Letter from the Executive Director
Bob Bury

For many, the holiday season and the start of a new year is a time for reflection and planning. We cherish the good memories of days gone by and try to forget those that were less pleasant. Most importantly, we look forward to the future with optimism and anticipation of what lies ahead.

Though many in Michigan may take little comfort in assurances that the recession is over and a return to prosperity is just around the corner, the arrival of 2010 clearly signals a new beginning.

At the Detroit Historical Society, we’re excited about 2010 and beyond, for our organization and for people like you who value and support our work.

Over the past several weeks, many of you have accepted our invitation to learn about PAST>FORWARD, our $21 million comprehensive campaign to enhance, improve and expand the impact of our efforts to educate and inspire our community.

This five-year effort includes the major enhancement and refocusing of our core permanent exhibits at the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum. At the Detroit Historical Museum, we will also add three new exhibits on topics such as Detroit’s role as the arsenal of democracy during World War II, our region’s unmatched legacy of innovation and Detroit’s remarkably diverse culture. At the Dossin, we will take an in-depth look at Detroit and the Great Lakes in a brand new interactive gallery.

Additionally, long-time favorites including the Streets of Old Detroit, Motor City, Doorway to Freedom, Glancy Trains and William Clay Ford Pilot House will be updated and refreshed. The comprehensive campaign also supports ongoing museum operations, additional professional curatorial and education staff, collections digitization and expanded outreach initiatives. Stay tuned for additional information about the PAST>FORWARD campaign or feel free to contact me personally to learn more.

Our future is both bright and ambitious. Our campaign, along with the full schedule of exhibits, programs and other activities detailed in this newsletter, promises to make 2010 a pivotal year for the Society. Thank you for being part of it and for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bury
Executive Director & CEO
Detroit Historical Society

P.S. The new year also brings several new members to the Society’s Board of Trustees. A special welcome and expression of thanks to these individuals, listed on the left side of this page, who volunteer their time, talent and treasure to help guide and support our work.
Memories... stories... history
Your support counts! Help the Society with a year-end gift!

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 maritime 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 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!

Free admission, extended hours during holidays — our way of saying ‘thanks’

As a special “thank you” to the community for its support during these challenging economic times, the Detroit Historical Society is offering free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum this holiday season, as well as extended visitor hours.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day from December 26 through January 3 (except New Year’s Day).

Take a break from the hustle and bustle! Bring the entire family and experience a fun-filled, relaxing day — on us!

(NOTE: The Detroit Historical Museum will be closed on December 24 and December 25 in observance of the Christmas Holiday as well as on January 1, 2010.)

Society celebrates Black History Month

On Saturday, February 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Detroit Historical Society will celebrate Black History Month by hosting “African American History Day” at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Offering FREE ADMISSION for all — thanks to the generosity of Target — “African American History Day” highlights the rich history and culture of the African American community in the region.

This year’s celebration features a number of historical presentations as well as an expanded vendor and artists market. Jean Alicia Elster — celebrated author of Who’s Jim Hines? — will also be making a special appearance. There will be plenty of entertainment and a caricature artist, too!

Refreshments will be available for sale. Make your plans now!

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Masco sponsors Dossin Great Lakes Museum 50th anniversary, free admission

Great news! Masco Corporation Foundation will be the Presenting Sponsor for the Dossin Great Lakes Museum’s 50th Anniversary Celebration beginning in 2010.

The Dossin will be celebrating 50 years of providing the metro Detroit community with exhibits and programs that celebrate the stories and history of the Great Lakes and the Detroit River. These stories have played an important and vital role in the development of Detroit and the region. The Society is planning a number of exciting and educational maritime-themed programs and events that will provide the community with different opportunities to visit the Museum, participate in the anniversary celebration and learn more about our great maritime heritage.

In addition, Masco will sponsor free admission to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum for 2010, enabling the entire metro Detroit community to enjoy the Museum at no cost.

Please visit our website at www.detroithistorical.org for more information on planned events.

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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.

Community Partner

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

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!

The Cougar II

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? Make your plans now to see this legendary vehicle.

Fabulous 5: Detroit’s Snack Food Superstars

Fabulous 5: Detroit’s Snack Food Superstars takes a tasteful look at the local companies that make some of Detroit’s most beloved treats. Each has become a household name, and their culinary concoctions have created delectable memories for many generations.

