet some of Detroit’s own Coast Guard officers, see their living quarters, learn about their weapons, see where they work on their boats. You’ll also learn some knot-tying skills and finish with lunch in the galley. Maritime and boat lovers should not miss this tour!

College for Creative Studies
May 28 • 6 p.m.
From its beginning in 1906 as the Society of Arts and Crafts to its ever-changing present and future, the College for Creative Studies; better known as CCS, is an urban hub of creativity and ingenuity. Come enjoy the campus, learn about its various attractions, including the Josephine F. Ford Sculpture Garden, and view artist demonstrations.

Historic Fort Wayne
June 6 • 11 a.m.
“Fort Wayne never saw a shot fired in anger.” The peaceful location became a primary induction center for Michigan troops entering battle in every U.S. conflict from the Civil War to Viet Nam. Over the years it’s served as an infantry training station, housed the Chaplin school, and was the primary procurement location for the vehicles and weapons manufactured in Detroit during both World Wars.

Today, Fort Wayne is experiencing a comeback to prominence thanks to the preservation efforts that are under way. Join us as we explore this unique Detroit landmark!

Grosse Ile Bus Tour
June 13 • 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
$50 members/$60 non-members
Tour begins at the Detroit Historical Museum and includes lunch at the Grosse Ile Yacht Club
The Grosse Ile Historical Society is housed in the old Michigan Central Railroad depot and Customs House. We will tour both buildings, then hop back on the bus to take a driving tour around several of the historic homes and churches on the island. There will also be a stop at the Naval Air Station Lobby Museum and Photo Gallery.

Masonic Temple
June 20 • 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
This tour needs no introduction. You’ve heard about the Masons, so come take an extensive look behind the scenes of the largest and most complete building of its kind. Wear your walking shoes for this one!

Boston-Edison District
June 27 • 11 a.m.
This ever-popular tour pairs the knowledge of historian Jerald Mitchell and the beauty of one of Detroit’s most beautiful and unique historic neighborhoods. The area features over 900 homes where no two houses are alike! Early residents of Boston-Edison included James Couzens, Henry Ford, Joe Louis, Horace Rackham, and Sebastian Kresge.
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| Discover Detroit’s Hidden Treasures     |              |          |
| SOCIETY MEMBERS SAVE $10 OFF TICKET PRICE |              |          |
| Sat., May 30 5 p.m. Historic Fort Wayne  | $75 Benefactor |          |
| Sat., May 30 6 p.m. Historic Fort Wayne  | $50 Patron     |          |

| Behind the Scenes Tours                 |              |          |
| $20 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • $30 GUESTS |              |          |
| Sat., April 4 11 a.m. Guardian Building    |              |          |
| Sat., April 18 11 a.m. Detroit’s New Center |              |          |
| Sat., April 25 11 a.m. The Village Club    |              |          |
| Sat., May 2 11 a.m. Detroit’s Famous Eastern Market | $30 Members | $40 Guests |
| Sat., May 9 11 a.m. Maritime Exchange Museum | $30 Members | $40 Guests |
| Thur., May 14 7 p.m. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago | $30 Members | $40 Guests |
| Sat., May 16 11 a.m. Coast Guard Station on Belle Isle | $30 Members | $40 Guests |
| Thur., May 28 6 p.m. College for Creative Studies | $30 Members | $40 Guests |
| Sat., June 6 11 a.m. Historic Fort Wayne |              |          |
| Sat., June 13 11 a.m. Grosse Ile Bus Tour  | $50 Members | $60 Guests |
| Sat., June 20 2 p.m. Masonic Temple        |              |          |
| Sat., June 27 11 a.m. Boston-Edison District | $30 Members | $40 Guests |

| Historic Houses of Worship               |              |          |
| $30 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • $40 GUESTS |              |          |
| Mon., April 6 10 a.m.                    |              |          |
| Mon., May 4 10 a.m.                      |              |          |
| Mon., June 1 10 a.m.                     |              |          |

| Author/Curator/Scholar Series Registration |              |          |
| FREE Members $10 Guests                  |              |          |
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Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership

Now Open

Booth-Wilkinson Gallery

This exhibit is made possible by a generous contribution from the General Motors Foundation and Bank of America.

What makes a leader? Are there certain qualities or characteristics that define leadership? Are leaders a product of their times or would they have rose to such leadership? Are leaders a product of their qualities or characteristics that define them as “hero” or others as “villain”?

Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership explores these questions by focusing on the lives of a wide range of community leaders who provoked passionate opinions in metro Detroit. Seen through the eyes of their neighbors, media and peers, these individuals made their mark in metro Detroit and this exhibit shows you both sides of their story so you can come to your own conclusions.


