

MAKING HISTORY

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Letter from the Executive Director
Bob Bury

*You're a fighter, you're a lover
You're strong and you recover
From whatever gets you down*

*And there's so many, many reasons
Any time, any season
Is the right time to be with you*

— from "Hello Detroit," recorded by Sammy Davis Jr., Motown Records, 1984

In early January, the children's choir from Detroit's Cornerstone School opened the Inauguration Ceremony of Detroit Mayor Dave Bing with these words. While the song they sang was released more than 25 years ago, its message of determination and hope rings as clear today as it did back then.

It also reminds me about the importance and relevance of what we do — everyday — with your help at the Detroit Historical Society. We collect and tell the stories of our region — our challenges and our triumphs — both in recognition of the past, and more importantly, as guideposts for the future.

The promise of a bright tomorrow for Detroit and southeast Michigan will be realized when we take the time to rediscover and learn from those who went before us. As Sammy Davis Jr. sings in a later verse, Detroit "instills in the young the will to become stars and champions."

Consider that the next time you visit us. Our galleries, exhibits, programs and collections capture the innovation, entrepreneurial spirit and achievement that define our region and ourselves. Furthermore, the enhancements planned as part of our recently announced *Past-Forward* Campaign will expand our capabilities enabling us to tell more of the stories that are so distinctly Detroit.

I hope the start of 2010 has been a good one for you and those close to you.

Thanks to your continued support, we begin the new decade firmly committed to the past we share... and to the future that lies ahead. Come say "Hello Detroit" and visit us at the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum soon!

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bury
Executive Director & CEO
Detroit Historical Society

ON THE COVER:

This month's cover is part of a collection of more than 300 photos donated by H.E. Gaebler to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. They were taken during the summers of 1918 and 1919 while Mr. Gaebler worked as a deckhand on series of freighters — a long ship sailor from a different era!

This collection represents an excellent record of Great Lakes maritime history, illustrating industry and recreation in exciting detail. The Detroit Historical Society is working to make the Gaebler Collection available for use by researchers and nautical enthusiasts soon.

Discover our region's hidden treasures!

Back by popular demand, the Society is once again opening the doors of our Collections Resource Center (CRC) at Historic Fort Wayne, where over 200,000 artifacts are housed. Scheduled for Sat., May 15, this special benefit for the Detroit Historical Society will give visitors an exclusive look at some of most popular and historically interesting collections in the nation. This facility is not normally open to the public but, for one night only, it will be yours to explore!

Guided tours will escort guests through the CRC to view our Political Campaign Material Collection, Historic Toy Collection, classic car models from throughout the 20th Century, fashion



accessories, "Made in Detroit" artifacts — and a special exhibit featuring artifacts that portray life during the 1960s.

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 caterers. To purchase your tickets, please use the form on page 11. You may also order online at www.detroithistorical.org or by calling Sandy Schuster at (313) 833-5527.

Don't miss this unique evening of adventure and fun!



Celebrate 50 Years of Maritime History at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum Annual Gala!

Don't miss out on your chance to experience the Dossin

Great Lakes Museum as it's transformed into a Riverboat gambler's paradise — complete with Blackjack, Roulette and Hold 'em Poker — at the annual gala on Friday, April 30, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.!

This event, hosted by the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, is an exceptional evening of fun, food and great entertainment. This year's gala will be an especially exciting event as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

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 per ticket.

The gala brings in much-needed funds to support the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, enabling the Detroit Historical Society to continue providing educational programs and exhibits that celebrate the exciting maritime history of our region. Make your plans now and join us!

To purchase your tickets, visit us at www.detroithistorical.org or call Lisa Williams at (313) 833-4143.

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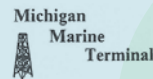
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Special thanks to DTE Energy!

The Detroit Historical Society extends a special thanks to DTE Energy for once again agreeing to sponsor the Society's popular *Behind the Scenes* tours.

This program provides unique adventures by opening the doors of some of metro Detroit's most interesting — and historic — places. Participants enjoy these rare opportunities to learn more about each site and the surrounding area, with all programs featuring a guest speaker as part of the tour.

The tours are developed each year to complement and correspond with the current exhibits at the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, with many exposing participants to the wide range of diverse cultures found in our community. DTE Energy has sponsored *Behind the Scenes* since 2007.



Don't miss the 2nd annual Egg-Stravaganza!