The superstars featured are: Better Made Snack Food Company, Germack Pistachio Company, Sanders Confectionery, Stroh’s Products and Vernor’s Ginger Ale.

(Editors note: Don’t worry... if seeing the exhibit makes you a little hungry, our Museum store features many of the delicious products these companies produce!)

Detroit Trivia

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 and unique artifacts accompany the questions, enhancing the exhibit for audiences of all ages.

For example, do you know the three previous names for Tiger Stadium? Or who was 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

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Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit’s Legacy of Leadership

Now open • Booth-Wilkinson Gallery

Come see one of our most provocative exhibits, Hero or Villain? Metro Detroit’s Legacy of Leadership!

At a time when the qualities and characteristics that define leadership are at the forefront both in our community and nationwide, this exhibit focuses on the lives of a wide range of community leaders who provoked passionate opinions throughout our history.

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.

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

The five coaches featured are: George “Sparky” Anderson who managed the Detroit Tigers for 16 seasons, winning the World Series in 1984; 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; 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; Will Robinson, a legend 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 head coach at a NCAA Division I school; and Dick Vitale, hired in 1973 as head coach of the University of Detroit basketball team, reaching the NCAA Tournament that same year, coaching the Detroit Pistons for one season, and who, today, is much revered for his flamboyant style as a TV analyst.

To be certain, each individual featured 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.

The Detroit Historical Society proudly dedicates a showcase at the Detroit Historical Museum to display some of the most treasured artistic creations in its collection. The next installment features several pieces from renowned artist John Gelsavage (1909–1988).

Gelsavage gained national prominence for commissions he received from both the United Nations and the United Auto Workers. His compassion for the working class is reflected in many of his paintings.

In 1967, as much of old Detroit was being razed in the spirit of urban renewal, Mr. Gelsavage devoted a year to capturing endangered neighborhoods. The paintings in this exhibit reflect that work.

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.

Long after memories fade and perspectives change, these objects remain to document our past and contribute to a broader understanding of the individuals, places and events that helped shape our shared history.

Come see some of our newest acquisitions, including: a “Detroit Masonic News” monthly newsletter of the Detroit Masonic Temple Association that includes articles on lodge news and 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.

The University of Detroit Mercy and the Macomb County Historical Society & Crocker House Museum are proud to present the fascinating history of the Mount Clemens bath era.

Mount Clemens was known as the great health and pleasure resort of Michigan. People from all over the world came to Mount Clemens for the healing powers of its mineral baths. Numerous visitors were reported to arrive in Bath City on crutches or in wheel chairs and, after a typical bath and massage regiment of 21 days, left dancing!

The mineral bath industry spurred more growth in the community that gave way to other forms of commercial enterprise. Come learn about the fascinating history of Bath City USA.

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.
BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

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

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:

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

Theodore Levin U.S. District Courthouse
January 7 • 10 a.m.
$20 members / $30 non-members
Step into the courthouse for something other than jury duty! The tour features an introduction to the 1930s architecture and various sculptures, including work from Corrado Parducci, inside the courthouse. Don’t miss the Million Dollar Courtroom, introduction to the 1930s architecture and many of Detroit’s most prominent families.

John King Used & Rare Books
January 9 • 11 a.m.
$20 members / $30 non-members
Journey into a book-lover’s dream! The friendly staff at this unique treasure trove will guide you through not only the public areas of this enormous book store, but also the Rare Books Room in the Art Annex.

The Hecker-Smiley Mansion
January 16 • 11 a.m.
$20 members / $30 non-members
This tour received such great reviews last time that we simply had to bring it back! Join owner J. Douglas Peters as we explore this beautiful mansion that has housed many of Detroit’s most prominent families and businesses for more than 115 years.

GM Renaissance Center
January 23 • 11 a.m.
$20 members
$30 non-members
Includes lunch!
Your tour of the “RenCen” will feature the proud history that General Motors shares with the city of Detroit and point out various unique highlights within the 5.5 million square foot center that is so large, it actually has its own zip code!

Islamic Center of America
January 30 • 10 a.m.
$20 members
$30 non-members
Located in Dearborn, the Islamic Center of America is North America’s largest mosque and one of its oldest institutions. It has been serving the needs of Muslims in the greater Detroit area, as well as throughout the country, since its opening in 1963.

