Letter from the Executive Director
Bob Bury

When history makes history

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

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

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

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

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

July 20, 2011…

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bury
Executive Director & CEO
Detroit Historical Society
Society’s Past>Forward Campaign public launch is set!

Exciting activities planned featuring free admission at Detroit Historical Museum

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

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

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

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

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

310th birthday celebration at Detroit Historical Museum

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

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

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

Seven Days, Seven Stories

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

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

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

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

A complete list of activities will be featured on the Detroit Historical Society web site beginning July 1.
VeloCity: Detroit’s Need for Speed

Metro Detroiters have always been ready to say “I’ll race you!” From early Native American foot races to French horse races — right up to the recent Red Bull Air Races — we’ve always found the thrill of a race irresistible. No matter the century, no matter the season, the challenge has been met!

VeloCity: Detroit’s Need for Speed is an exhibit devoted to our appetite for fast competitions. While other towns can claim to race cars or boats or planes, Detroit’s unique geography has enabled us to have been involved in all of these at their inception.

This exhibit is more than just a history lesson. After all, racing is about thrills — for contestants and fans alike. Exciting graphics, videos and stories allow visitors to explore the nature of various sports and enhance the exhibit’s appeal.

It’s guaranteed to feed your need for speed!

Scripps-Booth “DaVinci Pup” Cyclecar

A short-lived trend in the early days of “motoring,” cycle cars were designed to be small, sporty and particularly fast. The company produced about 400 vehicles before the fad passed.

This “DaVinci Pup” is one of four Scripps-Booth vehicles in the Detroit Historical Society Collection and is yet another one-of-a-kind example that we’re proud to display. Constructed on a wood frame, the boat-tailed aluminum body weighs 1,250 pounds and is powered by an all-aluminum 16-valve, 4-cylinder engine. Two rubber belts turn the wheels, propelling this car at over 90 mph.

While its value is indeed priceless, consider this: it was built at a cost of $30,000! Don’t miss this unique piece of automotive history.

Jerome Biederman Exhibition

The Detroit Historical Society proudly dedicates a space at the Detroit Historical Museum to display some of the most treasured artistic creations in its collection. As such, this installment features several pieces from renowned artist Jerome Biederman.

Biederman was a nationally recognized transportation illustrator. Whether his subject was an automobile, aircraft or train, his renderings were technically accurate and highly detailed. His medium of choice was tempura paint and illustration board.

He chose to specialize in transportation and built a reputation for colorful and lifelike paintings. For many years, his steadiest commissions came from calendar companies. He also did special projects and his work appeared regularly in Automobile Quarterly and Horseless Carriage Gazette magazines.

Following his death in 1996, friends gathered his original paintings and began donating them to organizations with historic ties to the various transportation modes pictured. The Society’s Collection has received 28 of Biederman’s automobile images, courtesy of Kenneth Cahn.

Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings

“I do.” Brides and grooms have been uttering these words in one way or another — and in one language or another — for a long time in metro Detroit as part of the colorful pageantry that celebrates hopeful futures as well as the uniting of families, neighbors and communities. But weddings can be much more than that. They can be solemn ceremonies that reflect centuries of cultural and ethnic traditions, with rituals that span generations.

This exhibition, Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings, highlights three centuries of these personal stories and community rituals as it examines the traditions surrounding marriage and weddings.

 Portions of the Detroit Historical Society’s collection of wedding gowns and accessories are highlighted in this exhibit. The Society has also established partnerships with a host of ethnic and community groups from throughout the region as a means of ensuring diverse representation of traditional costumes, ceremonial artifacts and stories.

Be sure to put this on your “must see” list and discover the rich, diverse ways metro Detroit has been saying “I do” for more than 300 years!
The Fabulous 5 exhibits highlight outstanding things about metro Detroit. Occasionally, these wonderful elements of local culture are places. Detroit Destinations is a salute to five such places. Some are historic sites with a long history of visitors while others are more recent and have more of a “cult” following.