Come "hop into some history" and welcome the arrival of spring at the Detroit Historical Society's second annual "Egg-Stravaganza: A Celebration of Spring" event.

Scheduled for Sat., March 27, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Detroit Historical Museum, this early celebration invites spring to come out from behind the wintry clouds to cheer us all!

Children 12 and under will have the chance to decorate and fill their own bags with lighthearted candy and trinkets that will be passed out at various stations throughout the *Streets of Old Detroit*. They'll also enjoy the Spring Variety Show by Richard Paul, hear from a storyteller, learn about old-fashioned games and enjoy light refreshments.

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



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Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors

Opens April 24
Great Lakes Gallery

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

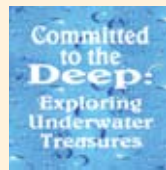
This exhibit transports visitors inside a typical lake boat for a look into the lives of individuals who make their living on the Great Lakes. You will view a bridge deck and discover all that is involved in being the captain of the ship as well as how that job has changed over the years.

Similarly, you'll learn about wheelmen, mates, porters, engineers, lookouts, oilers, deck hands and many others.

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



Committed to the Deep:



Exploring Underwater Treasures

Open through April 11
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.

While this is a serious subject, the exhibit is also fun, informative and intriguing. A look at diving compares the "old school" hard hat suits with the high tech and agile equipment available today. Relics from the *Alvin Clark* are displayed, explaining a disaster that resulted in the development of federal and state maritime preserves and protection laws.

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

Last chance
to see these
exhibits!



L is for Lighthouse

Open through April 11
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.

This exhibit pays tribute to these wonderful maritime landmarks!

Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Celebrating 50 Years!

Opens April 24
DeRoy Hall



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

This exhibit will focus on the early years of the Dossin, when it replaced the Maritime Museum of Detroit that opened aboard the *J.T. Wing*, the last working schooner on the Great Lakes. It will feature the stories of those individuals that made this museum possible as well as the more memorable projects, such as the recovery of the anchor from the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald* and the installation of the pilot house from the *S.S. William Clay Ford*.

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



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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 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This is your chance to be among the first to see *Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors* and *Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Celebrating 50 Years!* Check out page four for details on these great new exhibitions!

Curator Joel Stone will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the new exhibits in detail. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

To RSVP, simply call Erika Davis at (313) 833-7938 or email her at erikad@detroithistorical.org. See you there!

Dive into the history of the Dossin

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum will be the place to be on Sat., April 24, as John Polacsek, former curator of the museum for 30 years, presents slides and stories showcasing the venue's rich, 50-year history!

Both presentations will last approximately 30 minutes. After each presentation John will be available to guide attendees through specific portions of the museum related to his program. Plan to stay for both presentations so that you don't miss anything!

The program is free but guests are encouraged to make a contribution at the door to help cover associated costs. Contact Rebecca McDonald for more information at (313) 833-1801 or at rebeccam@detroithistorical.org.

50 YEARS

Third Annual Dossin Great Lakes Museum Regatta

Another year of racing brings new competition for the Detroit Rowing Club. Be there on Sunday, April 25, as St. John's Jesuit and St. Ursula from Toledo compete for the trophy!

The races begin at 12:15 p.m. with prime viewing available from DeRoy Hall. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Come early and participate in the indoor rowing demonstrations offered from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. While you're there be sure to allow time to enjoy the newest exhibits on display.

This program is free with museum admission.

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

Mark Your Calendars

Come celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum all year long by attending these exciting events!

Save the dates now and be sure to check back this spring for details on pricing and program information.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum Birthday Party

Saturday, July 24 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy cake, ice cream and much more! The party will be held on the same date that the museum was dedicated exactly 50 years ago!

Dossin Ship Spectacular

Saturday – Sunday, August 21 & 22 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (tentative) and Saturday – Sunday, August 28 & 29 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (tentative)

See the *Pride of Michigan* and other legendary tall ships!

Dossin Scholar Series

Thursday, September 16 • 6 p.m.

Spend an evening with Roger LeLievre, editor and publisher of *Know Your Ships*.

Annual Fair Winds Fall Dinner

Sunday, October 3 • Time – TBD

Lost Mariners Remembrance Weekend

Saturday – Sunday, November 6 & 7 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Annual Lost Mariners Remembrance

Wednesday, November 10 • 6 p.m.