February 6 NO TOUR (African American History Day Event — see page 3)

Underground Railroad
Living Museum
February 13 • 11 a.m.
$20 members / $30 non-members
Be prepared for something different on this re-enactment tour! You’ll “experience” what slaves encountered on the Underground Railroad that operated between 1840 and 1863. You’ll hide from bounty hunters, cross the Ohio River, find refuge in a safe house, and head to “Midnight” before finding your way to freedom.

Conservation & Museum Services
February 27 • 11 a.m.
$20 members / $30 non-members
If you have ever wondered what it takes to preserve and restore artwork or artifacts, including some of the fabulous sculptures and paintings across metro Detroit, then this tour is for you! Conservator Kenneth Katz will take you inside his Detroit studio and demonstrate some of the techniques he and his staff use in their quest for restoring beauty.

Detroit Public Library
February 20 • 11 a.m.
$20 members
$30 non-members
The library has been a part of the city since the 1920s, but do you know about its grand architecture, fine art and special collections? Come learn more from Detroit Historical Society and Preservation Wayne member Kathleen Marcaccio!

Coleman A. Young International Airport
March 16 • 11 a.m.
$20 members / $30 non-members
Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about the history of what was Detroit’s primary airport through the 1940s. You’ll enjoy the architecture of the old art deco hangar, completed in 1939, as you tour the location that still handles hundreds of arrivals and departures each day.

U.S. Post Office, Fort Street
March 13 • 11 a.m.
$20 members / $30 non-members
If you’ve ever wondered how all that mail gets sorted, then join us on this tour for a truly behind-the-scenes look at both processing and regular operations at one of the largest post offices in the region.

National Shrine of the Little Flower
March 20 • 11 a.m.
$10 members / $20 non-members
Come experience one of our Historic Houses of Worship series favorites! Begun in 1925 as a suburban church, the Shrine is an architectural beauty. With many stories to share, this church — and the surrounding grounds — has become one of the area’s most popular destinations.

Fisher Building
March 6 • 11 a.m.
$20 members / $30 non-members
A nationally renowned landmark, the Fisher Building was built in one year and is a marvel of architecture! Come learn from noted area tour guide Ellen Howell as she discusses everything from the architect to the building materials to the Fisher Brothers as you stroll through a truly fantastic building!

GM Heritage Center
March 25 • 6 p.m.
*Special Thursday evening tour
$40 members / $50 non-members
The General Motors Heritage Center, which is not open to the public, serves as a showplace for the vehicles of the GM Heritage Collection as well as for the Heritage and Media Archive. The Center has approximately 200 vehicles on display, while the Archive houses 15,000 linear feet of shelving containing significant documents, manuals, brochures, and artifacts documenting GM’s rich history of innovation.

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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.

March 1, 2010
University of Detroit Mercy – Jesuit Chapel
The Historic Little Rock Baptist Church
St. John CME
St. Patrick’s Chapel of the Little Flower
Spirit of Hope

April 12, 2010
Ecumenical Theological Seminary
Holy Family
Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian
Church of the Messiah
St. Bonaventure Monastery

May 3, 2010
St. Francis D’Assisi
St. Hedwig
Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Cathedral
Messiah
St. Gabriel

June 7, 2010
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

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 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.

January 9 & 10
Catch the Wind: The Epic Story of the Wolverine Sports Club
Running time: 98 min.
This heartfelt account — released in 2008 — tells the story of the Wolverine Sports Club and Mike Walden, who guided many of the members to world-level competition with very few resources at his disposal.

Memories of camping on Belle Isle, preparation for the races, and the effort required to accomplish these many unbelievable feats are shared in this feel-good film.

February 13 & 14
The Rouge
Running time: 46 min.
From its early years as a model of integration to Ford’s use of force to crush organized labor, the Rouge Plant indelibly shaped the history of Detroit — and the world.

Early archival footage, rare photographs and interviews help tell this intriguing story of one of the most famous industrial workplaces ever.

March 13 & 14
Michigan & Trumbull: The History of Tiger Stadium
Running time: 66 min.
For over 100 years, Tiger Stadium was a place of magic, a place of hope and a place of community. The stadium grew and changed with the times, but one thing remained constant — the love affair five generations of fans shared for “The Corner” of Michigan and Trumbull.