100 Years Ago

Now Open

Second Floor Corridor

Ever wonder what some of the leading companies were 100 years ago — and which of them are still around today? Ever thought about how advertisers “pitched” the Model T to consumers in 1908? Do you know what song made its debut a century ago and is still sung by literally millions of people each year?

If you enjoy discovering the answers to questions such as these, then you won’t want to miss one of the exhibit 100 Years Ago. Comprised of photographs, newspaper articles and artifacts from the period, it provides visitors a glimpse of Detroit a century ago, providing a snapshot into the lives of residents. It’s guaranteed to make you say, “I didn’t know that.”

Museum hosts symposium on Jewish Life in America

On Sunday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m., the Jewish Historical Society invites you to join them for an outstanding symposium on “Jewish Life in America.” Presented in conjunction with the Haven to Home exhibit, the program features the following distinguished speakers:

- Deborah Dash Moore, Huetwell Professor and Director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan
- Kenneth Waltzer, Professor of History at James Madison College and Director of the Jewish Studies Program at Michigan State University
- David Weinberg, Professor of History and Director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University

Join us at the Detroit Historical Society on Sat., April 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for a special program examining Detroit’s unique role in contributing to the Revolution during the American War of Independence. It is presented in collaboration with Wayne State University along with several local historians. The program includes a luncheon keynote address by Brian Dunnigan, author of A Picturesque Situation, Mackinac Before Photography 1615–1860.

Tickets are $10 for students, $15 for Society members and $20 for all others. Call (313) 833-1801 for reservations and more information.

Special admission hours and offers!

The Detroit Historical Museum will celebrate both Spring Break (Monday, April 13 through Sunday, April 19) and Flag Day (Sunday, June 14). During Spring Break, the Museum will observe extended hours by opening 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day the week of April 13th.

On Flag Day, anyone wearing red, white and blue will be admitted for half off!

Member Exclusive

Join us for Member Dinner Days

The Detroit Historical Society will host two special evenings just for members, each featuring guest speakers and a fabulous dinner after-hours in the Detroit Historical Museum.

On Thur., May 7, at 6 p.m., join Bob Casey, Curator of Transportation at The Henry Ford, as he presents a rarely heard side to the success story of the Model T. Learn about the marketing and advertising efforts of Ford’s early PR mastermind, who just happened to be an embezzler, and experience the success of the Model T in a new way.

Then on Thur., June 4, at 6 p.m., come listen to Jim Gallert and Lars Bjorn, authors of Before Motown, the first book about the history of jazz in Detroit, as they explore our city’s jazz history from 1920 to 1960. In addition to a lively discussion, they will present several recently discovered photographs and share some rare music!

Cost is $40. For reservations, call Rebecca McDonald at (313) 833-1801. Hurry — space is limited!

For more information call (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org
EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

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Detroit’s Classic TV Personalities
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COMMUNITY GALLERY

Detroit’s Chinatown
Presented by: Chelsea Zuzindlak and the Friends of Detroit’s Chinatown
Opens April 4, 2009

This special exhibit tells the untold — and often overlooked — story of the people and events that aided in the development of the cultural community and immigrant area known as Detroit’s Chinatown.

In addition to capturing its past, the exhibition will explore the efforts of local activist groups to renovate this unique cultural space, an area with immense potential for both preservation and growth.

Come and learn more about this fascinating chapter in our community’s history.

From Haven to Home: Jewish Life in America
Presented by the Jewish Historical Society of MI in cooperation with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
Opens May 6, Stark Hall

The touring exhibition “From Haven to Home” chronicles and brings to life the American Jewish experience, focusing on America as “Haven” — the Jewish immigrant’s refuge from persecution in countries abroad — to America as “Home,” the creation of permanent Jewish communities in the U.S. The exhibit features more than 200 reproductions of American Judaic treasures from the collections of the Library of Congress, augmented by a selection of important loans from other institutions.

Among its treasures are a letter from the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, R.I. to President George Washington, and his letter in response, as well as a copy of the hand-written version of Emma Lazarus’ poem “The New Colossus,” which is inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty. Michigan artifacts include memorabilia from the Faygo Company, historic war uniforms and ceremonial items dating back centuries.

Now Open
Booth-Wilkinson Showcase

Come see the some of our newest acquisitions, including: a pair of skates worn during the Detroit Red Wings 2007–2008 Stanley Cup Championship Season and a unique dress actually made from film canisters that was worn to the 1993 Fash Bash by Louise Hodgson.

This activity supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.
**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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**DETOUR HISTORICAL MUSEUM**
5401 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 833-1805

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

The Detroit Historical Museum will close at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 16.

CLOSED:
April 12 for the Easter Holiday
EXTENDED HOURS:
April 13 – 19 • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

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**DOSSIN GREAT LAKES 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.
The Museum will close at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 for an event.

CLOSED:
April 12 for the Easter Holiday

**Admission**
Admission is FREE.