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BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

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

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Advanced reservations required. Tour registrants receive directions to the tour location, a map and additional information 1-2 weeks after payment is received. No refunds or tour credits will be given. You may choose from three options to sign-up:

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Detroit Opera House

April 10 – 10 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests



Venture backstage at the magnificently restored Opera House! Tour includes stops in the costume shop, rehearsal studio, dressing rooms, Resource Center and Education Center. You will also learn about the painstaking restoration and renovation that has transformed this 1922 former movie palace into one of the nation's finest performing arts centers.



Masonic Temple

April 17 – 2 p.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

The Detroit Temple is unique among the Masonic buildings. Boasting 12 million cubic feet of space, it's the largest and most complete building of its kind in the

world. Make sure you wear your walking shoes for this one!

St. Sabbas Monastery

April 24 – 11 a.m.

\$40 members/\$50 guests

Includes three-course lunch!

This men's monastery follows the patristic Julian calendar and was founded in 1999 as a center for liturgical arts in conjunction with traditional monastic standards. It occupies six acres and includes the Monastery Katholicon, a library of over 6,000 books, the Abbot's quarters, the trapeza, a gift shop, candle shop and bakery.



Packard Proving Grounds

May 1 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

Dedicated in 1927, the buildings at the Proving Grounds were designed by Albert Kahn and the oval test track was so well-engineered that drivers could travel around the banked curves in excess of 100 mph without holding the steering wheel. Come explore one of our region's best-kept secrets!

The Whitney

May 7 – 1 p.m.

*Special Friday Tour!**Includes Dessert!*

\$25 members/

\$35 guests

At the iconic Whitney mansion you will be transported back in time during a tour of our historical house, referred to as "the most elaborate and substantial residence in this part of the country" when it was built in 1894. You will be introduced to the many mesmerizing stories and secrets The Whitney has to share. Following your tour you will be invited to experience the chef's delectable desserts and refreshing beverages.



Detroit Free Press

Fort Street Newsroom

May 15 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

Peter Gavrilovich, co-author of *The Detroit Almanac* and the paper's Nation/World editor, will guide us through the newsroom and discuss the newspaper's history, its current place in the city and its direction for the future.

Palmer Woods Walking Tour

May 22 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

In the early 1900s, many executives from Detroit's growing industries built homes and lived a life of opulence in Palmer Woods. Once home to the Fisher, Van Dusen and Briggs families, the classic heritage of this unique neighborhood is still appreciated by the current residents of these magnificent houses.



May 29 No Tour (Memorial Day Weekend)

Historic Fort Wayne Walking Tour

June 5 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

Join historian and author Jim Conway as he details the history of the military fort that 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 Vietnam!

Woodmere Cemetery

June 12 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

Historian Gail Hershenzon offers a unique stroll through Woodmere Cemetery's 200 rolling acres including ornate mausoleums, a Civil War monument, and headstones dating back to the 1860s. Prominent individuals such as auto magnates David Buick and Henry Leland (a brilliant innovator who built engines for Olds and Cadillac) are buried here.



Boston Edison Walking Tour

June 19 – 11 a.m.

\$20 members/

\$30 guests

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 included James Couzens, Henry Ford, Joe Louis, Horace Rackham and Sebastian Kresge.

Cranbrook House & Gardens

June 22 – 1 p.m.

Special Tuesday Tour!

\$20 members/\$30 guests

Designed by noted Detroit architect Albert Kahn in 1908, the English Arts and Crafts-style home of Cranbrook founders George Gough Booth and Ellen Scripps Booth is the oldest surviving manor home in metro Detroit! This tour will unveil the history of the exquisite home and extensive gardens!



The Heidelberg Project

June 26 – 10 a.m.

\$20 members/\$30 guests

Begun in 1986, the Heidelberg Project transformed vacant lots into "lots of art" and abandoned houses into "gigantic art sculptures." Despite numerous awards, the city demolished parts of the Heidelberg Project installation in 1991 and again in 1999. The project continues to evolve, and today is recognized as one of the most influential art environments in the world. Come explore the project and meet the artist, Tyree Guyton.