Narrated by Ernie Harwell, come relive the magic once more!
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., January 13 • 6 p.m.
Featured authors – Keith Wunderlich, Vernor’s Ginger Ale and Greg Tasker, Sanders Confectionery
(Detroit Historical Museum)

In honor of the exhibit Detroit’s Snack Food Superstars, join us for an evening of sweet memories with the authors of Vernor’s Ginger Ale and Sanders Confectionery. (You may even get a free sample or two of these delectable treats!)

Wed., February 10 • 6 p.m.
Featured author – Elizabeth Clemens, The Works Progress Administration in Detroit
(Detroit Historical Museum)

During the Great Depression, a government agency was created that changed the lives of millions of Americans. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was more than a program that put the unemployed to work — it was a revolutionary concept that sought to impact people’s lives through the improvement of their surroundings as well as physical and intellectual progress.

Join the author as she discusses how the WPA built schools and libraries, provided clothing and shelter, and enriched the lives of Detroiters through literacy, health, and educational programs.

It also brought art, theater and music to the masses through groundbreaking cultural programs, helping to create the infrastructure that enabled Detroit to develop into the “Arsenal of Democracy” and eventually, into one of America’s greatest cities.

Wed., March 10 • 6 p.m.
Featured author – Armando Delicato, Detroit’s Corktown
(Detroit Historical Museum)

From Irish immigrants in the 1840s to urban pioneers of the 21st century, this community has beckoned those of adventurous spirit as well as those who have sought to escape poverty and oppression. While the city of Detroit has undergone tremendous change over the years, Corktown has never forgotten its solid working-class roots established by brave pioneers in the mid-19th century.

Today, it is a diverse and proud community of African Americans, Hispanics, working-class people of various national origins and a growing population of young urban pioneers.

Join the author as he discusses how it’s still the sentimental heart of the Irish American community of metropolitan Detroit, and how the Irish Plaza on Sixth Street honors the city’s Irish pioneers and their 600,000 descendents living in the region.

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. Advance registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

Tues., January 5 • 6 p.m.
A Short Stories Evening
(Detroit Historical Museum)

Come enjoy reflections on life in and around Detroit with Dorene O’Brien, author of Voices of the Lost and Found; Bill Harris, forthcoming author of Birth of a Notion; Or the Half Ain’t Never Been Told; and Michael Zadoorian, author of The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit. Each author will share select readings from their works in this twist on a classic Scholar Series evening.

Tues., March 23 • 6 p.m.
Featured scholar – Thomas Killon, Ph.D.
(Detroit Historical Museum)

Dr. Killon, archaeologist from Wayne State University, will discuss exciting details on the award-winning dig at the Workers Row House site in Corktown and share with us the significance of the artifacts uncovered in the process.

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.

Thurs., February 4 • 6 p.m.
(Detroit Historical Museum)

Tim McKay, executive director of Greater Corktown Development Corporation, a non-profit community development organization and owner of the Workers Row House in Corktown; Kathleen Mutch, historical researcher and project manager for the Workers Row House Museum and Visitors Center; and Ellen Thackeray, historian, will guide visitors through the research and design processes involved in creating Corktown Works!

Special Exhibit Preview

January 22, 2010 • 6 p.m.

Be among the first to experience the new exhibit Corktown Works! (featured on page 5) at the Detroit Historical Museum. Enjoy a special preview featuring live entertainment and refreshments while meeting with Corktown residents, artists and entrepreneurs.

For tickets, price information as well as how to RSVP for this event and the public opening directly following, please contact (313) 965-5853.
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.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**WINTER 2010**

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

**Friday and Saturday, March 19–20, 2010**

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.

Complete conference information — including featured speakers and sessions — will be available and registration will get under way beginning in January 2010.

For more information, please visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.

**Glancy Trains Show coming back to the Museum!**

Don’t miss the Glancy Trains Show, coming back Sunday, December 27 to the Detroit Historical Museum! Pick up what Santa didn’t get for you, as you browse through model trains, accessories, structures, switches and track.

Free repair advice and appraisals (for a fee of $3) for that old train in your attic will also be available. For more information or to buy tables for this year’s event, please call (313) 675-5484.

**Shop at Our Museum Store and Make Every Gift Count**

Exclusive, limited edition print among holiday sale items!

This holiday season, give a gift that gives back. Stop by our Museum Store and choose from an exciting variety of unique gifts that celebrate — and support — our region’s rich history!