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Behind the Scenes Tours
$20 Detroit Historical Society members • $30 Guests (unless otherwise noted)

Advance reservations required. Tour registrants receive directions to the tour location, a map and additional information 1–2 weeks after payment is received. On average, tours last from 90 minutes to two hours. No refunds or tour credits will be given. You may choose from three options to sign-up:

1. Fill out and send the form on page 11
2. Register online at www.detroithistorical.org
3. Call (313) 833-1801 to register by phone

July 2 • NO TOUR – Holiday weekend

Dearborn Country Club
July 9 – 10 a.m.
$35 members/$45 guests
Includes brunch!

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

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

Penobscot Building
July 16 – 10 a.m.
$20 members/
$30 guests

In October 1928, the 47-story Penobscot Building joined the Buhl and Ford Buildings — as well as the Guardian Building — to form what is now affectionately referred to as “Detroit’s Wall Street” of skyscrapers.

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

Hecker-Smiley Mansion
July 23 – 10 a.m.
$20 members/
$30 guests
Back by popular demand!

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

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

Birmingham Unitarian Church
July 30 – 10 a.m.
$20 members/$30 guests

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

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

Elmwood Cemetery Walking Tour
August 6 – 10 a.m.
$20 members/
$30 guests

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

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

New Center Walking Tour
August 13 – 10 a.m.
$20 members/
$30 guests

New Center is home to a wonderful collection of Albert Kahn buildings, including the landmark Fisher Building, Cadillac Place (formerly General Motors Building), and the Albert Kahn Building (formerly New Center Building).

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

Collections Resource Center
August 18 – 10 a.m.
Special Thursday Tour!
$20 members/$30 guests

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

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

Bayview Yacht Club
August 27 – 10 a.m.
$30 members/$40 guests
Includes lunch!

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

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

Hamtramck Walking Tour
September 10 – 10 a.m.
$20 members/
$30 guests

Dating to 1796 when Colonel Jean Francois Hamtramck took possession of Detroit after British troops evacuated, Hamtramck was originally settled by German farmers. Polish immigrants flooded into the area when the Dodge Brothers plant opened in 1914.

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

September 3 • NO TOUR—Holiday weekend
Corktown Walking Tour
September 17 – 10 a.m.
$20 members/$30 guests
Corktown, Detroit’s oldest neighborhood, is located just west of Downtown. This historic neighborhood was first settled in 1834 by Irish immigrants from County Cork. Stretching from First Street west to Sixteenth Street, Grand River Avenue south to the Detroit River, Corktown was a neighborhood of working class immigrants. While many factors have changed the footprint of this community, it continues to be one of the city’s most vibrant neighborhoods.

Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center
September 23 – 10 a.m.
Special Friday tour!
$20 members/$30 guests
Built in 1895 by The Harmonie Musical Society, the Harmonie Club hosted four distinct floors: the first was for fine dining, the second for a ballroom, the third for theatre performances. The basement housed a rathskeller and bowling alley.

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

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

Cost is $40 for Detroit Historical Society members and $50 for guests. Your tour fee includes transportation with docent commentary, historical presentations at each tour stop, lunch, and donations back to each location.

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

All tours run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and both depart from and return to the Detroit Historical Museum (unless otherwise noted).

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

September 12
Windsor tour; departs Detroit Historical Museum at 9:30 a.m.
Assumption Church
All Saints’ Church
Bedford United Church
St. John’s Anglican Church & Cemetery

If you register for the Monday, September 12 tour, please note that we will be driving to Windsor, Ontario. You must have a current passport or enhanced driver’s license and a clean criminal record in order to travel into Canada with the Detroit Historical Society.

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

October 3
Pilgrim Church/I Am My Brother’s Keeper
Holy Cross Hungarian
Holy Redeemer
Bread of Life Lutheran Church
(formerly Bethlehem Lutheran)
St. Cunegunda Church
Detroit and Windsor: A Bootlegging Tour

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Admission to films is FREE with regular Museum admission.