All tours require advance registration with payment in full. No refunds or tour credits will be given. You may choose from three options to sign up:

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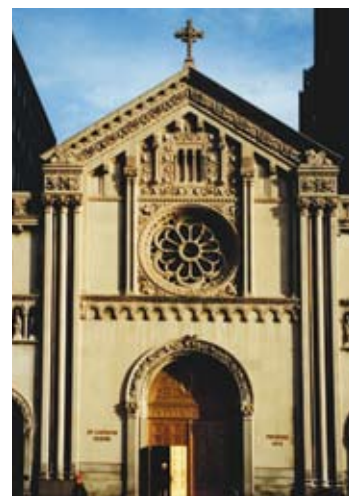


Historic Houses of Worship Tours

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

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



May 3

St. Francis D'Assisi
 St. Hedwig
 Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Cathedral
 Messiah
 St. Gabriel

June 7

Grosse Ile Tour
 Leaves at 9:30 a.m.
 Sacred Heart – Ste. Anne Chapel
 St. James Episcopal Church
 St. Joseph
 St. Francis Xavier

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY FILM SERIES SPRING 2010

The Detroit Historical Society Films Series screens films that cover a range of Detroit history subjects. Documentaries, screenplays and television provide members and visitors with perspectives on Detroit's evolution through the years.

Films 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 10 & 11

Hudson Motor Car Company

Running time: 31 minutes

Produced for the 100th anniversary of the Hudson Motor Car Company, this film documents the changes that competition, the Great Depression and World War II brought for this automobile producer, of which J.L. Hudson was the primary backer.

May 8 & 9

Radio Priest

Running time: 24 minutes

Highlighting the rise and decline of Father Charles Coughlin and the nation's changing attitudes toward him throughout his career, this film explores several decades of his influence. Learn about the building of his controversial radio empire, the expansion of the Shrine of the Little Flower and the reason for a new post office in the city during the height of his tenure.

June 12 & 13

Come Unto Me: The Faces of Tyree Guyton

Running time: 30 minutes

Before exploring the project itself through our *Behind the Scenes* Tour (see page 6), take an afternoon to get to know the artist, Tyree Guyton, and his struggles in continuing to present The Heidelberg Project to Detroit and the world.

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

- 1 Fill out and send the form on page 11 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. Advance registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Wed., April 14 • 6 p.m.

Featured authors – Deborah J. Larsen and Lt. Col. Louis J. Nigro, *Selfridge Field* (Detroit Historical Museum)



Named in honor of Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, the first fatality of powered flight, Selfridge Field has recorded many aviation milestones since its founding in 1917. As home of the famed First Pursuit Group, the airfield witnessed the feats of such notables as Charles Lindbergh, Jimmy Doolittle and Curtis LeMay. Scores of young aviators passing through Selfridge's gates later achieved the rank of general officer, earning the base the nickname "Home of the Generals."

Join the authors as they discuss the history of the base and role it played in the development of American airpower, from crude biplanes to the supersonic F-16 fighter.

Wed., May 12 • 6 p.m.

Featured author – Jeremy Williams, *Detroit: The Black Bottom Community* (Detroit Historical Museum)

Between 1914 and 1951, Black Bottom emerged from the need for black migrants to find a place for themselves. Because of the discrimination in housing, blacks migrating from the South seeking employment in Detroit's burgeoning industrial metropolis were forced to live in this former European immigrant community.

From World War I through World War II, Black Bottom became a social, cultural, and economic center of both struggle and triumph, as well as a testament to the tradition of black self-help and community-building strategies. Come learn about how residents met the challenges they faced and in so doing turned Black Bottom into a strong and viable community.

Wed., June 9 • 6 p.m.

Featured author – Michael W. R. Davis, *Detroit Area Test Tracks* (Detroit Historical Museum)



In 1924 General Motors started building the industry's first scientific proving ground to test new vehicle designs before they were released for production and sale. Before this, automakers tested new cars haphazardly on public roads and within limited engineering laboratories. Better known by the public as test tracks, the proving grounds became a source of curiosity for decades about the secrets they might hold. Join the author as he takes us behind the test track walls to show how the facilities evolved and learn what actually takes place inside.

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 \$20 for Guests. Advance registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Thur., April 29 • 6 p.m.

Featured scholar – Dr. John Telford, *A Life on the RUN* (Detroit Historical Museum)

Dr. Telford is the only retired executive educator in America who dared and cared enough to return to an inner-city high school to teach — and was still doing so in his seventies. An amateur boxer raised in the tough near-west side of Detroit and incarcerated as a teen, he was expelled from one city high school for fighting but rose to become a world-ranked sprinter, lead suburban school districts, and direct programs working to reform street gangs and rehabilitate parolees. Come hear his powerful story.

Tues., May 4 • 6 p.m.