We’re featuring a number of items at special holiday prices, including a limited edition Randall Higdon print of Campus Martius — matted and ready for framing — at 20 percent off the regular price (normally $45!). 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 — and the Detroit Historical Society Museum Store is the only place you can purchase one!

Got a friend or loved one that can’t make it home for the holidays? Shower them with the treats they remember by giving them one of our attractive holiday baskets filled with Sanders Chocolate, Faygo soda and more — all for just $14.99!

If you’re looking for a stocking stuffer, then pick up a decorative Detroit Historical Museum (or Dossin Great Lakes Museum) coffee mug filled with chocolate for just $11.99.

While you’re here, be sure to check out our selection of the popular Arcadia book titles, Pewabic ornaments, authentic Tiger Stadium memorabilia and more! Can’t make it in? Then shop online at www.detroithistorical.org! But hurry — the sale ends Wednesday, December 23.

**Discover Detroit’s Hidden Treasures**

**Saturday, May 15, 2010 • 5 p.m.**

If you missed it last year — or simply couldn’t explore it all in one evening — then save the date as we once again open the doors of our Collection Resource Center at Historic Fort Wayne, where over 200,000 artifacts are stored.

Once a year we open this facility to the public to view selected artifacts, mingle with other Society supporters and spend an enjoyable evening learning about our region’s history. Look for more information beginning in February both in the mail and on the Society website.

**Egg-Stravaganza:**

**A Celebration of Spring!**

**Saturday, March 27, 2010 • 10 a.m. – noon**

Back for its second year, this celebration encourages 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, enjoy the Spring Variety Show by Richard Paul, hear from a storyteller, learn about old-fashioned games and enjoy light refreshments.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Be sure to mark your calendars now for these two exciting, upcoming events!
A Gift for All Seasons... and All Reasons!

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. This is a great “back to school” gift or a unique gift for the holidays.

This unique gift not only supports the Detroit Historical Society but gives that special individual one year of free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, along with many other benefits based on the membership level.

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 January 31, 2010!)

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

Gift Memberships are available online at www.detroithistorical.org, through the order form below or by calling at (313) 833-1980.

Purchase a Gift Membership at the Individual level or higher and receive your choice of a museum logo mug (Detroit Historical Museum or Dossin Great Lakes Museum) or a Days of Detroit Calendar.

Check One:
- $40 Individual
- $50 Individual Plus
- $65 Family
- $150 Patron
- $300 Donor
- $500 Historian

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Signature Date

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5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI, 48202

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: call (313) 833-1980, or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

Wear Red... Save Green

If you’re looking for something unique to do this Valentine’s Day — and still want to give that special someone a box of chocolates to show them just how sweet you are — then the Detroit Historical Museum has just the thing.

On Sun., Feb 14th, anyone wearing red will be admitted for half-off the regular admission price. Red hat, red scarf, red shoes — even a red ribbon in your hair — if you Wear Red, you’ll Save Green.

While you’re here, visit our Museum Store featuring a wide variety of Sanders chocolates — all of which will be 20% off the regular price that day.

Society offers Student Appreciation Days

Be a tourist without ever leaving your hometown! Come travel through more than 300 years of Detroit’s history at the Detroit Historical Museum during Student Appreciation Days featuring a special two-for-one admission!

Beginning Mon., Feb. 15th and continuing through Sun., Feb. 21st, anyone purchasing a museum admission will receive a free museum admission of equal (or lesser) value.

What’s more, the Museum will open every day during that period from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Make your plans now and come spend a day with us.
**TOURS & SERIES REGISTRATION**

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**Behind the Scenes Tours**  
**$20 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS • $30 GUESTS (UNLESS NOTED)**

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**Historic Houses of Worship**  
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**Committed to the Deep: Exploring Underwater Treasures**

*Now Open*

**Great Lakes Gallery**

Shipwrecks have always been a part of Great Lakes history. LaSalle’s *Griffon*, 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 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. An educational element addresses 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**

*Now Open*

**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!

**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 *St. 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.
Maritime Symposium Scheduled

Maritime enthusiasts unite! This day-long symposium, scheduled for Sat., March 6, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, will give you the chance to meet and hear from various maritime authors, divers and historians. The keynote speaker will be Robert Schultz, author of *We Were Pirates*, who will discuss Detroit’s World War II submarine. Other scheduled guests are Joe Grimm and Patrick Livingston.