### ABOUT THE FILMS

**The Hudson’s Building**
Running time: 42 min.

Since its closing in 1983 and demolition in 1998, the Hudson’s building has come to represent both Detroit’s historic past and its potential future. Like no other structure, it sat at the center of all plans concerning downtown development. Part nostalgia, part public affairs, “The Hudson’s Building” documentary from producer Gary Glaser illustrates the depth of feelings Metro Detroiters had — and continue to have — for the 106-year-old building.

**Detroit Mob Confidential**
Running time: 85 min.

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

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

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

**Regional Roots: The Birth and Evolution of Detroit and Its People**
Running time: 26 min.

Covering 300 years of history, “Regional Roots” uses the immigrant experience as an introduction to the diverse landscape of Detroit. From the earliest French and German settlers to today’s growing communities, immigrants continue to shape the region in pursuit of the American Dream. Come discover this fascinating story.

**Dom Polski: Dance Hall Days of Detroit’s Polonia – Producer’s Cut**
Running time: 90 min.

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

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

In addition, the producer will be on-hand to sell copies of the DVD after each screening.
Looking for a great place to hold your next event?

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

As a special thanks for being a Detroit Historical Society member, we’re offering you 20 percent off the cost of your next rental at either the Detroit Historical Museum or Dossin Great Lakes Museum. **Simply book your event by September 30, 2011 to qualify for this offer.**

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

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

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

**The following options are available to enhance your event (additional charges may apply):**
- Tour guides to lead your guests through the Museum
- Theme décor and entertainment
- Valet parking
- Audio-visual capabilities

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

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

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Attention members!

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

Check out these “HOT” deals

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

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

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

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Make checks payable to: Detroit Historical Society

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### Behind the Scenes Tours

**$20 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • $30 GUESTS (UNLESS NOTED)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Societies partner on motor coach tour of Belle Isle

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

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

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

Black Historic Sites Committee anniversary celebration!

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

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

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

Tickets are $30 for Detroit Historical Society/Black Historic Sites Committee members; $40 guests. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org
MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY SUPPORTING THE ADOPT-A-CLASS PROGRAM!

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

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

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

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

Your gift can make a difference!

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

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

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

$400 ___ $200 ___ $100___ $75___ $50___ $25___ Other ___

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

Donor Name (As it should appear in official publications) ____________________________

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Give the gift that keeps on giving all year long!

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

Each gift membership provides one year of free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, invitations to special members-only events, a subscription to the Making History newsletter and more!

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

INTRODUCE A FRIEND AND RECEIVE A FREE GIFT!

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

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

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MAIL TO: Attn: Elizabeth Mazur, Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: call Elizabeth Mazur at (313) 833-7938, email elizabethm@detroithistorical.org or visit www.detroithistorical.org.
Help Us Keep Detroit’s History Alive

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

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

If you’ve already made a gift to the 2010–11 Annual Fund, we want to thank you. If you have not made a gift, please consider doing so today. Your support will help the Society continue its important work.

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

Thank you in advance for your support.

Adopt-an-Artifact today!

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

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

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

- A Ty Cobb autographed 1925 baseball
- A “United We Win” WWII propaganda poster
- Detroit Tiger Charlie Bennett’s catcher’s mitt
- The Marshall Fredericks Bronze Mouse from Eastland Shopping Center
- A store directory for the downtown J. L. Hudson’s department store; and
- A Century Box filled with letters written in 1900.

Visit www.detroithistorical.org to adopt your artifact online or visit us at the Detroit Historical Museum to complete your adoption in person.

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

Remember, adoptions also make great gifts!

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

Among the items you can adopt are those from the time capsule created as part of Detroit’s bicentennial celebration in 1901. Thinking ahead to the tricentennial birthday in 2001, then Detroit Mayor Maybury ordered a time capsule be created to greet the future. Instructions were left that the box was to be opened on New Year’s of the 300th birthday year — which it was, revealing these fascinating artifacts!
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.