Featured scholars – Greg Moss & Utz Schmidt, *Detroit Changed Grocery Shopping* (Detroit Historical Museum)

The grocery trade changed tremendously over the last 120 years with Detroit playing a leading role. With the slogan "Guard your Profits and Protect your Customer" in the early 1900s, inventors, entrepreneurs, and financiers found new ways to solve the everyday problems of grocers and their customers using cutting-edge food equipment. You will learn about people such as Stimpson, Barnes, Caille, Osborn and others; about their products; and even the "Crusade for Honest Weight" and its impact on legislation across the country.



Curator Chats

The Detroit Historical Society Curator Chats invite 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 \$20 for Guests. Advance registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Wed., June 16 • 6 p.m.

Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors (Dossin Great Lakes Museum)

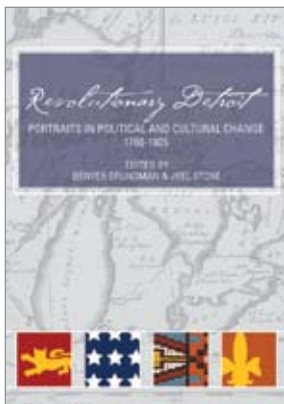


Join us as Detroit Historical Society Curator Joel Stone transports us into the lives of Great Lakes sailors and highlights their

changing duties on freighters throughout history. Also experience the exhibit that celebrates 50 years of maritime history at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. Learn from this enthusiastic maritime historian about various personal recollections involved in bringing these exhibits to life.

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.

Michigan in Perspective: The 52nd Annual Conference on Local History



Friday and Saturday, March 19–20 • The Dearborn Inn

Presented by the Historical Society of Michigan, in conjunction with the Detroit Historical Society, this annual conference includes premier offerings on topics in Michigan and regional history.

Highlights include a session on the 50th Anniversary of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, featuring Detroit Historical Society trustee Doug Dossin and Curator Joel Stone, and a session on the production and key findings of the Society's recently published book collaboration with Wayne State University — *Revolutionary Detroit*.

Michigan Public Radio's Jack Lessenberry will deliver the breakfast keynote — "The Elections of 2010: Michigan's Most Important in a Century" — on Sat., March 20.

For complete conference information and registration — including all featured speakers and sessions — please visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.

Attention bargain hunters!

Antique and bargain hunters will find collectibles, contemporary treasures and a variety of arts and crafts at the 27th annual Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market, taking place Saturday, April 10th and Sunday, April 11th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Historic Fort Wayne, located at 6325 W. Jefferson (*at the foot of Livernois*).

Returning by popular demand, tours of the Historic Fort Wayne complex will be offered each day. The guided tours will include the Star Fort built in the 1840s, the Commanding Officer's House, the Spanish-American War Guard House and the National Museum of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Secured parking is \$5 per vehicle, admission is free for the flea market, and the tours are priced at \$3 per person. Refreshments and baked goods will also be for sale.

Proceeds from the Flea Market and tours will benefit the work of the Detroit Historical Society Guild, while parking proceeds will be used by the City of Detroit Recreation Department to assist with future Historic Fort Wayne programs.

Vendors can purchase tables for only \$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.



Etiquette Tea Party Detroit Historical Society Guild

The Detroit Historical Society Guild is excited to once again present its "Etiquette Tea Party" for children ages 6 to 14 and their adult companion, on Sunday, May 16, 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 as the chance to win several exciting door prizes. Admission is \$15 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.



Families can look forward to another entertaining Tea Party thanks to the Detroit Historical Society Guild.

Looking Inside: Tour Detroit churches that were once synagogues

As part of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan's 50th anniversary celebration, a special tour of four historic houses of worship that were formerly synagogues is being offered on Thursday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour will focus on how Jewish and Christian symbols and art have been blended to honor both religious traditions as exemplified in each of the venue's interiors.

The visit will include tours of historic Temple Beth El (now owned by Little Rock Baptist Church), Shaarey Zedek (now the Clinton Street Greater Bethlehem Temple), B'nai David (currently the New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church) and B'nai Moshe (now St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church).

The cost is \$32 for Jewish Historical Society and Detroit Historical Society members. Guest reservations are \$40. Deadline for reservations is April 10. Lunch is included.

Please contact the Jewish Historical Society directly at (248) 432-5517 to reserve your spot today!

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What do you give someone who has everything?

A Detroit Historical Society Membership of course! Take advantage of our special Gift Memberships for every occasion.

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As an added incentive, each new member will receive either a distinctive Detroit Historical Society coffee mug or a fascinating 2010 *Days of Detroit* Calendar as our way of saying thanks. (But hurry, this offer expires March 31, 2010!)