Lunch is included in the price of the symposium! Tickets are $20 for Detroit Historical Society members; $30 for guests. For tickets or more information, please call (313) 833-1801. Or visit our website beginning in February 2010 for updated program information.

Please note that due to limited seating, advance registration is recommended.

Help wanted!

Have you — or someone you know — ever worked on a Great Lakes freighter? If so, then the Society needs your help!

Our staff is looking for men and women who have sailed the lakes on a bulk carrier and would like to share their memories. Whatever position you — or they — held are of interest, from skipper to deck hand, engineer to cook. Simply send us a copy of your interesting tale…or two or three…and we may include it in an upcoming exhibit at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number, so we can follow up if necessary. Also indicate whether you have any photographs to share as well (but do not send photos at this time).

You can mail your memories to: Tracy Irwin, Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mi 48202. Or you can e-mail them to tracyi@detroithistorical.org. Submissions will be accepted through February 19, 2010.

Be a part of history!

Dossin Gala — Save the Date

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum Annual Gala is scheduled for Friday, April 30, 2010, beginning at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, the evening will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Dossin Museum and include a silent auction filled with maritime-related items, a strolling dinner, and casino-style games.

Guests will also have the chance to see two exciting new exhibits, *Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors* and a special exhibit dedicated to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum’s 50th Anniversary. These exhibits will open on April 24, 2010.

Mark your calendars now and make plans to join us for a fun-filled history-making night!

29th Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival on tap for Feb. 27

The Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club, in partnership with the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, presents the 29th Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival on Sat., Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Washtenaw Community College’s Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 East Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor.

Programs will feature exciting sessions on Great Lakes shipwrecks, as well as exhibits from the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and others.

Tickets are $15 in advance. Complete program and ticket details are available online at www.shipwreckfestival.org.

The Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club, established in 1957 as a member of the Ford Employees Recreation Association (FERA), is one of the most active dive clubs in Michigan. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enjoyment and advancement of the sport of scuba diving.

Society can help you with your research

Need a little “history help” with your research? Know someone working on a college thesis, a book or even a documentary? Enjoy reviewing historical information from a certain era?

If you answered yes to any of these, then you should know that the Detroit Historical Society offers opportunities for college students, researchers for scholarly publications, and nonprofit agencies to research metropolitan Detroit and maritime-related materials — or have materials researched on their behalf at our Collections Resource Center or Archives at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

The Society’s archives, artifacts, images — and even personal assistance — are available. Visit our website at www.detroithistorical.org for more information. Or contact the Curator of Collections at (313) 297-8391 to find out about scheduling an appointment.
The Detroit Historical Society’s newly published scholarly book entitled “Revolutionary Detroit: Portraits in Political and Cultural Change 1760–1805” is now available for purchase — just in time for the holidays!

Edited by Denver Brunsman, Professor of History at Wayne State University, and Joel Stone, Detroit Historical Society Curator, this book captures the remarkable story of Detroit’s role in the Revolutionary War through a series of essays that puts a human face on a fascinating and fiery period of Detroit’s past.

Many do not realize that Detroit served as an ideal “historical laboratory” for analyzing military actions, shifting alliances, and cultural interactions on the frontier during a particularly volatile time. Indeed Revolutionary Detroit witnessed murders, betrayals, hangings, shipwrecks, slavery, servitude, captive-taking, and more. Each essay provides a portrait into how an individual, family, or other group both responded to and shaped the dramatic changes around them.

Buy your copy today! Simply use the order form on this page, or call us at (313) 833-1262 to order by phone. You can also order online at our website at www.detroithistorical.org.
2010 DAYS OF DETROIT CALENDAR
SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALE!

Looking for that unique gift? Enjoy learning about metro Detroit’s history? Want to support a worthy cause?

You can do all of this when you purchase the Detroit Historical Society’s 2010 Days of Detroit Calendar at a special holiday sale price of just $10.95 each — $9.95 for Detroit Historical Society members!

Each month features a seldom-seen photo from an historic event in our region’s past, while each day highlights an interesting fact that occurred on that date.

Buying one is easy, too!

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Buy yours now and save $2 off the price (normally $12.95). (You can also purchase your calendar at a number of area stores, including Borders Books & Music, Borders Express, WaldenBooks and select Barnes & Nobles in southeastern Michigan.)

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