Save on gas — skip the crowded malls and shop from home!

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Discover Detroit's Hidden Treasures

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Sat., Apr. 10	10 a.m.	Detroit Opera House	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Apr. 17	2 p.m.	Masonic Temple	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., Apr. 24	11 a.m.	St. Sabbas Monastery	\$40 Members	\$50 Guests		
Sat., May 1	11 a.m.	Packard Proving Grounds	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Fri., May 7	1 p.m.	The Whitney	\$25 Members	\$35 Guests		
Sat., May 15	11 a.m.	<i>Detroit Free Press</i> Fort Street Newsroom	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., May 22	11 a.m.	Palmer Woods Walking Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., June 5	11 a.m.	Historic Fort Wayne Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., June 12	11 a.m.	Woodmere Cemetery	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., June 19	11 a.m.	Boston Edison Walking Tour	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Tues., June 22	1 p.m.	Cranbrook House & Gardens	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		
Sat., June 26	10 a.m.	Heidelberg Project	\$20 Members	\$30 Guests		

Historic Houses of Worship

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Mon., May 3	10 a.m.		\$30 Members	\$40 Guests		
Mon., June 7	9:30 a.m.		\$30 Members	\$40 Guests		

Author Series/Curator Chats/Scholar Series Registration

Wed., Apr. 14	6 p.m.	Author Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		
Thurs., Apr. 29	6 p.m.	Scholar Series	FREE Members	\$20 Guests		
Tues., May 4	6 p.m.	Scholar Series	FREE Members	\$20 Guests		
Wed., May 12	6 p.m.	Author Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		
Wed., June 9	6 p.m.	Author Series	FREE Members	\$10 Guests		
Wed., June 16	6 p.m.	Curator Chat	FREE Members	\$20 Guests		

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Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit's Legacy of Leadership

Now open • Booth-Wilkinson Gallery

What makes a leader? Are there certain qualities or characteristics that define leadership? Are leaders a product of their times or would they have risen to such status regardless of when they lived? Moreover, why do some think of a particular leader as "hero" and 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



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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.

The individuals featured are: Antoine Cadillac, Lewis Cass, Ty Cobb, Fr. Charles Coughlin, Henry Ford, Ernest Goodman, Martha Griffiths, Jimmy Hoffa, Orville Hubbard, Nancy Ann Martin, Irene McCabe, Chief Pontiac, Walter Reuther, Ossian Sweet, Augustus Woodward and Coleman Young.



The Cougar II

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Come see the car that everyone is talking about — the Cougar II, featured in the Automotive Showplace!

The fastback two-door red coupe is the only car of its kind and was built in 1963 as a prototype by Ford Motor Company. Designed by Eugene Bordinat, it's powered by a V-8 engine and equipped with a 4-speed manual transmission and was designed to compete with the popular Chevrolet Corvette.

Can you imagine taking this car for a cruise down Woodward? Don't miss this legendary vehicle.



Detroit Trivia

Now open
Second Floor Corridor Gallery

For those who think they know Detroit history — and those who don't — this exhibit is an enjoyable challenge. With more than 300 years of fun facts to choose from, *Detroit Trivia* is a great opportunity for visitors to interact with our collective past at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Questions are divided into four categories based on their degree of difficulty. Historic images accompany the questions, enhancing the exhibit for audiences of all ages.

For example, do you know the three previous names for Tiger Stadium? Or the original location of the Detroit Zoo? Or even who was the first woman elected to the Detroit City Council — and in what year?

While you're here, be sure to stop by the Museum Store and purchase the "Play Detroit Trivia" card game. Not only does it feature answers to the questions above, but hundreds more as well!



VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed

Now open
Stark Hall

While other towns can claim to race cars or boats or planes, Detroit's unique geography has enabled us to have been involved in all of these at their inception.

Need proof? The American Power Boat Association Challenge (APBA Gold) Cup, first run in 1904, is the oldest trophy in motor sport racing. Last year, the Red Bull Air Races brought high-flying competition back to Detroit, the type of national spectacle that began here in 1922. Annually, the Detroit Free Press Marathon offers thousands of runners our nation's only international venue.



Our newest exhibit, *VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed*, is devoted to our appetite for fast competitions. More than just a history lesson, it helps capture the thrills experienced by contestants and fans alike. Exciting graphics, videos, stories, and interactive displays allow visitors to explore the nature of various sports. Historical artifacts, modern machines and the nature of competitive-racing advertising enhance the exhibit's appeal.

It's guaranteed to feed your need for speed!

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Fabulous 5

Fabulous 5: Detroit's

Beloved Sports Coaches

Opens March 13 • Kresge Gallery

If you're among those who love our hometown sports teams, then you won't want to miss our upcoming exhibit, *Fabulous 5: Detroit's Beloved Sports Coaches*.

The first coach featured is George "Sparky" Anderson who managed the Detroit Tigers for 16 seasons, winning the World Series in 1984. Next is William "Scotty" Bowman, the most successful coach in National Hockey League history, who led the Detroit Red Wings to three Stanley Cup Championships between 1993 and 2002.

From the pro basketball ranks, the exhibit includes Chuck Daly, who spent 14 seasons with the Detroit Pistons, guiding his "Bad Boys" to back-to-back National Basketball Association championships in 1989 and 1990.



Local legend Will Robinson, an icon in Detroit Public School League basketball (first at Miller High School and then at Pershing High School) who led his team to a state title in 1967 and later became the first black coach at a NCAA Division I school, is another of the coaches featured.

Rounding out the "Fab 5" is Dick Vitale, who in 1973 became the head coach of the University of Detroit basketball team, reaching the NCAA Tournament in 1977. He later coached the Detroit Pistons for one season and today, is much revered for his flamboyant style as a TV announcer.

To be certain, each individual highlighted is truly a larger-than-life personality. During their respective careers, they drew praise as well as criticism. But regardless of how the teams they led fared each season, their skills as coaches, teachers and community leaders guaranteed them a place in our hearts.

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Detroit Artist's Showcase

Opens March 13

Level Two

The Detroit Historical Society proudly dedicates a showcase at the Detroit Historical Museum that displays some of the most treasured artistic creations in its collection. As such, the next installment features several pieces from renowned artist John Gelsavage (1909–1988), a painter and illustrator who spent his career capturing the world of America's working people.

Gelsavage produced works for Detroit newspapers, advertising firms, and numerous retailers and manufacturers. Like many of his contemporaries, he was a member of the Scarab Club, as well as the Michigan Academy of Arts and Letters, and gained national prominence for commissions he received from both the United Nations and the United Auto Workers.



New to the Collection

Opens March 13

Booth-Wilkinson Showcase

Throughout its history of preserving the objects that help tell the stories of our region, the Detroit Historical Society has counted on the generosity of donors across the country to enhance its collection of more than 200,000 artifacts.

Come see some of our newest acquisitions, including:

A "Detroit Masonic News" monthly newsletter of the Detroit Masonic Temple Association that includes a feature article on the cornerstone laying of the new Masonic Temple; a metal container for La Choy Chop Suey or Chow Mein from La Choy Food Products in Detroit; and a souvenir pincushion from Bob-Lo Island.

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Corktown Works!

Open through April 25

Irish immigrants settled on the western edge of Detroit in the 1840s and took the name Corktown from their point of embarkation in Ireland. They grew to be the largest ethnic group in Detroit, building homes, businesses — and a community. While most of the factories and many of the homes are gone, the community of Corktown still thrives!

Visit *Corktown Works!* and see how a diverse mix of urban farmers, working artists, entrepreneurs and others are making Detroit's oldest neighborhood one of its most inviting places to live and work.



Michigan Senior Olympics

Opens May 8

The Michigan Senior Olympics (MSO) was founded in 1979 as a member of the National Senior Games Association. The MSO initially channeled their efforts into the annual Summer Olympic Games with the first games hosted by the City of Pontiac at the Pontiac Silverdome. Later, the games traveled to various locations throughout Metro Detroit and beyond.

Participation in the games has grown to over 1,200 athletes and is expected to reach 1,500 this year! This exhibit will explore the history of the MSO and highlight the inspirational stories of the individuals who take part in this treasured Michigan tradition.

HALF OFF ADMISSION, EXTENDED HOURS DURING SPRING BREAK

Want to get away? How about traveling through more than 300 years of Detroit's history at the Detroit Historical Museum — at half the price?

Thanks to our extended Spring Break hours, you and your family can be a tourist without leaving town by visiting us any day of the week — Monday, April 5 through Sunday, April 11 — from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During that time, everyone will be admitted at 50% off the normal admission fee! Make your plans now!

Area companies sponsor "Salute to Coaches Weekends"

Thanks to the generosity of several local organizations, youth sports teams can experience the Detroit Historical Museum's newest exhibit, *Detroit's Beloved Sports Coaches*, for free on select days as part of the "Salute to Coaches Weekends."

This promotion offers organized youth sports teams (ages 17 and under) and their coaches the opportunity to see this exciting exhibit for FREE! All team members and coaches have to do is come on any of the weekends below wearing a visible demonstration of their youth team affiliation (cap, jersey, etc.) and they will receive free museum admission.

The first is the weekend of March 13–14 — opening weekend of the exhibit — courtesy of Ilitch Holdings.

On the weekend of April 17–18, the Japan Business Society is making this promotion possible.

Ilitch Holdings is again supporting the effort on May 22–23.

Then, the Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers is sponsoring the weekend of June 5–6.

Help spread the word to those you know and invite them to take advantage of this great opportunity!

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Spring into some great deals at our Museum Store

Looking for some great gifts? Then check out these great deals on tap at our Museum Store this spring!

Our limited edition Randall Higdon print of Campus Martius — matted and ready for framing — is now on sale for just \$24.99 (normally \$45!) while supplies last. This offset lithograph reproduction of the original watercolor painting has been personally approved, hand-signed and numbered by the artist. It is limited to 500 edition-size prints and 50 artist's proofs, which



are on sale at \$29.99 (normally \$50). Remember — the Detroit Historical Museum Store is the only place you can get these!

In celebration of Opening Day next month, ALL Tiger Stadium merchandise will be sold at 20% off the entire month of March. If you've been putting off acquiring that special keepsake from Tiger Stadium — including authentic seat backs — now is the time!

During our Egg-stravaganza event on Sun., March 27, all children's toys will be sold at 10% off.

In May, we're offering a special pre-Mother's Day sale the weekend of April 30–May 2. Get Mom her favorite Detroit flavor or snack — such as Faygo soda and Sanders candy — and save 20% off the regular price. We'll also be featuring all Pewabic Pottery tiles at 20% off as well!

Sale prices are available in-store only. Make your plans now and take advantage of the savings! Don't forget — Detroit Historical Society members receive an additional 10 percent off everything in our Museum stores as part of their many benefits!



Our memories... our stories... our history

Your support counts!

For almost 90 years, the Detroit Historical Society has told our community's stories through thought-provoking exhibits and programs at the Detroit Historical Museum and unique stories of our Great Lakes heritage at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. Every gift that the Society receives in support of its mission is what makes this all possible.

Help us continue to preserve our rich, shared history for current and future generations with a generous gift to the 2009–2010 Annual Fund. If you've already made a gift to the Society's 2009–10 Annual Fund, we want to thank you. Please consider making an additional gift to help us continue our important work.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a response envelope for your convenience to make a gift to the Society and show your support. Remember — all gifts are completely tax-deductible.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Exclusive Detroit Historical Society Exhibit Preview



As a thank you for your continued support, the Society is inviting all members to an exclusive Exhibit Preview Reception! On Friday, March 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., be among the first to experience the newest exhibits at the Detroit Historical Museum — before they open to the public!

Featured exhibits include *Fabulous 5: Detroit's Beloved Sports Coaches, New to the Collection, and the Detroit Artist's Showcase*. (See page 13 for details on the exhibits.)

If you're not a member and would like to attend, please contact our membership department at (313) 833-1980.

Make history come alive for children in our community!

Since its inception in 2003, the Detroit Historical Society's 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 field trips to the Detroit Historical Museum or Dossin Great Lakes Museum. But the need is growing and the Society is asking for your help.

Through the Adopt-a-Class program, the Society offers students the opportunity to experience a 90-minute tour, led by a trained docent, that helps meet the state mandated social studies curriculum guidelines.

For the majority of these children, this is the only opportunity they will have to visit a museum and be exposed to a cultural institution. This unique and interactive learning experience cannot be duplicated in a classroom setting. This type of hands-on-learning

is harder for schools to afford given the current economic climate.

In addition, the program provides funds for transportation to and from the Museums. The cost of this 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. All donors to this program are recognized in the Society's Annual Report.

Below is a form you may use to contribute to the Adopt-a-Class program. You may also contribute by calling Sandy Schuster at (313) 833-5527.



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Adults	\$6
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Call (313) 833-1805 ext. 3 to schedule a group tour.

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Admission

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

Groups

Call (313) 833-5538 ext. 3 to schedule a group outing.



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